

# 101 Course Syllabus

## Course Description:

Designed for absolute beginners in Mandarin Chinese, Class 101 welcomes **learners with zero prior knowledge or under 50 vocabulary words.**

Starting with phonetic foundations (Pinyin), the course covers 6 essential topics:

- Greetings
- Self-introduction
- Family
- Dates
- Time
- Shopping

Upon completion, you will:

- Master **300+ core vocabulary words;**
- Command **30+ key grammar structures;**
- Confidently express yourself in topic-related dialogues;
- Reach **50% of HSK Level 1 proficiency**

Pathway notes:

- 101-A and 101-B are equivalent – choose either;
- After Class 101, proceed to Class 102;
- After Class 102, you'll be ready to take the HSK-1 exam

## Text Book:

*Chinese for Diplomats (Elementary 1)*



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## Certificate Award Policy:

Certificates will not be issued to students who:

- Miss 5 or more classes, OR
- Score below 60% on the final exam.

Class Schedule – 101			
Week	Date	Lesson	Content
1	Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 1: Pinyin (1)	• Introduction to Mandarin
			• Phonetics: Initials, finals, tones, spelling rules (Part 1)
			• Daily & classroom expressions (Part 1)
2	Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Unit 1: Pinyin (2)	• Phonetics: Initials, finals, tones, spelling rules (Part 2)
		Unit 2: Greetings	• Greeting expressions
			• Daily & classroom expressions (Part 2)
3	Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 3: Self-introduction I (1)	• Pinyin review drills
			• Self-introduction: Name & nationality
			• Basic vocabulary & grammar
4	Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 3: Self-introduction I (2)	• Dialogues: Name & nationality
			• Basic vocabulary & grammar
5	Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 4: Self-introduction II (1)	• Family members: Simple introduction
			• Basic vocabulary & grammar
6	Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 4: Self-introduction II (2)	• Dialogues: Family & ages
			• Basic vocabulary & grammar
7	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 5: Date (1)	• Dialogues: Dates
			• Basic vocabulary & grammar
8	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Unit 5: Date (2)	• Weeks & simple scheduling
			• Making suggestions

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic vocabulary &amp; grammar</li> </ul>
9	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 6: Time (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogues: Specific times &amp; simple schedules</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic vocabulary &amp; grammar</li> </ul>
10	Jun. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 6: Time (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily routines</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic vocabulary &amp; grammar</li> </ul>
11	Jun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 7: Shopping (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go shopping</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic vocabulary &amp; grammar</li> </ul>
12	Jun. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Unit 7: Shopping (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordering food in a restaurant</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive review</li> </ul>
13	Jul. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Final Exam & Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final exam</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing ceremony</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate awarding</li> </ul>
14	Jul. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HSK Test Session</b>	<i>(Optional external exam)</i>