A NOTE ON THE FIRST-YEAR CHINESE CURRICULUM

If you are planning to complete the first-year curriculum of Chinese at the Chinese Language Program, you can choose to do it in one of the following ways:

**A. The ordinary route:** Completing the first-year curriculum in 2 semesters

- **Fall 2023** (First-Year Chinese I, 5 credits) → **Spring 2024** (First-Year Chinese II, 5 credits)

**B. The slow route:** Completing the first-year curriculum in 3 semesters

- **Spring 2024** (Introductory Chinese A, 2.5 credits) → **Fall 2024** (Introductory Chinese B, 2.5 credits) → **Spring 2025** (First-Year Chinese II, 5 credits)

**C. The fast route:** Completing the first-year curriculum in 1 semester

- **Fall 2023** (First-Year Chinese II, 5 credits)

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**Additional Notes:**

- Introductory Chinese A (2.5 credits) + Introductory Chinese B (2.5 credits) = First-year Chinese I (5 credits)
- Students who complete Introductory Chinese A&B (2.5+2.5 credits) will continue with First-Year Chinese II (5 credits) to complete their first-year Chinese curriculum.

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CHINESE PLACEMENT EXAM

- The Placement Exam will be conducted **ONLINE via CourseWorks and Zoom**. The exam consists of a Written Test (Multiple Choice and Timed Composition, 8/23-8/30, 3 hours) and a Speaking Test (9/1, 10 minutes). You will need to enroll in the Chinese Placement Exam System to take the exam.
- For updated and detailed information about exam time and portal, please go to the website of the Chinese Language Program: [http://ealac.columbia.edu/program/language-programs/chinese/clp-placement/](http://ealac.columbia.edu/program/language-programs/chinese/clp-placement/)
- For other Placement Exam related questions, please contact Jiāng laoshi (tj2342@columbia.edu).
- If you have a high school (excluding international schools) or college diploma from a region where Chinese is the official language, you do not need to take this exam. Please contact Wú laoshi (yw4033@columbia.edu) to receive the language certificate, which will exempt you from the 2-year foreign language requirement.