

Basic Chinese Language  
for the Chinese Language, Culture and Mission Program

**Syllabus**  
Fall Semester, 2009

**Instructor:** Jimmy Lin, M.A., TCSL Certificate, MOE Licensed Teacher

**Required Textbooks:**

*Far East Everyday Chinese (Book I)*, by Yeh Teh-ming: The Far East Book Co., Ltd.

*Far East Everyday Chinese Student Workbook (Book I)*, by Yeh Teh-ming: The Far East Book Co., Ltd.

**Course Description:**

This is a beginning level course in Mandarin for students who have little prior experience in the language. The goal of this course is to help students acquire accurate pronunciation and communication skills in the context of useful daily conversation through dialogue, role-play, and activities which require immersion outside of the classroom. This course will integrate all four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and meet 6 hours per week.

**Students will be able to ...**

- use the pinyin and zhuyin phonetic systems
- apply 118 grammar rules
- read and write 457 characters, including 609 “terms”
- write paragraphs

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>Participation</i>	<b>20%</b>	Each student needs to participate in the class completely. Don't be shy or worry about making mistakes. Try to speak Chinese during the whole class.
<i>Homework</i>	<b>20%</b>	Each student will finish homework on time. The homework is already assigned on the schedule.
<i>Tests</i>	<b>20%</b>	Each student will be expected to complete two tests, one halfway to the midterm and one halfway to the final.
<i>Exams</i>	<b>40%</b>	Each student will be expected to complete the midterm (20%) and final exams (20%) as scheduled.

**Course Policies:**

1. Attend class regularly and on time. Missing 1/3 or more of the scheduled classes will prevent a student from taking the final exam.
2. Complete assignments on time. Late work will not be accepted.