

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) This course is for students who have completed First-Year Chinese I or who have passed the Placement Exam to qualify for the class.

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.

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/>
- 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.