

Excel High School
Power-Glide Languages, Inc.
Course Catalogue

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Elementary School Course Description

Spanish Elementary Year 1

Studies show that early exposure to foreign languages produces long term cognitive and academic benefits. Elementary aged students have a unique ability to absorb language and to learn pronunciation. This course is a highly visual, fun, story and activity based course that will have students loving Spanish. Games in the course make learning fun. Unique Power-Glide approaches also allow students to tell the story themselves. This course is not just an introduction to Spanish, it's an adventure.

Who Should Take This Course?

Elementary aged students with little or no Spanish language experience.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, songs, please and thank you, simple and detailed storytelling, ad free response questions.
- **Vocabulary:** Numbers 1-10, Animals, shapes, days of the week, seasons, colors, fruits & vegetables, directions, family, plants, around town.
- **Grammar:** Simple sentence construction, first and third-person verbs, indefinite articles, demonstrative pronouns, conjunctions, simple possession, ser & estar, third-person past tense, imperative form verbs, and second-person present tense verbs.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of Spanish speaking cultures including geography and customs.

Spanish Elementary Year 2

The adventure continues as students take the base of vocabulary and adventure that they learned via games and stories in Elementary Spanish I and expand their knowledge so that they can have access to a world of culture and excitement unlocked by their new skills. Interactive activities and increasing game challenges make this course a sure favorite, while the rigorous underlying preparation gives a strong intermediate skill set in the language.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students who have completed Spanish Elementary Year 1.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Advanced greetings, advanced storytelling, songs, recipes, interrogative words and word puzzles.
- **Vocabulary:** Conversation skills through expanded vocabulary such as advanced family and animal related words, and review of numbers. Vocabulary is also increased through poems, stories, and ditties.
- **Grammar:** Negative verbs, reflexive verbs, first and third-person present tense verbs, infinitive verbs, third-person plural present tense verbs, noun-adjective agreement, first-person past tense verbs, and plural imperative.
- **Culture:** Level 2 Spanish cultural activities focus on cuisine, climate, geography, and history.

Spanish Elementary Year 3

Intermediate Spanish students who have a strong base of vocabulary, speaking and listening skills will reach a new level of mastery and fluency in this course. This course teaches advanced grammar and vocabulary and emphasizes correct accents and comprehension of “real world” native speech, while still maintaining the fun, colorful sense of adventure that characterizes our other elementary courses. The high energy excitement of the content, the challenging games and the wide variety of compelling stories contained in this course combine to make advanced learning a blast.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students who have completed Spanish Elementary Year 2.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Advanced greetings (birthdays), simple storytelling all in Spanish, advanced storytelling, songs, and word puzzles.
- **Vocabulary:** Review days of the week, food, house-related words, times of day, time-related expressions, simple medical, countryside related words, plants, and simple geography.
- **Grammar:** Second-person plural present tense verbs, infinitive verbs, dependent clauses, adjectives, conjunctions, reflexive verbs, expressing possession, past perfect tense verbs, third-person future tense verbs, prepositional phrases, second-person present perfect tense verbs, and indefinite past tense verbs.
- **Culture:** Level 3 Spanish cultural activities focus on cuisine, language (dialects), customs, sport, transportation, geography, and history.

French Elementary Year 1

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Who Should Take This Course?

Elementary aged students with little or no French language experience.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, yes & no, please & thank you, familiar phrases, description activities, simple storytelling, and songs.
- **Vocabulary:** Animals, shapes, colors, fruits, farm-related words, body parts, family words, and numbers.
- **Grammar:** Simple nouns, first, second, and third-person present tense verbs structure for simple questions, third-person past tense verbs, interrogative words, conjunctions, articles, imperative and infinitive form verbs, and prepositions.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of French speaking cultures including geography and customs.

