

**Course Name:** Beginning Chinese I (10AM: with background; 11PM: no background)

There are two tracks for the first two years of Chinese classes at SDSU, one for people with some background (some exposure to some variety of Chinese; may not be able to speak and read/write Mandarin fluently) and another for those without any prior exposure to Chinese. It is to your advantage and to the benefit of others that you sign up for the right class. The two tracks have different priorities: the 'background' track focuses more on reading and writing (literacy), whereas the 'no-background' track will need to work on all four skills.

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**Textbook:** Liu *et al.*: Integrated Chinese Level 1, Part 1(3rd Edition, Required);  
Character workbook (Optional)

**Online materials** (to be used in the order listed)

([www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/chinese-101/](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/chinese-101/))

Character Text with Sound Clips

Pinyin Text with Sound Clips

Animated Characters PPT

Crossword Puzzle (in pinyin; for vocabulary practice)

Fill in Blanks (in character; for grammar practice)

Sentence Descrambling (in character; for making sentences)

Crossword Puzzle (in character; for making sentences)

**Requirements:**

Character/vocabulary practice: 9% (9 of them, 1 point each)

Main Assignment (hard & E-copy): 27% (9 of them, 3 points each)

Chapter tests: 28% (7 of them, 4 points each)

Mid-term (take-home and in-class): 10%

Final (take-home and in-class): 10%

Attendance: 16% (1% per week)

**The Lesson Cycle** (typically 8 class hours for each chapter):

Day 3: Character /Vocabulary Practice due

Day 6: Main Assignment due

Day 7: Feedback on Main Assignment

Day 8: Chapter Test

## **Instructions on Assignments:**

*Character /Vocabulary Practice:* hand-written. Instructions/downloadable sheet:  
[www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/101/CharacterPractice.pdf](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/101/CharacterPractice.pdf).  
[www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/101/CharacterPracticeSheet.jpg](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/101/CharacterPracticeSheet.jpg)

*Main Assignments:* Typed and hand-written. Submit E-version (PPT) on Moodle (Version 2.9, <http://larclab.sdsu.edu/>); hand in hard-copies in class.

## **Instructions on Tests:**

To be taken in the language lab (Storm Hall 204). Download Test from Moodle and submit it to Moodle after completing it.

**Moodle Enrollment Key:** 10am class= Chi101\_A; 11 am class=Chi101\_B

## **Online Resources for tones and Pinyin:**

*Wavesurfer:* <http://www.speech.kth.se/wavesurfer/> (free download)

*Interactive Pinyin Practice:* [www.pinyinpractice.com](http://www.pinyinpractice.com)

**How to type Chinese with MS Word** (for Tests/homework, except character practice):

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chinese/materials/101/MsWordChinese.htm>

**Phone/Tablets for inputting Chinese** (typing, voice, handwriting)

**Character Style:** For lower level classes, traditional characters will be used.

**Google voice input for searching in Chinese** (images or text)

**Online Resources for character writing/analysis:**

*E-stroke:* <http://www.eon.com.hk/estroke/> (demo download)

**Chinese Dictionary on Phone:** <https://www.pleco.com/>

**Chinese Pod:** <https://chinesepod.com/>

**Popup Chinese:** <http://popupchinese.com/>

## **Class rules:**

No internet-surfing in class!

No copying of homework from classmates.

No make-up work unless with valid excuse.

## **Important test dates:**

October 20: Mid-term (in-class part)

December 1 Friday (10am class), 1030-1230, Final (in-class part)

December 14 Monday (11am class), 1030-1230, Final (in-class part)

**Day to day Calendar** (subject to changes; assignment due dates and Tests dates in bold)

Week 1:

August 24 Monday, Lesson 1  
August 25 Tuesday, Lesson 1  
**August 26 Wednesday, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
August 27 Thursday, Lesson 1  
August 28 Friday, Lesson 1,

Week 2:

