

CHIN S-Aa. Beginning Modern Chinese I (CRN: 30048)

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This course assumes no previous knowledge of the subject and is equivalent to the first semester of the academic-year course. Goals of the course are for students to acquire the following skills: to hear and pronounce modern standard Chinese correctly; to write these sounds using the pinyin system of alphabetic spelling; to converse in simple sentences, based on the understanding of elementary grammatical structures; and to write and recognize some 370 Chinese characters, with an emphasis on recognition.