French Elementary Year 2

The adventure continues as students take the base of vocabulary and adventure that they learned via games and stories in Elementary French I and expand their knowledge so that they can have access to a world of culture and excitement unlocked by their new skills. Interactive activities and increasing game challenges make this course a sure favorite, while the rigorous underlying preparation gives a strong intermediate skill set in the language.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students who have completed French Elementary Year 1.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, advanced storytelling, and songs.
- **Vocabulary:** Animals, body parts, colors, family words, and numbers.
- **Grammar:** Second-person plural present tense verbs, prepositional phrases, third-person plural present tense verbs, additional first & third-person present tense verbs structure, conjunctions, reflexive verbs, additional imperative form verbs, present perfect tense verbs, additional past tense verbs, expressing wants, adjectives, and prepositions.
- **Culture:** Level 2 French cultural activities focus on cuisine, climate, geography, and history.

French Elementary Year 3

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Who Should Take This Course?

Students who have completed French Elementary Year 2.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, advanced storytelling, and songs.
- **Vocabulary:** Animals, body parts, house-related words, family words, simple medical terms, time-related expressions, days of the week, vegetables, simple geography, and numbers.
- **Grammar:** Dependent clauses, first-person past perfect tense verbs, expressing ownership, additional adjectives, infinite form verbs, additional third-person present tense verbs, expressions using “then”, additional interrogative words, additional prepositions, and additional third-person present and past tense verbs.
- **Culture:** Level 3 French cultural activities focus on cuisine, language (dialects), customs, sport, transportation, geography, and history.

German Elementary Year 1

Studies show that early exposure to foreign languages produces long term cognitive and academic benefits. Elementary aged students have a unique ability to absorb language and to learn pronunciation. This course is a highly visual, fun, story and activity based course that will have students loving German. Games in the course make learning fun. Unique Power-Glide approaches also allow students to tell the story themselves. This course is not just an introduction to German, it's an adventure.

Who Should Take This Course?

Elementary aged students with little or no German language experience.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, relationships, thank you & your welcome, how to express likes and dislikes, songs, storytelling, and how to ask questions.
- **Vocabulary:** Animals, body parts, Numbers, shapes, small objects, colors, food, farm-related words, around town, and household vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** First, second, and third-person present tense verbs, direct and indirect articles, the conjunction *und*, pluralization of nouns, third-person plural present tense verbs, third-person past tense verbs, simple prepositions, and expressions using “there is”, “there are”, “isn’t”, and “will be”.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of German speaking cultures including geography, customs, with special emphasis on Switzerland.

German Elementary Year 2

The adventure continues as students take the base of vocabulary and adventure that they learned via games and stories in Elementary German I and expand their knowledge so that they can have access to a world of culture and excitement unlocked by their new skills. Enhanced activities and increasing game challenges make this course a sure favorite, while the rigorous underlying preparation gives a strong intermediate skill set in the language.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students who have completed German Elementary Year 1.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, relationships, simple commands, suggestions and questions, German folk songs, ditties, and storytelling.
- **Vocabulary:** Additional Animals, body parts, Numbers, shapes, small objects, family-related words, food, farm-related words, cooking, and vocabulary from “The Three Little Pigs” and “Chicken Little”.
- **Grammar:** Additional third-person present tense verbs, direct and indirect articles, the conjunction *aber*, additional third-person plural present tense verbs, third-person past tense verbs, additional prepositions, and expressions using “very”, adjectives and simple future tense in the third person.
- **Culture:** Level 2 German cultural activities focus on cuisine, climate, geography, and history.

German Elementary Year 3

Intermediate German students who have a strong base of vocabulary, speaking and listening skills will reach a new level of mastery and fluency in this course. This course teaches advanced grammar and vocabulary and emphasizes correct accents and comprehension of “real world” native speech, while still maintaining the fun, colorful sense of adventure that characterizes our other elementary courses. The high energy excitement of the content, the challenging games and the wide variety of compelling stories contained in this course combine to make advanced learning a blast.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students who have completed German Elementary Year 2.

What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Additional questions and suggestions, advanced stories, and more German folk songs.
- **Vocabulary:** Additional Animals, home-related words, time-related words, career vocabulary, plants, and vocabulary from “The Three Bears” and “The Dog, the Cat and the Mouse”, “The Hunter and the Thief”, and “A Boy and his Goat”.
- **Grammar:** Exposure to dependent clauses, more practice with direct articles, third-person past tense verbs, additional third-person present and plural present tense verbs, expressing hopes, simple future tense, additional prepositions, adjectives and third-person past tense verbs.
- **Culture:** Level 3 German cultural activities focus on cuisine, language (dialects), customs, sport, transportation, geography, history, with special emphasis on Austria.

