

GEM Trailblazer Summer Programme

DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Academic Year	:	AY2022-2023
Session	:	Summer 2023
Course Code & Title	:	CF5001 Chinese Language and Cultural Studies
Academic Units	:	3
Pre-requisite (if any)	:	NIL
Delivery mode	:	Physical
Taught by	:	Language: Ms Joanne Yi Shaohong Chinese Cultural Studies: Dr Neo Peng Fu

Brief Course Description

The course is suitable for non-native learners who have little or no knowledge of the language. Learners will gain an insight into the language and culture.

The language segment of the course covers Chinese Phonetics and simple oral communication skills to meet daily conversation needs, such as greetings, asking questions, living, working, self-introductions, etc.

The cultural appreciation segment focuses on the history and culture of the Chinese communities in Southeast Asia. It helps learners to gain insight on Southeast Asians of Chinese descent, whom might very possibly interact with on a daily basis when venturing in Singapore in particular, and in the region in general.

1. Intended Learning Objectives (ILOS)

- To learn the Chinese phonetics and be able to recognise and read the pinyin.
- To speak Chinese with accurate pronunciation and tones.
- To develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- To know how to engage in daily conversations with Chinese people.
- To understand basic grammatical structures, the characteristics of Chinese characters and writing rules.
- To understand the history and culture of the Chinese communities in Southeast Asia.

2. Course Syllabus/Topics

Lesson	Topic/s
1	Language Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Chinese Phonetics: Initials, Finals, Tones• Common Greetings
2	Cultural Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia (1)• Visit NTU Chinese Heritage Centre
3	Cultural Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia (2)
4	Language Class Family and Given Names
5	Language Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country, Nationality, Place of one's origin• Occupation• Introduction to Chinese Characters (I): Basic Strokes and Stroke Order
6	Language Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numbers, Age• Physical Appearance: One's Height and Weight
7	Language Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location, Direction, Address, Phone Number• Family and Relationship• Introduction to Chinese Characters (II): Radicals
8	Language Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time and Calendar (Date, Week and Holiday)
9	Cultural Class Excursion: Visit Asian Civilisations Museum
10	Language Class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Personal Information• Revision
11	Language Consultation & Revision Language Oral Test & Written Exam

3. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you would be able to:

- Pronounce words and phrases correctly with the appropriate tone.
- Conduct a basic conversation in Mandarin. Topics include exchange of greetings, personal information, family structure, basic physical description of people, place and time, ask and respond to a simple questions.
- Read and write basic Chinese in both Pinyin and character forms.
- Understand simple Chinese etiquette and customs related to the course content.
- Discover the basic knowledge of the history and culture of the overseas Chinese.

4. Course Assessments

Components	Group/Individual	Weighting
Language: Written Exam	Individual	50%
Language: Oral Test	Group	25%
Cultural: Assignment	Individual	25%
Total		100%

5. References/Recommended Reading List

- *Great Wall Chinese: Essential in Communication Vol.1* (《长城汉语：生存交际 1》), Beijing: Beijing Language & Culture University Press
- Customised course notes for the cultural module.

6. Other requirements

Course Policies and Student Responsibilities

(1) General

Learners are expected to:

- Complete all assigned pre-class readings and activities
- Be punctual and participate in all seminar and activities
- Take all scheduled assignments and tests by due date.
- Take responsibility to follow up with course notes, assignments and course related announcements for seminar sessions they have missed.

(2) Absenteeism

Learners are expected to achieve a minimum of 80% attendance.

(3) Compulsory Assignment

Learners are required to submit the assignment for the module “The Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia” by due date.

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7. Instructor Details

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