Course Syllabus

*Chinese Language (Beginner)*

**Course Description:**

This course will provide approximately 80 hours of classroom lectures, which is designed to suit the beginners of Chinese language. This course focuses on training the students to use the simple Chinese in daily communication. It starts from the pinyin, and then goes forward step by step, involving the most frequently used words and sentence patterns in Chinese vocabulary and grammar, and the most fundamental communication activities in daily life. The course gives preference to the topics, functions and language points for training which are directly related to the students’ activities of daily life.

**Expected Student Outcomes:**

Through the series of lectures, students are expected to demonstrate basic speaking abilities, i.e. create simple sentences, and participate in short conversations related biographical information and everyday survival topics.

**Course Requirements:**

This course requires students to complete the following:

Class Participation: 30%
Final Exam: 70%

**About classroom participation:**

The instructor expects active participation from students in class and encourages them to ask questions and share outside knowledge at all times during class. This course requires a minimum of 70% attendance to pass. It means that a student who misses more than 30% of the class will fail no matter how well or poorly he/she does in the class work.

**About final exam:**

Final exam will be divided into two parts: written part and spoken part.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**Lecture 1:** Introduction to the syllabic structure and pronunciation of Modern Standard Chinese (1).

**Lecture 2:** Introduction to the syllabic structure and pronunciation of Modern Standard
Chinese (2).

**Lecture 3**: Lesson 1: Welcome to Shanghai.

**Lecture 4**: Lesson 2: Introduction.

**Lecture 5**: Lesson 3: What are you going to do today?

**Lecture 6**: Lesson 4: Where are you going?

**Lecture 7**: Lesson 5: Shopping

**Lecture 8**: Lesson 6: We are going to the restaurant

**Lecture 9**: Lesson 7: What's the weather like today?

**Lecture 10**: Lesson 8: Welcome to my home

**Lecture 11**: Lesson 9: Can you ride a bicycle

**Lecture 12**: Lesson 10: Ask for leave

**Class contact hours:**

For the semester program, it will be 80 hours for Chinese Course over 11 Weeks. Classes will meet two times a week, for four hours each time, for 10 weeks with 1 exam week.

**Textbook(s) used in course:**

*CONVERSATIONAL CHINESE 301*, Beijing Language and Culture University Press. It is subject to change according to the student’s language ability.

**The approximate total number of students in the course:**

The maximum number is 35.