Latin Elementary Year 1

Latin can help students understand vocabulary and improve their own English grammar. This course uses our unique, vibrant gaming and multi-media course design to make elementary students feel welcome and comfortable in the world of the classics. Latin also gives elementary students a sense of the reach of history. Latin may be a “dead” language, but not for students in this course. Games, modern content, multi-media exercises and engaging stories together make this Latin experience vibrant and alive.

Who Should Take This Course?

Elementary students with little or no Latin language experience.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, familiar phrases, relationships, cause and effect, how to express likes and dislikes and how to ask questions.
- **Vocabulary:** Animals, body parts, family words, colors, food, plants, numbers, small objects, shapes, and household vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** Simple sentence construction, first and third-person verbs, demonstrative pronouns, conjunctions, simple possession, third-person past tense, imperative form verbs, and second-person present tense verbs.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of the history of the Latin language and cultural aspects of the Roman Empire, such as history, life, military, politics and the arts.

Middle School Course Descriptions

Power-Glide utilizes its High School courses for Middle School. Students will study the first semester of High School Year 1 for an entire year, and then second semester the following year. If students complete those two years of study, they will be ready to progress to High School Year 2.

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Spanish High School Year 1

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Who Should Take This Course?

Students with little or no Spanish language experience.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, relationships, cause and effect, how to express likes and dislikes and how to ask questions.
- **Vocabulary:** Adjectives, animals, body parts, family words, colors, food, numbers 1-900 and household vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** Original sentence construction, verb infinitives and base forms, irregular verbs, Latin derived cognates, concrete objects and associated verbs, adjective agreement and demonstrative pronouns.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of Spanish speaking cultures including economy, traditions, history and political structure.

Spanish High School Year 2

Students with a beginning foundation in Spanish will see their skills soar through compelling lessons that give them access to content so interesting that they forget that they are learning Spanish. This unique learning methodology, which relies heavily on games and stories, works effectively to take students from a tentative understanding of Spanish basics to a greater level of sophistication. This course concentrates on students' ability to articulate more and more complex thoughts and to understand authentic native language from a variety of enticing sources.

This course also emphasizes an enriched vocabulary, sophisticated grammar, and intense listening comprehension challenges that inspire students to understand complex thoughts and subjects. The increased language skills acquired in this course make higher level cultural and social content open to students who are exposed to some of the literary and social treasures of Spanish-speaking countries.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with a solid grasp of basic Spanish language skills.

▪ What Will I learn?

- Students will increase reading and listening comprehension, and vocabulary usage as they learn sentence patterns, advanced phrases, identify objects from descriptions, translate to and from Spanish, create stories, and understand directions.
- Conversation skills through expanded vocabulary such as geography, math, plants, animals, and directions. Vocabulary is also increased through poems, stories, and ditties.
- Grammar includes object pronouns with finite and infinite verbs, past and present tense verbs, action verbs, imperfect tense, participle verb endings, indicative and subjunctive verb forms, and dependant verb clauses.
- This course also emphasizes intense listening comprehension challenges that inspire students to understand complex thoughts and subjects.

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Spanish High School Year 3

Intermediate Spanish students who have a strong base of vocabulary, speaking and listening skills will reach a new level of mastery and fluency in this course. This course teaches advanced grammar and vocabulary and emphasizes correct accents and comprehension of “real world” native speech. The high energy excitement of the content, the challenging games and the wide variety of compelling stories contained in this course combine to make advanced learning as exciting as ever. Our unique error recognition technology helps students to eliminate common mistakes from their speaking and writing.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with two years of High School level Spanish with a focus on progressing to a Year 4/AP-level course.

▪ What Will I learn?

