

## LANG1120 Course Description and Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	LANG1120 (course website: <a href="http://lccourses.ust.hk/courses/lang1120/">http://lccourses.ust.hk/courses/lang1120/</a> )
<b>Course Title</b>	Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students I
<b>Course Credits</b>	3
<b>Enrollment Requirements</b>	Instructor's approval for all students.
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	No
<b>Course Description:</b>	Restricted to students with non-Chinese language backgrounds. Introduction to Chinese language and culture; basic understanding of <i>Putonghua</i> phonology and Chinese syntax; basic communicative competence in Chinese; recognition of high-frequency Chinese characters.

### **Course Objectives**

<p>This is a credit-bearing Chinese course designed for students with non-Chinese language backgrounds. The course aims to introduce students to the Chinese language and Chinese culture through practical use of the language, with a particular emphasis on oral communication.</p> <p>The learning activities mainly focus on developing students' listening and speaking skills to build up their confidence in using <i>Putonghua</i> for daily communication. Basic understanding of <i>Putonghua</i> phonology and <i>Modern Standard Chinese</i> syntax, some reading of high-frequency Chinese characters are integrated into the learning activities. Learners also learn to recognize and write simple Chinese characters.</p>
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### **Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)**

	<b>Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to do the following:</b>	<b>Weighting (%)</b>
1	Students can achieve basic communicative tasks in listening and speaking on the topics or conversations closely related to personal and school contexts for daily and social interactions.	45%
2	Students understand basic <i>Putonghua</i> phonology and grammar for effective oral communication.	15%
3	Students can recognize 100 frequently used Chinese characters and use 150 simple words and expressions related to personal and daily interactions.	15%
4	Students master basic Chinese grammar and demonstrate this in written tasks by composing simple and grammatically correct phrases and sentences in <i>Modern Standard Chinese</i>	15%
5	Students demonstrate interest in and appreciation of Chinese culture and write an essay in English on an aspect of Chinese culture to show cross-cultural awareness.	10%

### **Assessment Summary**

Assessment 1	pronunciation	10%	CILO-1, 2
	listening	10%	CILO-1, 2, 4
Assessment 2	oral	15%	CILO-1, 2, 4
	listening	10%	CILO-1, 2, 4
Assessment 3	oral	15%	CILO-1, 2, 4
	listening	10%	CILO-1, 2, 4
	-grammar	10%	CILO-2, 3
	-character recognition*	10%	CILO-3, 4
Essay of around 1000 English words	Chinese culture*	10%	CILO-5
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	

## Course Outline

Week	Topics	Briefly outline what this topic will cover
1	<i>Hanyu Pinyin</i>	Introducing basic <i>Putonghua</i> phonology
2	Chinese Characters	Introducing basic Chinese writing system
3	Greeting people	Simple greetings and farewells; Expressing thanks and apologies; Terms of addressing others
4	Meeting people	Getting to know each other; Saying names, countries and nationalities; Simple inquires about others
5	Self-introduction	Talking about majors and university; Introducing oneself and others;
6	Family members/Kinship	Introducing family members, jobs and titles; Asking for and giving personal information
7	Numerals/Notion of numbers	Numerals and counting; Exchanging phone numbers
8	Notion of time	Asking and telling the time; Talking about daily routines and schedules
9	Date, month, year and week/Routine	Talking about date, month, year and week; Discussing travel plans and timetables
10	Shopping and prices	Asking for prices and bargaining; Buying goods by weight or item; Naming currencies
11	Ordering food and drinks	Stating preferences in eating and drinking; Ordering food and asking for the bill; Comparing different cooking styles
12	Interests and leisure activities	Discussing interests and leisure activities; Expressing likes and dislikes; Discussing how often you do things
13	On the phone	Telephone conversations; Restaurant reservations; Making appointments, making invitations