

INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE FOR TRAVEL OR BUSINESS

Meeting Time & Place: OKC Downtown College, 4th Floor, Downtown Metropolitan Library

Instructor: Ashlie Wilhelm

Course Meetings: Sundays (Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14) 2:00pm-3:30pm

CLASS DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to introduce and prepare the traveler for an experience in China, covering business, sightseeing and networking. This course will introduce Mandarin, useful for travel and helpful in establishing relationships in China. The language study will be accompanied by facts on cultural and business practices.

TEACHING FORMAT

Each class will be one hour and thirty minutes in length.

- The first five to ten minutes of class will be spent reviewing important information from the previous session.
- Thirty to forty-five minutes will be spent on the following language components:
 - Ten new basic words (good for everyday use)
 - Five new business terms (specific to business)
 - Five important phrases (either short sentences or questions)
- Ten to twenty minutes will be spent discussing one to two common business practices.
- The final five to ten minutes of each class will be reserved for Q&A. Any questions unable to be answered during this time can be answered via email or at the beginning of the following class.

GOALS FOR THE COURSE

- 1) Learn introductory language skills both for “survival”, travel and general business situations.
- 2) Learn basic cultural information to help better understand the “Chinese way,” in turn making it easier to live, work and travel to China.
- 3) Have a better understanding of common business practices followed by the Chinese to assist in communication.