- Intermediate Spanish students who have a strong base of vocabulary, speaking and listening skills will reach a new level of mastery and fluency in this course.
- This course teaches advanced grammar and vocabulary and emphasizes correct accents and comprehension of “real world” native speech.
- Vocabulary includes family relations, countries and nationalities, personal and physical characteristics, technology, holidays, medical/hygiene, sports, hobbies and music.
- Grammar includes infinite verbs, present tense (regular and irregular) verb conjugation (i.e. estar, decir, tener, ser, ir), present perfect tense, direct and indirect object pronouns, formal and informal commands, adjective-noun agreement, definite and indefinite articles, idiomatic expressions, possessive pronouns and adjectives, superlatives, stem changing verbs, prepositional phrases, reflexive pronouns and verbs, subjunctive forms, accentuation, punctuation, and sentence structure.
- Specific focus on writing and oral proficiency.
- Cultural activities centered on the arts and government in Spanish-speaking countries.

Spanish High School AP

Approved by the College Board AP Audit committee, this course was built with one goal in mind, to help students score a “5” on the Spanish AP exam. We have analyzed the exam from top to bottom and used our unique gaming and multi-media curriculum to provide training on all key aspects of Spanish as tested by the exam. This course is rigorous and demanding, but still maintains the high energy, multi-media excitement students expect from a Power-Glide course.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with three-four years of High School level Spanish.

▪ What Will I learn?

- Power-Glide’s online AP Spanish course enables students to practice perfecting their Spanish speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. They study vocabulary, grammar, and cultural aspects of the language, and then apply what they’ve learned in extensive written and spoken exercises. By the end of the course, students will have an expansive vocabulary and a solid, working knowledge of all verb forms and tenses. The equivalent of a college-level language course, AP Spanish prepares students for the AP Exam and for further study of Spanish language, culture, or literature.
- The content aligns to the scope and sequence specified by the College Board and to widely used textbooks.

French High School Year 1

A multi-media, game-based approach makes this introductory French course different from traditional approaches to language learning. Advanced teaching techniques are used to turn compelling adventures and activities into rigorous lessons in grammar and vocabulary. This course provides a solid foundation for reading, speaking, writing, and understanding French and cultivates a passion for the language through exposure to culture and dynamic experiences of real people and real places. This course also features adaptive learning technology that lets students select the learning style that's right for them.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with little or no French language experience.

▪ **What Will I learn?**

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, relationships, cause and effect, how to express likes and dislikes and how to ask questions.
- **Vocabulary:** Adjectives, animals, body parts, family words, colors, shapes, food, numbers 1-900 and household vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** Noun/adjective agreement with gender, direct and indirect articles, transitive and intransitive verbs, pronouns, verb infinitives and base forms and aspects of tensing.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of French speaking cultures including economy, traditions, history and political structure.

French High School Year 2

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▪ **What Will I learn?**

- Students will increase reading and listening comprehension, and vocabulary usage as they learn sentence patterns, advanced phrases, identify objects from descriptions, translate to and from French, create stories, and understand directions.
- Conversation skills through expanded vocabulary such as family, clothing, food, geography, math, science, medical, music, employment-related, plants, animals, and directions. Vocabulary is also increased through poems, stories, and ditties.
- Grammar includes prepositions; object and reflexive pronouns with finite and infinite verbs; past, present and future tense verbs; action verbs; imperfect tense; participle verb endings; indicative and subjunctive verb forms; gerunds; and dependant verb clauses.
- This course also emphasizes intense listening comprehension challenges that inspire students to understand complex thoughts and subjects.
- The increased language skills acquired in this course make higher level cultural and social content open to students who are exposed to some of the literary and social treasures of French-speaking countries.

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Who Should Take This Course?

Students with two years of High School level French with a focus on progressing to a Year 4/AP-level course.

▪ What Will I learn?

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- This course teaches advanced grammar and vocabulary and emphasizes correct accents and comprehension of “real world” native speech.
- Vocabulary includes family relations, countries and nationalities, personal and physical characteristics, technology, holidays, medical/hygiene, sports, hobbies, food, travel, numbers, education, question words, daily routine, calendar and music.
- Grammar includes infinite verbs, present tense (regular and irregular) verb conjugation, the passé composé, the future tense, the imperfect tense, the conditional tense, direct and indirect object pronouns, formal and informal commands, adjective-noun agreement, definite and indefinite articles, idiomatic expressions, possessive pronouns and adjectives, adverbs, superlatives, stem changing verbs, prepositional phrases, reflexive pronouns and verbs, subjunctive forms, accentuation, punctuation, and sentence structure.
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Who Should Take This Course?

