

This course serves as the first part of Elementary Chinese. Throughout the course, you will develop your ability or "proficiency" to listen, speak, read, and write in Chinese. To develop your reading and writing ability, we will each engage in progressive writing of our own self introduction books through the project *This is me*(这就是我). Before you panic, please know that you are not writing your complete life's story. Instead, as you acquire new language, you will customize vocabulary and expressions to introduce yourself through an online book, including images and audio. You will share your book with me so that I can both monitor your progress and provide you with corrective feedback.

We will take advantage of a free, easy-to-use online platform called [Book Creator](#). This platform is used by students and adults at all levels. Take a look at this professional example [Podcasting for the Classroom](#) by Michael Hernandez. You can see how Michael used audio embedded throughout the book, an appropriate technique for a book on podcasting!

Book requirements

Throughout the course, you will receive numerous "nudges" to add new content to your book, though you can do so at any time. The goal for this project is for you to create something that allows you to demonstrate what you have learned in this course. While you will customize your book with content, graphics, and design, the following elements are required for everyone:

Book sections

1. **Book cover** - Your book cover can have any design you wish, but must have a title in 汉语 *Chinese* that is either "这就是我" or something that indicates the book is about you.
2. **Introduction** - This page includes basic information like name, age, birthday, nationality, gender, where you're from, and an image or avatar of yourself.
3. **Description (optional)** - Here you describe yourself both in terms of personality and physical traits.
4. **Job** - If you have a job outside of being a student, consider creating a page to talk about this part of your life.
5. **Color** – Talk about your favorite color and present one item by using number + measure word + color + item name
6. **My passions (Optional)** - Where do you put your energy and time? You may only have one, but that is fine.
7. **My family** - The concept of "family" varies, so it's up to you to choose how you present your family and what your family do.
8. **Story** – Introduce one Chinese story you read during this semester.

Graphics

Throughout your book, choose either photos that belong to you or graphics to help illustrate and/or add interest to the text. In choosing your graphics that enhance your book, review these [9 Design Tips to give your book a professional finish](#)