



Dominican International School

Course Syllabus

School Year 2026–27



Chinese as a Second Language

Grade Level: 5

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this beginner-intermediate Chinese as a second language course, class focuses on having students master acquisition of vocabulary and build up their repertoire of sentence patterns. Students are going to learn and practice basic-middle skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and also learn from Chinese cultural lessons ranging from Chinese idioms to the origins of various Chinese characters to typing Chinese on computers. The lessons build vocabulary and sentences upon each other in a spiral-up approach that helps students review and lays a strong language foundation. Most importantly, the lessons are student-centric to help prepare the learners for real-life communication. The teacher will use a variety of supporting materials to provide students with an authentic and practical way to learn, while helping students to further study the language to lay a solid foundation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will help students to

1. Be able to master basic rules of sentence patterns.
2. Be able to understand the concept of Chinese character structures.
3. Be able to speak and listen to polite greeting sentences and basic daily conversations.
4. Be able to write and read certain basic-middle chapter content correctly.
5. Be able to understand basic Chinese culture.

ASSESSMENT:

The quarterly grade will be awarded for all student work based on the following criteria

1. Class Participation and learning attitude
2. Class work / Homework Average / Individual or group project
3. Lesson Quiz
4. Quarter Exam

PRIMARY TEXTBOOK & OTHER RESOURCES:

Textbook: Chinese Made Easy-for Kids

輕鬆學漢語-少兒版 正楷體 第四冊 第二版

Chinese Made Easy-for Kids Traditional Volume 4
2nd Edition

Resources: 1. Lesson Handout (Power Point)

2. Vocabulary Sheet
3. Worksheet
4. Website: <https://www.chinesemadeeasy.com/index.aspx>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please see Google Classroom for more information.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week & Date	Topics / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 Aug 10 – 14 Monday Class Preparation ~ Student Holiday Tuesday Morning Assembly Friday Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady 8:00	Course Orientation Chinese greeting sentences / Classroom terms
Week 2 Aug 17 - 21	Reading: Lesson 1 “Where have you been” Grammar: “去 + 過” Sentence pattern: V. + 過 + N. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 3 Aug 24 - 28	Reading: Lesson 1 “Where have you been” Grammar: “去 + 過” Sentence pattern: V. + 過 + N. Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 4 Aug 31 - Sep 4	Reading: Lesson 2 “Four Seasons” Grammar: “數量詞 + 左右” Sentence pattern: S. + 量詞 + 左右

	Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 5 Sep 7 - 11	Reading: Lesson 2 “Four Seasons” Grammar: “數量詞 + 左右” Sentence pattern: S. + 量詞 + 左右 Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 6 Sep 14 - 18	Reading: Lesson 3 “He is sick” Grammar: “了” “要，不要” Sentence pattern: V. / Adj. + 了 Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 7 Sep 21 – 25 T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days Friday Moon Festival ~ Public Holiday	Reading: Lesson 3 “He is sick” Grammar: “了” “要，不要” Sentence pattern: V. / Adj. + 了 Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 8 Sep 28 - Oct 2 Monday Confucius' Birthday ~ Public Holiday Thursday Major Exams Day 1 Friday Major Exams Day 2	Review Lesson 1 + Lesson 2 + Lesson 3 First Quarter Exam (Lesson 1, 2, 3)
Week 9 Oct 5 - 9	Monday Record Day ~ Student Holiday T-W-Th Teachers Conference ~ Student Holiday Friday Double 10 Day ~ Public Holiday

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week & Date	Topics / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 12 - 16	Reading: Lesson 4 "This is swimming pool" Grammar: "在...前面 / 後面" "這裡(兒) / 那裡(兒)" Sentence pattern: S. + 在 + O. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 2 (11) Oct 19 - 23	Reading: Lesson 4 "This is swimming pool" Grammar: "在...前面 / 後面" "這裡(兒) / 那裡(兒)" Sentence pattern: S. + 在 + O. Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 3 (12) Oct 26 - 30 Monday Retrocession Day ~ Public Holiday	Reading: Lesson 5 "Please open the book" Grammar: "請..." "把" Sentence pattern: 請 + short phrase / S. + 把 + short phrase Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 4 (13) Nov 2 - 6	Reading: Lesson 5 "Please open the book" Grammar: "請..." "把" Sentence pattern: 請 + short phrase / S. + 把 + short phrase Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 5 (14) Nov 9 - 13	Reading: Lesson 6 "Learn to dance" Grammar: "什麼...都..." Sentence pattern: S. + V. + O. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 6 (15) Nov 16 - 20	Reading: Lesson 6 "Learn to dance" Grammar: "什麼...都..." Sentence pattern: S. + V. + O. Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 7 (16) Nov 23 - 27 T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days Friday Grade 12 Exams	Reading: Lesson 7 "Turtle legs are very short" Grammar: "很..." Sentence pattern: S. + 很 + Adj. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 8 (17) Nov 30 - Dec 4 Monday Grade 12 Exams	Reading: Lesson 7 "Turtle legs are very short" Grammar: "很..." Sentence pattern: S. + 很 + Adj. Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz

