

Basic Chinese Calligraphy Class Syllabus

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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
10/23/16	Sample Characters Practice
10/30/16	Sample Characters Practice
11/6/16	Sample Characters Practice
11/13/16	Sample Characters Practice
11/20/16	NO Class. Thanksgiving off
11/27/16	Sample Characters Practice
12/4/16	Calligraphy Work

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=A2LBMTDQ2F406C

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