# **CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY BASIC Syllabus**

## 2016-2017 Academic Year

#### Instructor Information

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## **General Information**

#### **Description**

Calligraphy is the quintessence of Chinese culture. When the ancient Orientals carved the earliest abstract symbols on the walls of their cave houses, and on animal bones and tortoise shells, their symbolic action marked the beginning of the Chinese written language and civilization. In this course, we will know the history of Chinese calligraphy and observe some excellent calligraphy works. At meantime, we will learn how to produce Chinese characters by using writing brush, ink and rice paper. Clerical script is easier for student who doesn't have any base to learn, so in this class, you will have access to learn all strokes of clerical script and finish your own calligraphy works.

#### **Objectives**

- Cultivate correct writing posture and good writing habits;
- Master the basic stroke of Chinese characters;
- Master the writing skills of Clerical script;
- Able to estimate the type of Chinese calligraphy;
- Enhance students' artistic accomplishments and calligraphy aesthetic;

## Requirements

#### **Required Materials**

- Writing brush
- Rice Paper
- Ink
- Cloth Mat
- Plate/Cup

#### **Required Age**

Class 1: Age from 5 to 12 Class 2: Older than 12

## **Course Schedule**

Date	Topic
9/11/16	Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy
9/18/16	Basic Horizontal Stroke of Clerical Script

9/25/16 Horizontal Strokes of Different Shapes  10/2/16 Left & Right Slant  10/9/16 Dot & vertical Strokes  10/16/16 Sample Characters Practice	
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10/23/16 Sample Characters Practice	
10/30/16 Sample Characters Practice	
11/6/16 Sample Characters Practice	
11/13/16 Sample Characters Practice	
12/4/16 Calligraphy Work	
1/22/17 Spring Couplets practice	
2/5/17 Spring Couplets Writing	
2/12/17 Sample Characters Practice	
2/19/17 Sample Characters Practice	
2/26/17 Sample Characters Practice	
3/5/17 Sample Characters Practice	
3/12/17 Sample Characters Practice	
3/19/17 Personal Calligraphy Work Producing	
4/9/17 Personal Calligraphy Work Producing	
4/16/17 Personal Calligraphy Work Producing	
4/23/17 Calligraphy Work Exhibition	

## Additional Information and Resources

## Materials sold on Amazon.com

Writing Brush:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B017X6G5EI/ref=ox\_sc\_act\_title\_2?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=A2LBMTDQ2F4O6C

Ink: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0042IRDAQ/ref=ox\_sc\_act\_title\_1?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=A379JZE70LX570

Rice Paper:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01DM3Q2VW/ref=ox\_sc\_act\_title\_3?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=A1YULPBORUC0P6

Cloth Mat: https://www.amazon.com/Regular-Chinese-Calligraphy-Cloth-Mat/dp/B00GNZPC22/ref=sr\_1\_8?ie=UTF8&qid=1469049688&sr=8-8&keywords=cloth+mat+calligraphy