

# FALL 2015 Community Language School CLASSES

<p><b>Children’s Chinese for <u>Heritage</u> Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Thursdays</b>  <b>(5:30-6:30PM)</b>  <b>12-Week* Course</b>  <b>September 3<sup>rd</sup> -Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  <b>2015</b>  <b>*NOTE: NO CLASS on UCA Fall Break (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>) or Thanksgiving (Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <p><b>UCA Campus, Torreyson West Room 311</b></p>	<p>This is a continuing class for children ages 4-12 with a primary focus on oral communication and secondary focus on recognizing Chinese characters. The teacher will use pictures, hands-on activities such as songs, games and interactive teaching techniques to build vocabulary and reinforce basic conversations on a variety of basic everyday topics such as food, school, transportation, locations, household objects and so on.</p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b><i>LiYuan “Lilian” Gong</i></b></p> <p><b>Instructor biography:</b> Lilian Gong is a Chinese instructor at UCA’s Confucius Institute. She has a MA in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages from East China Normal University. She has experience teaching Chinese and enjoys sharing her knowledge of one of the oldest languages in the world. A native of China, Lilian is excited about exploring the Chinese language and her cultural heritage with children here in Arkansas.</p>
<p><b>Children’s Chinese for <u>Non-Heritage</u> Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Tuesdays</b>  <b>(6:00-6:45PM)</b>  <b>12-Week Course*</b>  <b>Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>*NOTE: NO CLASS on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> during the week of Thanksgiving</b>  <b>UCA Campus, Torreyson West Room 311</b></p>	<p>Language learning is a natural process when children are young. This class taught by a UCA Confucius Institute Chinese teacher is designed especially for children ages 3-12. It will teach students the basics of Chinese language and culture including pinyin and some simple characters with an emphasis on widely used phrases, high frequency words and common expressions. Students will also do some calligraphy, paper-cutting, Tai-Chi and Chinese songs. The class will be a lot of fun!</p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b><i>LiYuan “Lilian” Gong</i></b></p> <p><b>Instructor biography:</b> Lilian Gong is a Chinese instructor at UCA’s Confucius Institute. She has a MA in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages from East China Normal University. She has experience teaching Chinese and enjoys sharing her knowledge of one of the oldest languages in the world. A native of China, Lilian is excited about exploring the Chinese language and her cultural heritage with children here in Arkansas.</p>

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<p><b>Japanese for Beginners</b></p> <p><b>Tuesdays</b>  <b>(6:00-7:30PM)</b>  <b>8-Week Course</b>  <b>Sept. 29-Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>  <b>UCA Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of</b>  <b>Irby Hall</b></p> <p><b>*NOTE: the textbook will cost approximately \$20-\$25.</b></p>	<p>Do you like anime and manga? Are you planning a trip to Japan? Have you always wanted to learn Japanese? Perhaps you have picked up some Japanese on your own? Come &amp; learn Japanese with this beginners' class. In this class, you will learn basic communication skills, pronunciation, some grammar, and Japanese culture. You will also learn writing &amp; reading of Hiragana and some Kanji characters.</p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <i>Izumi Liss</i></p> <p><b>Instructor biography:</b>  Izumi Liss is a native of Japan and has been teaching Japanese for several years. Although Izumi's bachelor's degree from UALR is in Computer Science, she is a life-long language learner herself and enjoys sharing her country's rich and ancient culture with students.</p>
<p><b>Intermediate Italian</b></p> <p><b>Thursdays</b>  <b>(6:00-7:30 PM)</b>  <b>8-Week Course</b>  <b>Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015</b>  <b>Little Rock, UAMS</b>  <b>(room TBA)</b></p>	<p>You may have lots of reasons to want to learn to speak Italian: for business, a vacation, or just to broaden your cultural horizons. It's a wonderful experience and opens up a whole new world to you. In this intermediate level class you will learn more phrases and idioms used by every Italian. You will also learn about culture and traditions. Then you will be ready for a wonderful adventure in the Boot-Shaped Country in the Old World!</p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <i>Michela Palmieri</i></p> <p><b>Instructor biography:</b>  Michela Palmieri was born and raised in Italy. She moved to the US in 2001 to work as Research Assistant at UAMS where she still enjoys doing research. Michela has a degree in Chemistry and Biology from Italy and a Medical Interpreter Certification from UAMS. She loves to cook authentic Italian food for family and friends and enjoys sharing her knowledge of the "Bel Paese" and the Italian language.</p>

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<p><b>Conversational Adult Spanish</b></p> <p><b>Tuesdays</b>  <b>(7:00-8:15PM)</b>  <b>10-Week Course</b>  <b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p><b>UCA Campus,</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Irby Hall</b></p>	<p>This is a fun and interactive class that is focused on basic communication. Students will learn how to use Spanish in everyday conversations &amp; while traveling. The class is designed around common situations that occur regularly in daily life &amp; during traveling situations in Spanish-speaking countries: in stores, restaurants, airports, hotels &amp; around cities. Vocabulary, grammar &amp; pronunciation will also center on these core areas.</p>	<p><b>Instructor: <i>Taylor Bennett</i></b></p> <p><b>Instructor biography:</b> Taylor is currently a Spanish instructor at UCA. She holds a bachelor's degree from Arkansas Tech University in Spanish &amp; Music. In addition, she has a master's degree in choral conducting &amp; will receive her masters in Spanish next year. Taylor loves the Spanish language, culture, and the history of all Spanish-speaking countries. Every summer, she lives in Cuernavaca, Mexico where she did her study abroad experience in college. Her Spanish teaching experience includes middle school, high school, college &amp; adult level classes. Originally from Texas, Taylor now resides in Conway with her husband.</p>
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