

Chinese American International School

2011-2012 AP Chinese Course

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- Dates:** October 1, 2011 - May 5, 2012
- Time:** Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (4 hours)
- Location:** Computer Lab, basement level of 150 Oak Street

I. Course Description

The Advanced Placement Chinese Course is student-centered. It will guide students to strategically adapt authentic learning materials and activities. With the instructors' support, students will reach their targeted linguistic and cultural goals as described in the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Furthermore, the course will utilize interactive methods to improve their integrated performance of using the Chinese language.

This course prepares students to demonstrate their level of Chinese proficiency across the three communicative modes (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational), four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing), and the five C's (communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities), as outlined in the *Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century*. The overall goal of the course is to provide students with ongoing and varied opportunities to further develop their proficiency levels across the full range of language skills within a cultural frame of reference reflective of the richness of Chinese language and culture.

II. Goals:

We will prepare students for the May 2012 AP Chinese Exam. The exam is computer-based. During the test, each student works at an individual computer, which processes everything read, heard, written, or spoken by the student. The student reads the screen, listens through headphones, types using the keyboard, and speaks into a microphone.

2011-2012 AP Chinese Syllabus

	Date	Time	Content	Notes
1	10/1	9:00~1:00	(1) What is the AP Chinese Exam? (2) How to prepare for it? (3) Practice sample AP Tests (4) Holidays and Celebrations	
2	10/8	9:00~1:00	Holidays and Celebrations	
3	10/15	9:00~1:00	Holidays and Celebrations Travel and Tourism	
4	10/22	9:00~1:00	Travel and Tourism	
5	10/29	9:00~1:00	Travel and Tourism Climate and Weather	
6	11/5	9:00~1:00	Climate and Weather	
7	11/12	9:00~1:00	People and Philosophical Thought	
8	11/19	9:00~1:00	People and Philosophical Thought Health and Medicine	
9	11/26		Thanksgiving Day (Long Distance Learning) Health and Medicine	
10	12/3	9:00~1:00	Holidays and Celebrations Travel and Tourism	
11	12/10	9:00~1:00	Chinese geography and population Ethnic and regional diversity	
12	12/17		Christmas Vacation (Long Distance Learning) Teenage Life & Leisure Activities How and where young people spend leisure time in China; Pop Culture	
13	12/24		Christmas Vacation (Long Distance Learning) Teenage Life & Leisure Activities	
14	12/31		Christmas Vacation (Long Distance Learning) Sports and Games	
15	1/7	9:00~1:00	Sports and Games (popular sports and sporting events in Chinese speaking countries)	

16	1/14	9:00~1:00	Science and Technology Inventions/Technology Impact on tradition	
17	1/21	9:00~1:00	Media and Mass Communication The media's presentation of current events Science and Ethics	
18	1/28	9:00~1:00	Literature, Arts and Performing Arts --Visual and Performing Arts	
19	2/4	9:00~1:00	Literature, Arts and Performing Arts --Visual and Performing Arts	
20	2/11	9:00~1:00	Global Warming and Environmental Issues	
21	2/18		February Break (Long Distance Learning) Global Warming and Environmental Issues	
22	2/25		February Break (Long Distance Learning) Review for AP Exam	
23	3/3	9:00~1:00	Review for AP Exam	
24	3/10	9:00~1:00	Review for AP Exam	
25	3/17	9:00~1:00	Review for AP Exam	
26	3/24	9:00~1:00	Review for AP Exam	
27	3/31		Spring Break (Long Distance Learning) Review for AP Exam	
28	4/7		Spring Break (Long Distance Learning) Review for AP Exam	
29	4/14		Spring Break (Long Distance Learning) Review for AP Exam	
30	4/21	9:00~1:00	Review for AP Exam	
31	4/28	9:00~1:00	Review for AP Exam	
32	5/4 Friday	4:00~6:00 P.M.	Review for AP Exam	
33	5/5	9:00-1:00	Review for AP Exam	
AP Chinese Exam: Wednesday, May 9 at 12:00 P.M. (Noon)				

Total hours of instruction: 130