



Confucius Institute Western Michigan University

Chinese Paper Cutting Course Syllabus Fall 2017

Instructor

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Time

Wednesdays
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Sep 27- Dec 6

Location

Brown Hall 3003

Target Students

Anyone who is interested in Paper Cutting and its history. There is no Chinese language proficiency requirement.

Required Materials

Class materials will be provided during the course.

Course Description

Chinese Paper Cutting is an art of self-cultivation and self-expression. It fully embodies the unique beauty of Chinese art. This course will teach you about different styles of Chinese Paper Cutting and help you experience the beauty of Chinese art in this process.

Course Objectives

- Learn to appreciate the beauty of Chinese Paper Cutting.
- Learn to cut some beautiful patterns using scissors.

Course Expectations

In order to receive the greatest benefit from your participation in the course, you are expected to fully participate in class and learn how to cut Chinese paper cutting with interests and enthusiasm.

Final Project

In order to satisfy the requirement for receipt of a Certificate of Completion, a final project presentation will be due on week 11. You can choose to: cut one paper cutting we learned or give a 10-minute presentation on a specific topic of your choice related to Chinese paper cutting.

Tentative Schedule

	Introduction: Chinese paper cutting
Week 1	(history, style, tools introduction)
Week 2	Introduction: characteristics of Chinese paper cutting of different regions
Week 3	Paper-folding, tools and techniques of paper-cutting
Week 4	Paper cutting about 柳叶形 willow leaf-like and waterdrop-like patterns
Week 5	Paper cutting about crescent-shaped, zigzag-shaped patterns
Week 6	Paper cutting about chrysanthemum patterns
Week 7	Paper cutting about bird patterns
Week 8	Paper cutting about portraits
Week 9	Paper cutting about portraits
Week 10	Review of class content
Week 11	Final project; Graduation and Exhibition

Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule at any time

Class Attendance:

In order to receive the greatest benefit, you are expected to fully participate in class with interest and enthusiasm.

Make-up policy:

During the course of 11 week-class series we understand that our participants may occasionally have to miss a class due to illness, travel, appointments, or any other circumstance that may arise. However, we do not offer extra class for those students to make up the missing class. All the participants are strongly urged to learn the missed material on their own time and ask the instructor questions.