

**I. Course Duration:**

65-70 contact hours

5 hours per week

Offered in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semesters

**II. Target Learners:**

Exchange students currently at HKU

No prior knowledge of the Chinese Language is necessary

**III. Credit Units: 6****IV. Course Objectives:**

1. To master Putonghua phonetic system and basic characters
2. To learn terms and phrases commonly used in everyday situations
3. To have a better understanding of Chinese culture and people
4. To increase awareness and interest in the Chinese language

**V. Course Contents:**

1. Phonetic structures of Putonghua and Hanyu Pinyin system
  - (1) The four tones
  - (2) Simple, compound and nasal finals
  - (3) Initials and their combinations with finals
  - (4) Tone sandhi and neutral tones
  - (5) The Pinyin system of romanization
  - (6) Writing Chinese using the Hanyu Pinyin system
2. Sentence patterns and drills
3. Language and culture
4. Conversations

**VI. Course Material:**

Xun Liu, *New Practical Chinese Reader, Vol. 1*, Beijing Language and Culture University Press

**VII. Course Requirements:**

1. Attendance: all classes
2. Participation: be prepared for each lesson and to be actively involved in class

activities

3. Homework: complete all the exercises in the textbook and workbook

### **VIII. Mode of Assessment:**

#### **100% coursework**

1. Each student is required to read a passage in Pinyin in class
2. Each student is required to give a presentation on his or her favorite topic in class
3. Each student is required to take eight dictations and the final written test

### **IX. Teacher:**

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