



# Summer 2017 Culture Class Syllabus

## Basic Chinese Language

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**Time & Location:**

Mondays,  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
May 8<sup>th</sup>- June 16<sup>th</sup>

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2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday

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### Course Description

This course lays emphasis on training the ability of the beginners to use Chinese for communication. In this course you will learn simple and useful Chinese words, phrases and sentences. You will be given a lot of opportunities to practice Chinese. The instructor will also introduce some useful ways of understanding as well as remembering Chinese characters.

### Objectives

After successfully completing this course, the students will be able to:

- Learn pinyin and grasp about 200 new Chinese words.
- Speak in Chinese with simple and complete sentences.

- Write some simple Chinese characters.
- Get initial Chinese expression ability.
- Build a good foundation for further Chinese learning.

### **Textbook & Supplementary Material:**

Wu Zhongwei: *CONTEMPORARY CHINESE*, Published by Sinolingua, Beijing, China, 2010.

All learning material will be provided during the course.

### **Classroom Expectations & Climate:**

You will have many opportunities to speak Chinese and to interact with teachers and other students.

You are expected to actively participate in the classroom activities.

### **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 6 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 your instructor questions.

