Middlebury College Chinese Summer School
Level 1: Chinese 101-104

Course Description
This course is designed for both spoken and written Mandarin Chinese. Emphasis will be put on the training of the four communicative skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Each lesson will focus on a typical daily conversational topic to teach students to use the language in linguistically and socially appropriate ways, whereas the situation exercises and the interaction with fellow students will help to enable the students to integrate what they have learned into their everyday practice. By the end of the course, we expect our students to move from the novice to the intermediate level in both oral and written communicative proficiencies – per standards set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students will be expected to be able to express their ideas correctly at sentence level, at simple paragraph level, and handle simple survival situations.

Textbooks, Dictionary
Integrated Chinese Level I Part I Textbook (IC/TB).
This book has two versions, one in simplified and one in traditional. It is your responsibility to decide whether you want to learn simplified or traditional characters.
Integrated Chinese Level I Part I Character Workbook (IC/CWB).
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Integrated Chinese Level I Part II Textbook (IC/TB).
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Dictionary
Please go to the school bookstore to buy a dictionary if you want to have one, but not required.
Handouts
All handouts will be distributed in class if there is one.

Class Schedule
8:00 AM—12:00 PM All students are expected to attend lecture class (grammar, vocabulary introduction, and practice), character reading and writing class, and drill class.

2:00 PM — 3:40 PM. This one-on-one session is held every Monday afternoon to Thursday afternoon. This one-on-one session is extremely important for all students because it is an extension of the morning classes and each student is assigned 20 minutes to practice and to consolidate what you have learned that morning with your instructors.
Office Hours
Teachers are available every Sunday – Thursday evening to answer grammar/vocabulary and other questions. Please *limit your time to 15 minutes* if there are other students waiting. Please do not go to the office hours at the last minute.

Course Procedures
During the first one and half days we will concentrate on the Chinese Phonetic System, Hànyǔ Pīnyīn and the basic structure of Chinese characters. "Survival Chinese Expressions" will be taught at the very beginning, so the students will be able to observe the language pledge. Afterward, we'll do one or two lessons a day according to the schedule.

Class Website
Students should check our Level I website regularly to see Level I syllabus, weekly detailed schedule, daily lecture notes, test formats, and weekly one-on-one schedule.

Evaluation
Quizzes or tests missed without arrangements in advance cannot be made up. No make-ups for all assigned work and the weekly tests unless you have permission from the lead instructor beforehand. If you are sick or unable to attend class due to unexpected circumstances, you should email him your teachers. Homework handed in late will be corrected but receive no credit.

Other factors may come in to play, such as improvement versus stagnation or deterioration over the course of the program, and progress relative to starting level.

The final grade will be based on the following:
1) Class attendance, preparation & daily participation;
2) In-class quiz (daily);
3) Homework (daily);
4) Recording (every Friday);
5) Weekly exam (oral & written);
6) Final examination.

At the end of the course, each student will receive a final grade and a detailed written evaluation.

Language Pledge
Language pledge must be strictly observed from the very beginning as we believe it is the best method for focusing on your language of study. The violation of the Language Pledge will adversely affect your final grade: four points will be deducted from your final grade for the first time violation, and six points will be deducted from your final grade for the second time violation.