



CHINESE II

CHI201A/201B — 1.0 Credit

Students use compelling stories, games, videos, and multimedia experiences in this second level of Mandarin Chinese. Students further their understanding of the elegant simplicity of Chinese grammar and the subtleties of Chinese pronunciation through entertaining lessons that extend their conversational ability and listening comprehension. Further, students engage in innovative cultural videos and lessons that challenge them to consider and inquire into the rich legacy of Chinese culture. Students build on their foundation for reading and writing in Chinese through an adaptive technology that provides opportunities for them to generate fun narratives, a range of well-formed sentences reflecting a solid grasp of grammatical structures, and a wide range of vocabulary.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with a solid grasp of basic Mandarin-Chinese language skills.

What Will I Learn?

Phrases: You will learn more complex phrases that will help you converse in greater specificity and detail in Chinese. Learn how to shop for clothing and groceries and the relative language used in a supermarket/department store kind of setting versus a street market. You will also learn how to have a phone conversation, write a letter, talk about sports events, go to the post office, and have a job interview, among other topics.

Vocabulary: You will learn the necessary vocabulary to live and travel around China, with topics ranging from visiting a Chinese friend's home to hosting your own party, etc.

Grammar: You will learn verb-object constructions; how to express past, present, and future events; how to use objects in simple sentences, simple yes/no questions; and interrogative and declarative sentences. You will also begin to learn more difficult structures such as *le*, *ba*, and *bei*, resultative complements, and other important sentence patterns.

Virtual Practicums: Every week you will be able to utilize the vocabulary and grammar that you learned in a dialogue. Situation-based "practicums" allow you to first practice the text/conversation, and then during the Culture Video you'll see it used in an authentic setting.

Culture: You will learn about various regions in China. See what it would be like to live and walk around China, and have a window into daily life settings, such as: wholesale markets, hutongs in Beijing, local Chinese schools, the post office and library, Olympic-related sites (stadiums, the aquatic center in Beijing, and the sailing grounds in Qingdao), or Yunnan province to see other minority cultures in China.