

COM 225: ST: INTRO TO MANDARIN

FALL 2025 AT NJIT

Section	CRN	Days	Times	Location
003	91816	Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 AM-9:50 AM	CKB214

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**Office Hour:** 1:00-3:00 pm on Monday

**Location:** CULM 435 B

**Course Materials:**

1. *Modern Chinese 1*: Textbook
2. *Modern Chinese 1*: Workbook
3. *Modern Chinese 1*: Character Workbook
4. Supplementary Material

**Course Description:**

This course is designed primarily for students who have little or no prior exposure to Chinese. The objective of the course is to help students build a solid foundation of the four basic skills--listening, speaking, reading, and writing in an interactive and communicative learning environment. In order to achieve these goals, students are expected to thoroughly preview and review the materials according to the weekly

lesson plan (on course website) prior to attending class. Regular attendance is mandatory and strictly monitored. Students' final grade will be affected by their constant absence.

**Format of Class:**

The class is conducted in the manner of a combination of 1) explanation of vocabulary, grammar points, and text; 2) pattern practice, drill, and mini-dialogue; and 3) reading exercises, recitation, and improvisation; 3) vocabulary quizzes, chapter tests and oral and written exams.

**Grading:**

Class participation:	10%
Quizzes:	20% (2% $\times$ 10)
Chapter tests:	20% (10% $\times$ 2)
Homework:	20% (2% $\times$ 10)
Final Oral Exam:	10%
Final Written Exam:	20%

**\*Any forms of cheating involved in the above activities will not be tolerated and are subject to discipline.** (For more information, please consult the related school policies.)

**Your final grade will be determined in the following way:**

Class Participation: In addition to daily review and preparation outside of the classroom, constant listening and speaking exercises in class are required to learn the language well. Your regular participation is the key for you to obtain the maximum practice and it counts for 10% of your grade. In order to take full advantage of in-class participation, please come to class on time. Your active participation, rather than your physical being in the classroom, is what matters.

Quizzes: There will be 10 quizzes for this course. They count for 20% of your grade.

Chapter Tests: Normally tests will be given at the end of a lesson. They compose 20% of your final grade.

Homework: These make up 20% of your grade. You will be responsible for the completion of ALL of the homework indicated on the weekly schedule as well as those assigned by the instructor. All assignments are due on the next class day. Incomplete homework will be corrected but will not receive full credit. Late homework will not receive any credit. Your homework will be graded:

Excellent: ✓+      Good: ✓      Poor: ✓-

Final Oral Exam:

In order to develop students' listening and speaking ability, there will be a final oral exam in week 15 on Thursday. In the final oral exam, your teacher will ask you questions based on the text and you are expected to answer them in Chinese. The purpose of the oral tasks is two-fold: 1) to assist students to utilize learned vocabulary and grammatical structures, and 2) to gradually increase students' ability to communicate in Chinese. The final oral exam is graded according to the following criteria: pronunciation, tones, grammar, content and the overall preparedness.

Total: 100 points

	Good (25)	Fair (22)	Poor (20)
Initials and finals			
tones			
content			

grammar			
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**Final Written Exam:**

It counts 20% of your final grade. The final exam will be held in Week 16. Please come to take the exam on time. We won't give you a make-up exam if you are absent on that day.

**Final Grade:**

100-97%=A 4.0	96-94%=A 3.9	93-90%=A- 3.8-3.5	89-87%=B+ 3.4-3.2	86-84%=B 3.1-2.9	83-80%=B- 2.8-2.5	79-77%=C+ 2.4-2.2
76-74%=C 2.1-1.9	73-70%=C- 1.8-1.5	69-67%=D+ 1.4-1.2	66-64%=D 1.1-0.9	63-60%=D- 0.8-0.7	59%--=F 0.0	

**Daily preparation and active participation in class are essential for successful completion of the course.** You are responsible for collecting the lecture notes and handouts missed during your absence. **Makeup quizzes are given only in cases of medical or personal leave.** The final grades are determined according to the grading system listed above and subject to further evaluation of the teaching staff. Please talk to your instructor if you have any questions regarding the requirements for this course.

## Course Schedule

WEEK 1	MON	TUESDAY 9/2	WED	THURSDAY 9/4	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN		1. Course Introduction 2. Give Names 3. Pinyin Introduction Part 1-1		1. Pinyin Introduction Part 1-1 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction Part 1-2			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 2	MON	TUESDAY 9/9	WED	THURSDAY 9/11	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ		Pinyin Introduction 1-1 Quiz					
RUNDOWN		1. Pinyin Introduction 1-1 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction 1-1 Quiz 3. Pinyin Introduction 1-2 Review 4. Pinyin Introduction 2-1		1. Pinyin Introduction 1-2 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction 2-1 Review 3. Pinyin Introduction 2-2			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 3	MON	TUESDAY 9/16	WED	THURSDAY 9/18	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ		Pinyin Introduction 1-2 Quiz					
RUNDOWN		1. Pinyin Introduction 1-2 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction 1-2 Quiz 3. Pinyin Introduction 2-1 Review 4. Pinyin Introduction 2-2 Review 5. Pinyin Introduction 3-1		1. Pinyin Introduction 2-2 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction 3-1 Review 3. Pinyin Introduction 3-2			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 4	MON	TUESDAY 9/23	WED	THURSDAY 9/25	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ		Pinyin Introduction 2-1-2 Quiz					
RUNDOWN		1. Pinyin Introduction 2-1-2 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction 2-1-2 Quiz 3. Pinyin Introduction 3-1 Review 4. Pinyin Introduction 3-2 Review 5. Chinese Character Introduction		1. Pinyin Introduction 3-2 Review 2. Pinyin Comprehension Review 3. Chinese Character Introduction			
HOMEWORK		Characters Writing		Characters Writing			

