

Course Syllabus Shanghai, China

Intermediate Chinese

COURSE INFORMATION

200 level | 45 contact hours

Professor:

| Email:

Prerequisite: Two semesters of college Chinese

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS & COURSE MATERIALS

NEW PRACTICAL CHINESE READER: Level 2

ISBN: 9787561928950

DESCRIPTION

Students will mainly focus on improving their Chinese pronunciation and tones, learning new grammar patterns and practicing the newly learned grammar and vocabulary. Organized in-class activities include daily dictation, quizzes, memorizing text and completing oral exercises such as retelling stories, making up dialogues, giving presentations, and performing skits.

OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

This class helps students strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The topics in the textbook cover the most commonly used. The class is designed for 10 weeks and mainly focuses on trainings of depiction, narration, explanation and discussion, improving students' reading and writing abilities. Students are expected to learn at least 20 new Chinese words every class day. Students should be able to function in Chinese in their daily life with good confidence and to hold conversations with local Chinese people on most common topics, such as talking about Chinese culture, food, and customs. In addition, with some high level vocabularies, students can also talk about some social issues.

REQUIREMENTS

This class is intensive and meets 2 times a week for a total of 8 hours per week. Students are expected to spend 2-3 hours a day preparing for class, previewing for daily dictation, and doing homework.

Pre-Class Preparation:

Before the Chinese class, students are expected to:

- Be familiar with new vocabulary from the text
- Be able to read and write the new words correctly
- Preview and try to understand the grammar patterns from the related chapters
- Reading and reciting the designated text
- Complete homework assignments

In the Class:

It is important that students pay attention to the teachers. There is a daily dictation with vocabulary and key sentences. Students are required to review what they have learned the day before and preview the new lesson. The dictation will start at the beginning of each class. Students are expected to learn how to write both in pinyin and characters. When retelling the text, students should try to memorize the text and learn to retell it with accurate and natural pronunciation.

After the class:

Review the lessons learned recently and preview new vocabulary, grammar patterns, and text for next day's class. Finish the homework assigned by the professors. If you have enough time, practice with language partners: Role-play, culture experience and practical daily conversations.

Learning strategies:

Class lectures, class participation, group discussion and practical experience in the field.

OUTLINE

The class schedule is tentative; it might be adjusted according to your performance.

Week	Topic / Subject
session1	她去上海了
session2	我把这事儿忘了
session3	这件旗袍比那件漂亮
Session4	我听懂了，可是记错了
Session5	中国画跟油画不一样
Session6	Mid-term test
Session7	过新年
Session8	我们的队员是从不同国家来的
Session9	你看过越剧没有
Session10	我们爬上长城来了
Session11	你舅妈也开始用电脑了
Session12	Final test

GRADES

During the semester, there will be the following tests:

Quizzes

Mid-term exam

Final exam

Class Attendance:

Full attendance is conducive to a successful completion of this class. Students are allowed one excused absence. Each tardiness is 0.5 of an absence. Twice tardiness is allowed only for each student. After two tardiness, the grade will be lowered by 1/2 step, i.e. A >A-. Course instructors will devise methods for recording class attendance and notifying the Resident Director when students are not attending regularly.

Evaluation methods:

The final grade will be calculated according to the following percentage distribution: Attendance 15% daily class performance 15%, dictation/assignment 15%, the mid-term exam 25% and the final exam 30%.

Grade Scale

A	100-93	C	76.9-73
A-	92.9-90	C-	72.9-70
B+	89.9-87	D+	69.9-67
B	86.9-83	D	66.9-63
B-	82.9-80	D-	62.9-60
C+	79.9-77	F	59.9-00

Students are responsible to confirm all assignments are received by their instructor. This includes assignments submitted electronically or left on the instructor's desk or mailbox when the instructor is not present.

DISABILITY POLICY

Every effort will be made to accommodate students with disabilities or special learning needs. If you have a documented disability for which you have already requested accommodations through the Office of Teaching Affairs in CIE, Shanghai Uni.

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Plagiarism, cheating, submitting work of another person or work previously used and other forms of academic dishonesty will lead to lowered course grades, failure of the course or more severe measures, depending on judgments of the gravity of the individual case.

STATEMENT ON AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING

Surreptitious or covert video-taping of class or unauthorized audio recording of class is prohibited by law and by Board of Regents policy. This class may be videotaped or audio recorded only with the written permission of the instructor. In order to accommodate students with disabilities, some students may have been given permission to record class lectures and discussions. Therefore, students should understand that their comments during class may be recorded.