

New Concept of Chinese Language Classes for Adults

By Tampa Bay Chinese School (www.TampaBayChineseSchool.com)

Chinese is spoken by about one billion people today, in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Macau and Malaysia. China has the fastest growing economy in the world. The business interaction between the United States and China has been increased tremendously. Hence, understanding Chinese may provide you a great opportunity. It is also important to learn Chinese language and culture in order to understand Chinese arts and festivals, customs and traditions.



The class will enable you to communicate in real life situations, regardless of whether you want to do business, to travel or just to study for the personal interest. Mandarin will be taught as the spoken form, with the *pinyin* system to guide in the pronunciation. The class is for adults only. No more than 12 students in a class will be admitted.

The classes are divided into 2 levels - beginning and intermediate. Each level has 20 lessons that will be completed during the period of 2 semesters for about 32 classes in total. Each class lasts 2 hours . The date of classes can be found in the school calendar.

The classes focus on improving students' ability to use Chinese for communication. They integrate the communicative functions with the grammatical structure and present the most essential and useful part of the language in the linguistic environments one is usually exposed to in daily life; so as to enable the student to master the basic conversational sentences fairly quickly through "Substitution and Extension" practice, to acquire the ability to carry on simple conversations with the Chinese. After completing the classes, the student will have a solid foundation

for further study, and can navigate in the Chinese society without trouble.

Beginning level class: This class will teach students about Pinyin (Chinese pronunciation system), greetings, asking about peoples' name and the direction of places. It will also cover the topics such as family members, the introduction of people, how to express dates and time in Chinese, speaking about where you are living and where you are from, shopping and bargaining, taking public transportation buses. In addition, the class teaches students how to exchange money, and how to participate in typical social activities and parties; conversational exercises will be involved. The grammatical structure will be reviewed during each class. Furthermore, extra teaching materials will be used together with the textbook.

Intermediate level class: This class is a continuation of the beginning level class. It includes in-depth conversational scenarios, such as expressing one's apology and regret, personal feelings and preferences, congratulations, and persuasion. Other practical topics will be provided as well, for instance, asking for hotel vacancy, buying tickets and so on. Advanced grammar will also be taught along with reinforcing Pinyin. Same as the beginning level class, extra teaching materials will be used together with the textbook.

Location of class: Cooper Hall of USF Tampa campus. Room #352 (Beginning class) & #350 (Intermediate class).

Class time & Schedule: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM on Sunday afternoons, see school calendar at [www. TampaBayChineseSchool.com](http://www.TampaBayChineseSchool.com) for details.

Textbook: Conversational Chinese 301, Beijing Language and Culture University Press.

Cost of class: \$450.00 per person for one semester.

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