



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Mandarin 1A

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
CHI	1000	50686	1, 2006	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA003
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	091513

STAFFING

Examiner: Yan Zhao

Moderator: Peter Wicks

SYNOPSIS

Mandarin Chinese is one of the official and working languages of the United Nations and is spoken by a very large population in the world. The Chinese were among the first migrants to settle in Australia and their language has been used for a long time in various community fields in Australia. Mandarin has been selected by the Education Department as one of the foreign languages to be taught in educational institutions at primary and secondary levels. Mandarin Chinese is also offered in most universities in Australia and abroad. The ever increasing diplomatic, trade and cultural relations between Australia and China have created a need for more and more people trained in Mandarin Chinese to promote wide-ranging exchanges between the two countries. In China about 80% of the population speak Mandarin and it is the official language in Modern China. Mandarin is also spoken in other countries and regions such as Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will have

1. the ability to understand and use the Pinyin System of romanisation script giving them a reasonably good grounding in the phonetics of language (pronunciation, tones, etc); (Assessment items 1 and 2 refer)
2. a general vocabulary of 400 words and a knowledge of some basic sentence patterns and grammar enabling them to hold simple conversations in Mandarin, thereby laying the foundation for further study of the language; (Assessment items 2 and 3 refer)
3. a mastery of the stroke order of Chinese characters, the ability to recognise some 400 characters (short form) and write approximately 400 characters. (Short form only); (Assessment item 3 refers)
4. a general understanding of Chinese culture and society. (Assessment item 4 refers)

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Listening and speaking	40.00
2.	Reading	30.00
3.	Writing	30.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Beijing Foreign Language Institute *Chinese-English Dictionary*, The Commercial Press, Beijing.
(any edition)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Cheung, S 1994, *Practical Chinese Grammar*, Chinese University Press, Hong Kong.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	3.00
Lectures	33.00
Private Study	95.00
Tutorials	32.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1 - ORAL & WRITTEN	100.00	10.00	31 Mar 2006 (see note 1)
TERM TEST - 1 HOUR	100.00	30.00	05 May 2006 (see note 2)
ASSIGNMENT 2 - ORAL & WRITTEN	100.00	10.00	12 May 2006
ASSIGNMENT 3 - ORAL & WRITTEN	100.00	10.00	09 Jun 2006
ASSIGNMENT 4 - LISTENING COMPR	100.00	10.00	16 Jun 2006 (see note 3)
EXAMINATION - 2 HOUR	100.00	30.00	END S1 (see note 4)

NOTES

1. Further details about the due dates are detailed in the assessment section of the Course Specifications. NB - NEW ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date.
2. The term test will be held during Week 9 and students will be advised of the date.
3. Assignment 4 - Listening Comprehension will be held during Week 15 and students will be advised of the date.
4. Students will be advised of the exam dates when the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
In order to achieve course objectives, attendance at and participation in all learning activities are strongly advised. These are important factors in the development of oral and aural skills and as such will be monitored regularly and cumulatively. Students absent from classes are responsible for obtaining and completing all work and homework covered during their absence and for informing themselves of announcements regarding course-related activities and administrative matters. For this course, normal class attendance consists of 5 hours of classes and class activities per week.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment, and at least 50% of the marks for each of the final Listening, Oral and Written Tests.

- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a CLOSED EXAMINATION, and candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any makeup/outstanding assessment must be completed by a date set by the examiner.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).