

# Spring 2016 Community Language School Course Offerings

<p><b>Children’s Chinese for Heritage Speakers</b></p> <p><u>Thursdays</u>  <b>Beginning Level: 5:15-6:00pm</b>  <b>Advanced: 6:00-6:45pm</b>  <b>12-Week* Course</b>  <b>Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> 2016</b>  <b>*NOTE: NO CLASS on UCA Spring Break (March 24<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>  <b>UCA Campus</b>  <b>Torreyson West Room 317</b>  <b>*use the handicapped entrance to the west of the main library doors</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</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>  <i>LiYuan “Lilian” Gong</i></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>Japanese for Beginners*</b>  <b>*NOTE: Textbook cost is approximately \$20-\$25.</b></p> <p><u>Thursdays</u>  <b>6:00-7:30pm</b>  <b>8-Week** Course</b>  <b>Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>  <b>**NOTE: NO CLASS on Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> during the UCA Spring Break</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>  <b>UCA Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Irby Hall</b>  <b>Room 203</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</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 multilingual native of Japan who is interested in linguistics. She has been teaching Japanese for over a decade now. Although Izumi’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 her students.</p>

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<p><b>Conversational Korean for Beginners</b></p> <p><u>Thursdays</u>  <b>6:00-7:00pm</b>  <b>12-week course</b>  <b>Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>  <b>NOTE: no class on Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> during the UCA Spring Break</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>  <b>UCA Campus</b>  <b>Room 311</b>  <b>Torreyson West*</b>  <b>*use the handicapped entrance to the west of the main library doors</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</b></p> <p>Korea has an ancient culture and rich heritage. Its beautiful temples, bustling cities, friendly people, spicy food (kimchi!) &amp; lovely landscapes make it increasingly popular as a tourist destination. Closer to home, in the heart of downtown Little Rock, is a gorgeous, traditional Korean gate honoring Grandmaster H.U. Lee, founder of American Taekwondo Association, which ushers visitors into a jewel of a tiny garden: an oasis of Korean culture in Central Arkansas! As Korean pop music &amp; pop culture become better known in our country, so the interest in learning the beautiful Korean language has soared. Join us in exploring both culture and language in this lively, interactive conversation course.</p>	<p><b>Instructor: <i>Ha Ram Kim</i></b>  <b>(assisted by <i>Deborah Sangeun Lee</i>)</b></p> <p><b>Instructor Biography:</b>          Mr. Kim has tutoring experience, but most recently, he's enjoyed teaching his first language: Korean. Having grown up in a tri-lingual environment in Argentina, he's fluent in English, Spanish &amp; his family's home language. Assisted by Ms. Lee, he started the first ever Korean class on the UCA campus last year—and it was very successful. They both enjoy helping people learn their language as well as sharing the rich culture of Korea with the community. Both Mr. Kim and Ms Lee are active in UCA's Korean Club, and they have organized many cultural events on our campus.</p>
<p><b>Conversational Adult Spanish</b></p> <p><u>Thursdays</u>  <b>6:30-8:00pm</b>  <b>10-Week Course</b>  <b>Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>  <b>NOTE: no class on Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> during the UCA Spring Break</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>  <b>UCA Campus,</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> floor* of Irby Hall</b>  <b>Room 205</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</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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<p><b>Intermediate Italian</b></p> <p><u>Mondays</u>  <b>6:00-7:30pm</b>  <b>8-Week Course</b>  <b>Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> -Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> 2016</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>  <b>1914 Biscayne Drive</b>  <b>Little Rock</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</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>
<p><b>After-School Children's Spanish at Julia Lee Moore Elementary School</b></p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u>  <b>3:00-4pm</b>  <b>10-week course</b>  <b>Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>  <b>NOTE: no class on Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> during Spring Break</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>  <b>Julia Lee Moore Elementary</b>  <b>1301 Country Club Rd.</b>  <b>Conway</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</b></p> <p>This is an after-school program limited to 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> graders attending Julia Lee Moore Elementary School. The curriculum is thematic and rotates through six-semester before repeating. The emphasis is on basic communication with interactive instruction and a fast-pace. The children will use music, role-playing, dancing and games to learn Spanish in an immersion environment.</p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Jennifer Parrack</i> assisted by graduate assistants from the UCA Dept. of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures &amp; Cultures</p>

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<p><b>Introduction to Traditional Chinese Brush Painting*</b> <b>*there's an additional cost for painting materials &amp; supplies of \$25</b> <b>NOTE: No prior painting experience required</b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesdays</u></b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> <b>6-week course</b> <b>Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>-Apr. 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>NOTE: no class on Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> during Spring Break</b></p> <p><b><u>Location</u></b> <b>UCA Campus</b> <b>Torreyson West Room 317</b> <b>*use the handicapped entrance to the west of the main library doors</b></p>	<p><b>Course Description:</b> Thought to have begun approximately 6,000 years ago, Chinese brush painting is one of the oldest continuing art traditions in the world. In this class, the instructor will introduce the art of brush painting. This brushwork style involves essentially the same techniques as Chinese calligraphy (also discussed &amp; demonstrated in this course). Using a brush dipped in black or colored inks, students will first learn how to position their hands correctly to make the various stroke patterns required for <i>Flower-and-Bird Painting</i>: a genre which peaked during the Song Dynasty. This course will mainly focus on plant motifs such as bamboo: "one of the three durable plants in winter," and classical flowers. Along with learning the basic painting techniques, students will also learn how elements of Chinese history &amp; culture are interwoven in this ancient art form.</p> <p><b>Beginning painters are welcome!</b></p>	<p><b>Instructor: Ms. Hai Li Liu, UCA Confucius Institute</b></p> <p><b>Instructor biography:</b> Ms. Liu received her B.A. in Fine Arts from Northwest Normal University &amp; her M.A. in Fine Arts from Xuzhou Normal University in Jiangsu Province, China. This area of China is well-known not only for its historic importance, but also for being a center for culture &amp; the arts. Ms. Liu is a distinguished member of the Art Department faculty at Xuzhou Normal University. This year, she is a visiting professor with the UCA Confucius Institute. Ms. Liu has received many awards and honors during her 15 years of teaching painting and the fine arts. A very kind and patient teacher, she delights in sharing her culture's rich artistic tradition with students from all over the world.</p>
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