Week 9 (18) Dec 7 - Dec 11 Monday TBD Tuesday Foundation Day Mass 9:00, Cutting of the Cake Ceremony, Christmas Fair, (Whole day) Wednesday TBD Thursday Major Final Exams half day Friday Major Final Exams half day	Review Lesson 4 + Lesson 5 + Lesson 6 + Lesson 7 Second Quarter Exam (Lesson 4, 5, 6, 7)
<i>Dec 14 to Jan 1 Christmas Break</i>	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week & Date	Topics / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (19) Jan 4 - Jan 8 Monday Record Day ~ Student Holiday Friday New Year Mass at 8:00	Course Orientation Reading: Lesson 8 “Puppy’s weekend” Grammar: “為什麼...因為...” Sentence pattern: S. + 去某地 + short phrase Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 2 (20) Jan 11 - Jan 15	Reading: Lesson 8 “Puppy’s weekend” Grammar: “為什麼...因為...” Sentence pattern: S. + 去某地 + short phrase Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 3 (21) Jan 18 - Jan 22	Reading: Lesson 9 “Around my house” Grammar: “處所...” Sentence pattern: 處所詞 + 有 + N. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet
Week 4 (22) Jan 25 - Jan 29	Chinese New Year Activity / Crafts
Week 5 (23) Feb 1 - Feb 5 Thursday Little New Year's Eve ~ Public Holiday Friday Lunar New Year ~ Public Holiday	Chinese New Year Holiday
February 8 to 12 Chinese New Year Holiday	
Week 6 (24) Feb 15 - Feb 19	Reading: Lesson 9 “Around my house” Grammar: “處所...” Sentence pattern: 處所詞 + 有 + N. Assessment: Workbook + Worksheet
Week 7 (25) Feb 22 - Feb 26 22-26 IOWA Assessments	Reading: Lesson 9 “Around my house” Grammar: “處所...” Sentence pattern: 處所詞 + 有 + N. Assessment: Lesson Quiz

Week 8 (26) Mar 1 - Mar 5 Monday Memorial Day ~ Public Holiday T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days	Reading: Lesson 10 “When I grow up” Grammar: “總是...” Sentence pattern: S. + 總是 + V. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet
Week 9 (27) Mar 8 - Mar 12	Reading: Lesson 10 “When I grow up” Grammar: “總是...” Sentence pattern: S. + 總是 + V. Assessment: Workbook + Worksheet
Week 10 (28) Mar 15 - Mar 19	Reading: Lesson 10 “When I grow up” Grammar: “總是...” Sentence pattern: S. + 總是 + V. Assessment: Lesson Quiz
Week 11 (29) Mar 22- Mar 26 Tuesday Major Final Exams half day Wednesday Major Final Exams half day Thurs - Fri Easter Break (Spring Break) ~ Public Holiday	Review (Lesson 8 + Lesson 9 + Lesson 10) Third Quarter Exam (Lesson 8, 9, 10)
<i>March 25 to April 2 Easter & Spring Break</i>	

Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week & Date	Topics / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (30) Apr 5 - Apr 9 Monday Tomb Sweeping Day ~ Public Holiday Tuesday Children's Day ~ Public Holiday	Reading: Lesson 11 "Mom's cooking" Grammar: "做..." "喜欢吃... / 好吃" Sentence pattern: S. + 做 + O. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 2 (31) Apr 12 - Apr 16	Reading: Lesson 11 "Mom's cooking" Grammar: "做..." "喜欢吃... / 好吃" Sentence pattern: S. + 做 + O. Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 3 (32) Apr 19 - Apr 23 19 - 23 AP Mock Exams	Reading: Lesson 12 "Chinese food is delicious" Grammar: "味道..." Sentence pattern: S. + 味道 + Adj. Assessment: Vocabulary Sheet + Workbook
Week 4 (33) Apr 26 - Apr 30 T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days Friday Labor Day ~ Public Holiday	Reading: Lesson 12 "Chinese food is delicious" Grammar: "味道..." Sentence pattern: S. + 味道 + Adj. Assessment: Worksheet + Lesson Quiz
Week 5 (34) May 3 - May 7 3 - 7 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 3 - 14 AP Exams	Review (Lesson 11 + Lesson 12)
Week 6 (35) May 10 - May 14 3 - 14 AP Exams Wednesday Major Final Exams	Fourth Quarter Exam (Lesson 11, 12)

Undergraduates half day Thursday Major Final Exams Undergraduates half day Friday Record Day ~ Student Holiday	
Week 7 (36) May 17 - May 21 Monday Gr. 12 Recollection (Morning) Monday Baccalaureate Mass (Afternoon, Schoolwide) Wednesday House Sports Day Thursday High School Field Trip Friday House Culminating Activity All Week Student Clearance Days & Special Events	Activity Days
Week 8 (37) May 24 - May 28 Monday Middle & High School Sports Day Monday LS Field Trip Tuesday Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion Wednesday	Activity Days

Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation Thursday Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Friday Last Day of School for Students	
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