Students with little or no German language experience.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Greetings, introductions, relationships, cause and effect, how to express likes and dislikes and how to ask questions.
- **Vocabulary:** Numbers 1-1000, adjectives, animals, body parts, medical words, family words, colors, food, and classroom objects.
- **Grammar:** Noun/adjective agreement with gender, use of modifiers, prepositions, possession, masculine and feminine nouns with articles, plural article agreement and passive voice.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of German speaking cultures including economy, traditions, history and political structure.

German High School Year 2

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Who Should Take This Course?

Students with a solid grasp of basic German language skills.

▪ What Will I learn?

- Students will increase reading and listening comprehension, and vocabulary usage as they learn sentence patterns, advanced phrases, identify objects from descriptions, translate to and from German, create stories, and understand directions.
- Conversation skills through expanded vocabulary such as family, food, education, work-related, shopping, medical, weather, geography, math, plants, animals, and directions. Vocabulary is also increased through poems, stories, and ditties.
- Grammar includes object pronouns with finite and infinite verbs; past, present and future tense verbs; genders; prepositions; personal pronouns (nominative, accusative and dative); direct and indirect objects; gerunds; imperative tense; verb conjugations; dependant clauses; modifiers; reflexive verbs; indicative and subjunctive verb forms; present perfect and past perfect tenses; conditional tense; and proper use of adjectives.
- This course also emphasizes intense listening comprehension challenges that inspire students to understand complex thoughts and subjects.
- The increased language skills acquired in this course make higher level cultural and social content open to students who are exposed to some of the literary and social treasures of German-speaking countries.

Latin High School Year 1

This introduction to Latin clarifies the traditionally difficult aspects of the language through vocabulary that follows all standard Latin rules but allows students to tell modern stories connected to a contemporary adventure. Students study familiar vocabulary so they can bring into focus the special characteristics of Latin, notably noun cases and declensions. Games, modern content, and multi-media exercises together make this Latin experience vibrant and alive. Students receive ongoing practice in vocabulary and grammar, which leads to study of post-Classical Latin, both ecclesiastical and secular, as embodied in the Vulgate Bible and Medieval Latin texts. Students will be able to read and understand excerpts of authentic classical works by the end of the course.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with little or no Latin language experience.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** Familiar Latin phrases as well as greetings, introductions, relationships, cause and effect, how to express likes and dislikes and how to ask questions. Esperanto is also introduced as a method for learning Latin.
- **Vocabulary:** Animals, body parts, family words, shapes, geography, colors, food, health and safety, numbers and household vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** Noun forms (nominative, accusative, genitive, dative, ablative and vocative); genders; declensions; prepositions; word order; regular and irregular verbs; present tense verbs (indicative vs. exhortative modes); future tense verbs (indicative and imperfective); past tense verbs (imperfective aspect); plural noun phrases; modal verbs; past time reference; passive vs. active mode; i-stem verbs; fourth conjugation verbs; and imperatives.
- **Culture:** Students will gain an understanding of the history of the Latin language and cultural aspects of the Roman Empire, such as history, life, politics and the arts.

Latin High School Year 2

Students with a foundation in Latin refine their skills through compelling language lessons, as well as historical and cultural studies. They proceed from the basics of Latin to a higher level of sophistication through a learning methodology that uses games and stories. Students concentrate on fostering their ability to read and understand (without using a dictionary) classical Latin from a variety of authentic sources.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with a solid grasp of basic Latin language skills.

▪ What Will I learn?

- Students will increase reading and listening comprehension and vocabulary usage as they learn sentence patterns, advanced phrases, identify objects from descriptions, and translate to and from Latin.
- Conversation skills through expanded vocabulary from classic stories.
- Grammar includes a wide variety of verb forms, including volo, malo, nolo, as well as reviews or adverbs, adjectives, verb tenses, nouns and pronouns.
- This course also emphasizes intense listening comprehension challenges that inspire students to understand complex thoughts and subjects.
- The increased language skills acquired in this course make higher level cultural and social content open to students who are exposed to some of the literary and social treasures of Latin-speaking countries.

