

Silk Road Start Chinese Studies Course Descriptions

-in partnership with Eurasia University, Xi'an China

Chinese 101

CHINESE 101 is designed to give beginners of Mandarin Chinese a solid foundation for effective communication. By the end of this course students will be able to understand and use Chinese to confidently perform many daily life tasks. Chinese 101 is divided into two weekly courses, textbook comprehensive and intensive listening and non-verbal response courses. The textbook comprehensive course helps students develop basic reading, pronunciation, and speaking ability. The intensive listening and non-verbal response course that focuses on building a solid vocabulary foundation through using props, listening comprehension, and non- verbal physical response exercises.

Current Textbooks: Developing Chinese Elementary Books 1-2

Chinese 102

CHINESE 102 is designed for students in their second semester in the Silk Road Start Chinese Studies Program or transfers who have completed more that 1 year of intensive language study. Chinese 102 is divided into two weekly courses, textbook comprehensive and intensive listening and speaking courses. The textbook comprehensive course aims to help students develop basic reading and speaking ability useful everyday life in China. The second section is an intensive listening and speaking course that continues to focus on learning to hear and understand vocabulary through using props and pictures and responding while beginning to respond verbally in daily exercises.

Current Textbooks: Developing Chinese Elementary Books 1-2

Chinese 201

Chinese 201 is designed for students in their third semester in the Silk Road Start Chinese Studies Program or transfers who have completed more that 1 year of intensive language study. Chinese 201 is divided into two weekly courses, textbook comprehensive and intensive speaking. The textbook comprehensive course will begin to introduce more challenging grammar patterns and cultural vocabulary elements critical to effective communication with Chinese people. The Intensive speaking course focuses on training students to continuing building vocabulary while using vocabulary already gained in previous levels through describing stories in wordless picture books. Students in this level should be prepared to actively participate in productive communication in normal Chinese social or work environments.

Textbooks: Developing Chinese Intermediate Book 1

Chinese 202

Chinese 202 is designed for students in their fourth semester in the Silk Road Start Chinese Studies Program or transfers who have completed more than 1.5 years of intensive language study. Chinese 202 is divided into two weekly courses, textbook comprehensive and intensive speaking courses. The textbook comprehensive course will continue to introduce more challenging vocabulary and dialogues and reading articles. The Intensive speaking course will train students to have more confidence in their speaking ability through storytelling. We aim for students completing this level to be confident about proceeding into effective careers and or graduate studies in China.

Current Textbooks: Developing Chinese Intermediate Book 2