Syllabus

CHINESE 102-01               Spring 2008

Time: M, W, F: 1:00-1:50 pm   T: 12:30-1:45 pm   Place: Rhodes Tower 410

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Course Materials

This semester we will continue to use Integrated Chinese Level I Part I which consists of a textbook and a workbook. Also, please go to the bookstore and buy Integrated Chinese Level I Part II before the midterm, because we will learn lesson 12 which is in Part II 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, Integrated_Chinese_1 and Level_1). Furthermore, a variety of short stories, jokes, video clips, and Chinese songs which are relevant to the text content may be included in class.

Course Objectives

We will go deeper into the Chinese language and culture. This semester we will continue to work on reading with more emphases on listening, speaking and writing. By the end of this course, students should be able to do basic writing and communicate rudimentary information in Chinese.

Grading

Attendance and participation: 15%
Homework: 20%
Tests: 25%
Quizzes: 15%
Final examination: 15%
Oral exam: 10%

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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 speak Chinese as much as possible in the 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:** Rhodes Tower 410

**Written Exam:** (including listening)  4/29  Tuesday  8:30 – 10:00 am

**Oral Exam:**  4/29  Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 am