IAS 1413 - Communicating in Putonghua

Instructor: Teacher from the New Asia - Yale-in-China Chinese Language Centre

Course Description:

This course is an elementary Putonghua course with an emphasis on oral and aural proficiency. Students will gain knowledge in Putonghua pronunciation through familiarization of the Pinyin system. Students will also learn typical phrase, questions and sentences for many daily situations. Some of these include asking for directions, visiting friends, shopping, and making telephone calls. The course is taught through specially-designed tasks.

Course Objectives:

This course aims to:
- Give a brief introduction to Putonghua sound system and Chinese writing system
- Allow students to gain oral and aural proficiency in using Putonghua in daily life

Potential Topics to Include, but no limited to:

- Greeting/Getting to know each other
- In hotel
- Asking for directions
- Shopping
- In a cafeteria
- At airport/train station
- Making phone calls
- Sightseeing
- Visiting friends
- Traveling plans

Assessment Method:

Homework : 20%
Class participation : 20%
Quiz : 30%
Oral examination : 30%

Learning Material:

Textbook and tapes to be prepared by the New-Asia — Yale-in-China Chinese Language Centre