

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE CHARACTERS

Country

Taiwan

Host Institution

National Taiwan University

Program(s)

National Taiwan University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Chinese

UCEAP Course Number

12

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE CHARACTERS

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHINESE CHARACTERS

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course introduces the system of Chinese characters. The first part focuses mainly on overall characteristics and peculiarities of Chinese characters, beginning with an explanation of the difference between ideographic and phonetic Chinese characters, and herewith to clarify various phenomena of Chinese characters (in form, pronunciation, and meaning) from this basic difference, in addition providing an understanding of the dictionary and its usage. The second part surveys the evolution of Chinese characters in specific eras: starting from the prehistoric age which marks the birth of Chinese characters, students trace how Chinese character structures evolve, and how the genesis of famous forms of calligraphy came to be. Finally, the modern reform and innovation of Chinese characters is introduced.

Language(s) of Instruction

Chinese

Host Institution Course Number

CHIN1019

Host Institution Course Title

INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE CHARACTERS

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Chinese Literature

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