Mandarin-Chinese High School Year 1

More people speak Chinese than any other language in the world. Chinese, ancient and beautiful, gives unique insight into one of the fastest-growing, largest economies in the world. Students will get access to this magical culture and dynamic, 5000-year-old society through a revolutionary learning approach that utilizes compelling stories, adventures, games, videos, and a multi-media experience to make Chinese fun and accessible. The elegant simplicity of Chinese grammar and the mystery of Chinese pronunciation are both taught through entertaining and engaging lessons that give students a base of conversational ability and listening comprehension. This entry-level course also provides a solid foundation for reading and writing in the Chinese language.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with little or no Mandarin-Chinese language experience.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** You will learn how to greet another person (familiar and unfamiliar), and also how to introduce and express basic information about yourself (i.e. age, likes and dislikes, family members, etc.). You will also learn how to ask and give directions, order food at a restaurant, and ask basic questions about locations, health, emotions, and time (the current time, as well as the time of specific events). By the end of this course, you will have acquired basic oral and written skills with these phrases.
- **Vocabulary:** You will learn simple adjectives to describe objects (such as “large” and “long”), basic body parts (such as “head,” “hand,” “foot,” etc.), and immediate family members. You will also learn dates of the year, as well as numbers up to one million.
- **Grammar:** You will learn verb-object constructions, how to express past, present, and future events, how to use objects in simple sentences, simple yes/no questions, and interrogative and declarative sentences. You will also learn pinyin pronunciation and tones, as well as how to write numeric pinyin.
- **Culture:** You will learn about various regions in China, some of the things those regions are known for, and their historical relics and significance. You will also learn about some

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of the habits and vocations of the Chinese people. Students will gain an understanding of Mandarin-speaking cultures, including: economy, traditions, history, and political structure.

Mandarin-Chinese High School Year 2

Students use compelling stories, games, videos, and multimedia experiences in this second level of Mandarin Chinese. Students further their understanding of the elegant simplicity of Chinese grammar and the subtleties of Chinese pronunciation through entertaining lessons that extend their conversational ability and listening comprehension. Further, students engage in innovative cultural videos and lessons that challenge them to consider and inquire into the rich legacy of Chinese culture. Students build on their foundation for reading and writing in Chinese through an adaptive technology that provides opportunities for them to generate fun narratives, a range of well-formed sentences reflecting a solid grasp of grammatical structures, and a wide range of vocabulary.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with a solid grasp of basic Mandarin-Chinese language skills.

▪ What Will I learn?

- **Phrases:** You will learn more complex phrases that will help you converse in greater specificity and detail in Chinese. Learn how to shop for clothing and groceries and the relative language used in a supermarket/department store kind of setting versus a street market. You will also learn how to have a phone conversation, write a letter, talk about sports events, go to the post office, and have a job interview among other topics.
- **Vocabulary:** You will learn the necessary vocabulary to live and travel around China, with topics ranging from visiting a Chinese friend's home to hosting your own party, etc.
- **Grammar:** You will learn verb-object constructions; how to express past, present, and future events; how to use objects in simple sentences, simple yes/no questions, and interrogative and declarative sentences. You will also begin to learn more difficult structures such as *le*, *ba*, and *bei*, resultative complements, and other important sentence patterns.

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- **Virtual Practicums:** Every week you will be able to utilize the vocabulary and grammar that you learned in a dialogue. Situational-based “practicums” allow you to first practice the text/conversation, and then during the Culture Video you’ll see it used in an authentic setting.
- **Culture:** You will learn about various regions in China, see what it would be like to live and walk around China and have a window into daily life settings, such as whole sale markets, Hutongs in Beijing, local Chinese schools, the post office, and library, and Olympic related places such as stadiums, the aquatic center in Beijing and the sailing grounds in Qingdao; or a jaunt to “Yunnan” to see other minority cultures in China.