

Elective Name: Mandarin Chinese in Medicine

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Campus: Lubbock

Department: School of Medicine

Course Description:

This elective is intended to provide an introduction to Mandarin Chinese to help improve patient-provider relationships by equipping students with basic skills so they may initiate conversation with Mandarin-speaking patients. Students will be introduced to the Mandarin phonetic alphabet, major terms and phrases pertinent to a patient encounter, and have the opportunity to practice conversation and the patient interview in Mandarin Chinese.

Prerequisite: Enrollment in MSI/II curriculum

Duration: Fall 2024 - Spring 2025 (September 2024 – February 2025)

Goals and Objectives (Course Objectives & Expected Learning Outcomes):

1. Recognize, read, and pronounce Mandarin Chinese using the HanYuPinYin Phonetic Alphabet (used to help Western Speakers recognize phonetics for Mandarin Chinese).
2. Identify the 4 inflections and how they are used in Mandarin Chinese pronunciation.
3. Recognize Mandarin Chinese terms for major bodily organs, systems, and common symptom presentations.
4. Equip students with speaking and listening skills to begin a conversation in Mandarin Chinese to help foster provider-patient relationships.

- Provide students opportunities to practice basic conversation in Mandarin Chinese (utilizing listening and reading skills with HanYuPinYin).

Course Format: The course is designed to have 6 in-person sessions, with each session taking 2 hours. The first hour contains didactic material, and the second hour will be conversational practice.

Attendance: Attendance of at least **5 out of 6 lessons** are required, with **lessons 1, 2, and 6 being mandatory**. Each lesson will meet for 2 hours. The first hour will introduce students to content material, and the second hour will allow students time to practice simulated conversations. Students will be expected to participate actively during lessons.

Grading: Pass/Fail

Completion Requirements: Attendance of at least **5 out of 6 lessons** are required, with **lessons 1, 2, and 6 being mandatory**. *Students are also expected to complete a short assignment in preparation for lesson 6.*

Schedule:

Date	Time	Topic	Room
Thursday, September 19, 2024	5-7pm	*Phonetic Alphabet Introduction (HanYuPinYin) – Pronunciation + Tones + Cultural Background	TBD
Thursday, October 17, 2023	5-7pm	*HanYuPinYin Continued – Listening + Tones + Understanding	TBD
Thursday, November 7, 2023	5-7pm	Organs, Bodily Systems, Disease Conditions, History/ROS Introduction	TBD
Thursday, November 21, 2023	5-7pm	Patient Interview Introduction	TBD
TBD (exact date TBD, but we will release this well in advance)	TBD	Language Practice Session	TBD
February 2024 (exact date TBD, but we will release this well in advance)	TBD	*Final Activity	TBD

**Lessons denoted with an asterisk are required sessions. Before applying, please check to make sure you can attend the mandatory dates.*

***We will do our best to adhere to this schedule. However, please note that changes may be made as needed and lesson contents adjusted.*