WEEK 5	MON	TUESDAY 9/30	WED	THURSDAY 10/2 Wellness Day	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ		Pinyin Introduction 3-1-2 Quiz					
RUNDOWN		1. Pinyin Introduction 3-1-2 Review 2. Pinyin Introduction 3-1-2 Quiz 3. Pinyin Comprehension Review 4. Chinese Character Introduction					
HOMEWORK		Characters Writing					

WEEK 6	MON	TUESDAY 10/7	WED	THURSDAY 10/9	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ				Radicals Quiz			
RUNDOWN		1. Pinyin Comprehension Review 2. Chinese Character Introduction		1. L1 D1: Vocabulary			
HOMEWORK		Characters Writing		L1 D1 Vocabulary Sheet			

WEEK 7	MON	TUESDAY 10/14	WED	THURSDAY 10/16	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ		Phonetics Quiz		L1-D1 Vocabulary Dictation			
RUNDOWN		1. L1 D1: Vocabulary Review 2. L1 D1: Grammar Points with Textbook Exercises Part 1		1. L1-D1 Vocabulary Review 2. L1-D1 Vocabulary Dictation 3. L1-D1 Grammar Points 1 Review 4. L1-D1 Grammar Points Part 2 with Exercises			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 8	MON	TUESDAY 10/21	WED	THURSDAY 10/23	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ				L1-D2 Vocabulary Dictation			
RUNDOWN		1. L1-D1 Grammar Points Review 2. L1-D1 Text 3. L1-D2 Vocabulary		1. L1-D2 Vocabulary Review 2. L1-D2 Vocabulary Dictation 3. L1-D2 Grammar Points with Exercises			
HOMEWORK		L1 D2 Vocabulary Sheet					

WEEK 9	MON	TUESDAY 10/28	WED	THURSDAY 10/30	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN		1. L1-D2 Grammar Points Review 2. L1-D2 Text 3. L1-Essay Vocabulary		1. L1-Essay Text 2. L1 Workbook			
HOMEWORK		L1 Essay Vocabulary Sheet					

WEEK 10	MON	TUESDAY 11/4	WED	THURSDAY 11/6	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN		L1 Review L1 Exam		1. L1 Exam Review 2. L2-D1 Vocabulary			
HOMEWORK				L2-D1 Vocabulary Sheet			

WEEK 11	MON	TUESDAY 11/11	WED	THURSDAY 11/13	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ				L2-D1 Vocabulary Dictation			
RUNDOWN		1. L2 D1: Vocabulary Review  2. L2 D1: Grammar Points with Textbook Exercises Part 1		1. L2-D1 Vocabulary Review  2. L2-D1 Vocabulary Dictation  3. L2-D1 Grammar Points 1 Review  4. L2-D1 Grammar Points Part 2 with Exercises			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 12	MON	TUESDAY 11/18	WED	THURSDAY 11/20	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ				L2-D2 Vocabulary Dictation			
RUNDOWN		1. L2-D1 Grammar Points Review  2. L2-D1 Text  3. L2-D2 Vocabulary		1. L2-D2 Vocabulary Review  2. L2-D2 Vocabulary Dictation  3. L2-D2 Grammar Points with Exercises			
HOMEWORK		L2 D2 Vocabulary Sheet					

WEEK 13	MON	TUESDAY 11/25	WED	THURSDAY 11/27 (NO CLASS)	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN		1. L2-D2 Grammar Points Review 2. L2-D2 Text 3. L2-Essay Vocabulary					
HOMEWORK		L2 Essay Vocabulary Sheet					

WEEK 14	MON	TUESDAY 12/2	WED	THURSDAY 12/4	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN		1. L2-Essay Text 2. L2 Workbook		L2 Review L2 Exam			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 15	MON	TUESDAY 12/9	WED	THURSDAY 12/11	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN		Final Exam Review: Pinyin, Characters, L1, L2		Final Oral Exam			
HOMEWORK							

WEEK 16	MON	TUESDAY 12/16 (FINAL EXAM WEEK)	WED	THURSDAY 12/18 (FINAL EXAM WEEK)	FRI	SAT	SUN
QUIZ							
RUNDOWN							
HOMEWORK							