Essential Mandarin Chinese 1

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Session: Early Spring 2018
Mondays and Wednesdays, February 26\textsuperscript{th} - April 9\textsuperscript{th} (no class on April 2\textsuperscript{nd})
4:00-5:30
Room 124, Leeds House Building

Objectives and Teaching Method

This introductory course is designed for students with no knowledge of Mandarin. Its goal is to equip students with some of the very essential skills in listening, speaking, reading that are necessary to function in a general Mandarin-speaking environment. This goal is to be achieved through a theme-based and function-based approach, but also by focusing on grammar whenever necessary. While listening, speaking, reading are the key foci, culture and history are also important components of the course.

Outcomes

At the end of the term, students are expected to be able to complete the following tasks in Mandarin Chinese:

- Read Pinyin - transliteration of Chinese sounds
- Greet people
- Express gratitude
- Apologize
- Say goodbye
- Ask and offer personal information, such as age, nationality and phone number
- Talk about one’s physical states, desires, likes and dislikes
- Talk about family and friends
- Talk about time and dates
- Recognize some common public signs