August 31 Monday, Lesson 1, **Main Assignment due**  
September 1 Tuesday, Lesson 1  
September 2 Wednesday, Lesson 1, **Chapter test for lesson 1**  
September 3 Thursday, Lesson 2  
September 4 Friday, Lesson 2

Week 3:

September 7 Monday, (Labor day Holiday)  
September 8 Tuesday, Lesson 2, **Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
September 9 Wednesday, Lesson 2  
September 10 Thursday, Lesson 2  
**September 11 Friday, Lesson 2, Main Assignment due**

Week 4:

September 14 Monday, Lesson 2  
**September 15 Tuesday, Lesson 2, Chapter test for lesson 2**  
September 16 Wednesday, Lesson 3  
September 17 Thursday, Lesson 3  
**September 18 Friday, Lesson 3, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**

Week 5:

September 21 Monday, Lesson 3  
September 22 Tuesday, Lesson 3,  
**September 23 Wednesday, Lesson 3, Main Assignment due**  
September 24 Thursday, Lesson 3  
**September 25 Friday, Chapter test for lesson 3**

Week 6:

September 28 Monday, Lesson 4  
September 29 Tuesday, Lesson 4  
September 30 **Wednesday, Lesson 4, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
October 1 Thursday, Lesson 4  
October 2 Friday, Lesson 4

Week 7:

October 5 Monday, Lesson 4,  
**October 6 Tuesday, Lesson 4, Main Assignment due**  
October 7 Wednesday, Lesson 4  
**October 8 Thursday, Lesson 4, chapter test for lesson 4**  
October 9 Friday Lesson 5

Week 8:

October 12 Monday, Lesson 5  
**October 13 Tuesday, Lesson 5, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
October 14 Wednesday, Lesson 5  
October 15 Thursday, Lesson 5  
**October 16 Friday, Lesson 5, Main Assignment due**

Week 9:

October 19 Monday, Lesson 5  
**October 20 Tuesday, Mid-term (in-class portion)**  
October 21 Wednesday, Lesson 6  
October 22 Thursday, Lesson 6  
**October 23 Friday, Lesson 6, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**

Week 10:

October 26 Monday, Lesson 6  
October 27 Tuesday, Lesson 6  
**October 28 Wednesday, Lesson 6, Main Assignment due**  
October 29 Thursday, Lesson 6  
October 30 **Friday, Chapter test for lesson 6**

Week 11:

November 2 Monday, Lesson 7  
November 3 Tuesday, Lesson 7  
**November 4 Wednesday, Lesson 7, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
November 5 Thursday, Lesson 7  
November 6 Friday, Lesson 7

Week 12:

November 9 Monday, Lesson 7  
**November 10 Tuesday, Lesson 7, Main Assignment due**  
November 11 Wednesday, Veteran's Day Holiday  
November 12 Thursday, Lesson 7  
**November 13 Friday, Chapter test for lesson 7**

Week 13:

November 16 Monday, Lesson 8  
November 17 Tuesday, Lesson 8,  
November 18 Wednesday, Lesson 8, **Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
November 19 Thursday Lesson 8  
November 20 Friday Lesson 8,

Week 14:

November 23 Monday, Lesson 8, **Main Assignment due**  
November 24 Tuesday, Lesson 8  
November 25 Wednesday (Holiday)  
November 26 Thursday (Holiday)  
November 27 Friday (Holiday)

Week 15:

November 30 Monday, Lesson 8, **Chapter test for lesson 8**  
December 1 Tuesday, Lesson 9  
December 2 Wednesday, Lesson 9  
**December 3 Thursday, Lesson 9, Character /Vocabulary Practice due**  
December 4 Friday Lesson 9

Week 16:

December 7 Monday, Lesson 9  
**December 8 Tuesday, Lesson 9, Main Assignment due**  
December 9 Wednesday, Lesson 9  
December 10 Thursday, Lesson 9

**Final Exam ((in-class part)**

December 11 Friday (10am class), 1030-1230  
December 14 Monday (11am class), 1030-1230