

Chinese Language & Cultural Course

2nd – 19th January 2012

Course Overview

This Chinese language and cultural course consists of 2 parts covering Chinese language and Chinese cultural. It will be conducted over 3 weeks from 2nd to 19th January 2012, Mondays to Fridays 9.30am – 4.30pm in NTU campus. This course serves to equip the exchange students with basic Chinese language skills as well as exposure to the intriguing Chinese culture.

Course Description

Part 1 - This Chinese language course is designed for expatriates and non-Chinese who do not have any background on Chinese language. The course contents are topics-based to help you master basic conversational skills for day-to-day living. Basic reading and writing skills are also introduced to enhance the understanding of Chinese culture. Participants will be able to conduct basic conversations as well as learning how to write basic strokes, character components and single-component characters. Learn up to 200 Chinese characters, 40 grammatical points and 300 commonly-used sentences.

Part 2 - The Chinese cultural course aims to expose the exchange students to a few interesting Chinese culture such as Embracing the Dragon: An Overview of China, Numbers in Chinese and Festivals in China, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese Finger Painting, etc. Through the 3 weeks cultural course, the exchange students will be able to have a glimpse of the 5,000 year history of China as well as the Modern Chinese Celebrities and hands-on sessions on Chinese calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting, Chinese finger painting, and will also get to visit the Asian Civilisation Museum, Thian Hock Keng Temple and Chinatown, Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, etc.

Chinese Language Course Syllabus

Topic	Learning Objectives
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese phonetic system (hanyu pinyin) • Chinese writing system
Common Greetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently used greetings • Polite greetings • Introducing oneself and identifying someone else
Family & Given Names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic ways to ask and tell names • Introducing someone
Countries and Nationalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and tell a person's nationality and origin • Polite ways to ask questions and make requests
Occupation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and answer questions about one's occupation • Affirm/negate other's questions or comments
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and tell one's age (adults, children, seniors) • Making suggestions or enquiring someone's opinion

Physical Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell a person's height, weight and general appearance • Positive-negative questions
Locations and Addresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and tell one's location and address • Ask or tell a distance
Family and Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and tell briefly about family members • Telling about one's feeling of something
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and tell the time • Telling what to do at a certain time • Polite forms to make enquiries
Introductory Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefly introduce one's basic information • Course summary

Course Assessment

- Class participation: 10%
- Mid-term quiz: 30%
- Oral project: 30%
- Written examination (2hours): 30%