

Spoken Mandarin for Speakers of Other Chinese Dialects I

Chinese 151

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: This course is a beginning conversational course designed for speakers in a Chinese dialect other than Mandarin (E.g. Cantonese). Students are expected to have no background in Spoken Mandarin but a good command of Chinese reading and writing before registering. The course aims to focus on the aural/oral aspects of the language. It will introduce students to Mandarin phonetics, pronunciation, vocabulary and develop their speaking skills in Mandarin through theme-based and task-based approaches. Lessons will be supplemented with selected skits, TV commercials as well as up-to-date multimedia materials.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of the course, students will be able:

To understand and use Pinyin System with confidence.

To understand simple conversation on daily aspects in Mandarin.

To converse effectively in daily life contexts. Functions include self-introduction, asking/telling date and time, discussing plans for the future, make suggestions, inquiring, making complements, negotiating, expressing doubts or regrets, expressing interests or dislikes, etc.

To understand and apply 350 new Mandarin words in new contexts.

Grading: Participation: \x09\x0910 % \x09\x09

Portfolio/Assignment: \x09\x0910 %

\x09\x09Oral Test: \x09\x0930 %

Pinyin Quizzes: \x09 \x09 5 % \x09

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\x09Class Activities: \x09\x09\x0915 %

Lesson Quizzes: \x09\x0915 %

\x09\x09Midterm Project: 15 %

Required Texts: Xu, M., Situational Spoken Mandarin (Putonghua Qingjing Kouyu) (Hong Kong: Wan Li Book Co., Ltd., 2006).
ISBN: 978-962-14-3304-6.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Permission from the department. Students interested in the course should bring their High School Transcript, SFU Unofficial Transcript and their SFU ID to attend a placement interview. Please note that all the interview sessions will be recorded.

The drop-in placement interviews for Spring 2010 will be held on the following dates:

Monday Nov 9th at RCB 8121 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

\x09 Friday, Nov 13th at RCB 8121 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

\x09 Wednesday, Nov 18th at RCB 8121 from 11:30pm to 1:30pm

\x09 Wednesday, Nov 25th at RCB 8121 from 2:00 to 4:00pm

Students who are fluent in a Chinese dialect but have NEVER formally studied Mandarin are encouraged to apply. Students who have studied Mandarin in Secondary School should take CHIN152. Students who have been educated in Mandarin environment or who have native-like oral proficiency in Mandarin will not be admitted in CHIN151/152.

Notes: CHIN 151 may be applied towards the Certificate in Liberal Arts or the Certificate in Chinese Studies and the Asia-Canada Minor.

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