

**ADVANCE CHINESE
RHODES COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

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A. BASIC INFORMATION

CLASSROOM: Kennedy 207 (M,W) Kennedy 208(R)
CLASS HOURS: 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm MON & WED 1:30 pm - 2:20 THR
OFFICE Buckman Hall 205
OFFICE HOURS: 12:00pm-1:00pm MON 11:30am -12:30pm THR
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B. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims at improving your aural-oral skills to achieve fluency and comprehension, further developing your proficiency in reading for understanding, and enhancing your ability to write in Chinese and to translate from Chinese into English. It also intends to acquaint you with some aspects of Chinese culture and society as a necessary part of your education in this language.

C. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

This two-semester course is designed for students who have completed Intermediate Chinese and have had some previous basic knowledge of Chinese. We will meet three times a week for 50 minutes. You will continue to develop conversational skills through textbook dialogues and will learn to engage in extensive conversations and make presentations in Chinese. In addition, you will steadily develop the capacity to read from Chinese publications and compose descriptive narrations and personal letters.

D. TEXT MATERIALS

1. Integrated Chinese **Textbook** (Level 2)

2. Integrated Chinese **Workbook** (Level 2)
3. Integrated Chinese **Character Workbook** (Level 2)

E. GRADING PLAN

Coursework will be weighted as follows:

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| 1. Quizzes + Dialogue Check | 35% |
| 2. Attendance | 10% |
| 3. Final exam | 15% |
| 4. Homework | 20% |
| 5. Participation | 20% |

QUIZZES:

There will be many dialogue check or other quizzes (probably one quiz or dialogue check per week). Quizzes will relate to current *and previous* topics. If in any case you are unable to take the quiz on the scheduled date, please notify me and take the quiz in advance.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance will be graded as follows:

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| No absences | A+ |
| One absence | A |
| Two absences | B |
| Three absences | C |

Absences for which a medical or court excuse is provided (professional letterhead required) will be recorded but not figured in the attendance grade. Likewise, *one* absence for which *advance* notice is given by phone or in person will not be figured in the attendance grade. *Any significant tardy or early departure from class will be figured as a half absence. Also, anyone who has more than four class-long, unexcused absences will receive an "F" grade for the COURSE.*

F. COURSE POLICIES

1. Come to class on time.

2. Food is not permitted during the class.
3. Please turn cell phones off during class. No text messaging.
4. Please use your laptop only for class-related activities
5. We will follow ALL the policies in the “Rhodes College Student Handbook”.

G. DISABILITY

If you are a student with a disability or special need, contact the SDS (Student Disability Services) immediately to arrange for accommodations that will assist you with this course.

H. COMMUNICATION GATE

In general, your ideas, comments, suggestions, questions, grade challenges, etc. are welcome. Your discretion in these matters is expected, however. No part of your grade will be based on anything other than your coursework and attendance. You are encouraged to take advantage of instructor office hours for help with coursework or anything else connected with the course and your progress.

I. SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

1. Try to listen to the audio files as many times as possible. Listening doesn't harm. It helps to you start speaking.
2. Try to imitate what you hear, even if the sounds seem to be difficult to pronounce. Don't be shy, nobody can hear you.
3. Practice what you have learned whenever you have a chance. Let's say with your Chinese friend, partner or language teacher, in a Chinese restaurant, etc.
4. Confidence is 90% of your success. Even if you make mistakes, if you sound confident enough when you speak Chinese, you will be understood very well. So speak loud and have confidence in yourself!
5. Be persistent and never give up!