

Syllabus

CHINESE 302-01

Spring 2008

Time: M, W, F: 3:00-3:50 pm

Place: Palmer Hall 206

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Course Materials

We will continue to use Intergrated Chinese Level II and start from Lesson 13 this semester. The audio CDs to accompany the lessons can be accessed on the Rhodes website under the section of the Language Center. **You are required to listen to audio CDs regularly.** There is also a workbook audio CD on the website. You must access it so as to do the Listening part of homework (go to the website of Acad_dept and select Mod_Lang, then select Language_Lab, Chinese, and Integrated_Chinese_2). Furthermore, a variety of news, stories, jokes, video clips, and Chinese songs which are relevant to the text content may be included in class.

Course Objectives

We will continue to put more emphasis on listening and speaking this semester. By doing speech, conversation and discussing China News which the students choose from Chinese websites, students can express themselves and communicate with each other in Chinese, and get a good habit reading Chinese materials which contain large amount of information. Also, we will play games based on the characters and text contents in class to improve the comprehensive ability of using Chinese. By the end of this semester, students should be able to speak Chinese fluently and write composition expressing their own thoughts in Chinese.

Grading

Attendance and participation: 15%

Homework: 20%

Tests: 25%

Quizzes: 15%

Final examination: 15%

Oral exam: 10%

Total: 100%

Attendance and participation: Since attendance is crucial both to learning and participating, I will take attendance and grade participation every class. However, I realize that you may occasionally have legitimate reasons to be absent from class. More than three unexcused absences and more than five absences in total will lower your final grade by a minor letter grade (e.g., from A- to B+). Additional absences will lower your participation grade. Repeated tardiness will also begin to count as additional absences. A word of caution: If you miss more than 30% of the semester's class sessions, you will fail this course. If you are ill or have another legitimate excuse to miss class (i.e., conference participation, family emergencies – documentation may be required), you must notify me either via telephone or via email.

Homework: Basically, we have homework every class and the due time always be next class except special notice. If you miss or delay turning in your homework, that will lower your homework grade. More than five missing homework in total will lower your final grade by a minor letter grade. Three delaying homework will be counted as a missing.

Tests and quizzes: We have a test right after the end of each lesson. Essentially we have a small vocabulary quiz every class.

Remember: If you have difficulties of any kind, please do not hesitate to ask the instructor for help.

Note: Learning a language well always requires an environment of this language. Students will be encouraged to only speak Chinese in class.

Activity:

Chinese Night: This activity is designed to give you a chance to taste some interesting Chinese cultural aspects and give you a space to speak Chinese with native Chinese speakers and your classmates. We will have topic discussions, listen to Chinese songs, watch Chinese videos and have culture panel etc. The time is every **Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm** (1/16-4/23). The place is 410 Rhodes Tower. The attendance of this activity will be taken as a part of participation grade.

Final Exams:

The final exams will be comprehensive. Here is the schedule: **Place:** Palmer Hall 206

Written Exam: (including listening) **4/29 Tuesday 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

Oral Exam: **4/29 Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 pm**