

COURSE OUTLINE
CHNS-101
Elementary Mandarin Chinese I
4 Semester Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this introductory four-credit course, students learn to listen, speak, write and read at a beginning level. Students will become familiar with simple Chinese characters and the sound system of Chinese (including accent and tone). They will develop a basic working vocabulary and learn simple grammatical concepts. Upon completion of this elementary Chinese course, students will be able to hold a simple conversation about everyday situations. Finally, students will expand their knowledge of Chinese culture and civilization. (4 hours weekly)

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Pronounce Chinese with correct accent and intonation
2. Recognize simple Chinese characters
3. Comprehend simple oral questions and respond to them
4. Use situational vocabulary in writing and speaking
5. Demonstrate comprehension of basic vocabulary
6. Formulate questions
7. Identify correct written language
8. Understand basic short texts
9. Appreciate the cultures of China

Major Topics

- I. Meeting and greeting other people
- II. Everyday life at home and work
- III. University life; classes
- IV. Traditions
- V. Family; members and structure

Course Requirements

The grade for CHNS-101 will be based on attendance in the practice sessions with the tutor and on ONE FINAL EXAM given by the tutor.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Science elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core.
This course is a core requirement for languages.