

Chinese 2010: Intermediate Chinese I

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Course Description:

This course is designed for students who have completed elementary Chinese. It aims to consolidate the foundation which students have built in Elementary Chinese and to develop their language and cultural studies further.

Prerequisites: Elementary Chinese

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, students are expected to converse with a Mandarin speaker on simple topics of daily life with relative ease, as well as to formulate and understand structurally more complicated sentences.

Course Outline:

1. Studying Chinese
2. School Life
3. Shopping
4. Talking about the weather
5. Transportation

Texts:

Yao, Tao-chung and Yuehua Liu et al, 2005. *Integrated Chinese (中文听说读写)*, Level 1, Part 1: Textbook, Workbook. 3rd Ed. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company.

Instructional Activities:

Daily lectures will be given. The students will also be partnered with local native students to practice speaking.

Grading Procedures:

- 🚩 Class participation and performance: 10%
- 🚩 Homework: 10%
- 🚩 Character quizzes: 10%
- 🚩 Unit Quizzes (5): 15%
- 🚩 Oral presentations (3-4): 15%
- 🚩 Final written exam: 25%
- 🚩 Final oral interview: 15%

92-100 = A; 89-91 = B+; 82-88 = B; 79-81 = C+;
72-78 = C; 65-71 = D; Below 65 = F

Homework: Students are expected to turn in homework at the beginning of the class period on the day it is due. No homework submitted later than two class periods after the due date will be accepted. Please note that you are expected to complete your homework independently. Copied homework will not be graded.

Character Quizzes: The students are required to memorize the characters after learning them in class. Character quizzes will be carried out at the beginning of the next class. There are basically **no make-ups** for character quizzes.

I will drop the six lowest quiz scores to permit flexibility and to accommodate emergencies and illness (i.e. six missed quizzes will be ignored when calculating your grade). The only exception is for pre-arranged make-ups due to participation in official university business (official documentation will be required), not for personal reasons.

Unit Quizzes: Unit quizzes are review tests following the completion of each unit. There are basically no make-ups for unit quizzes. It is your responsibility to attend each class, including the days on which the quizzes are administered. Pre-arranged make-ups are only permitted if a documented emergency is received, and it must be taken within a week. No Unit Quiz scores will be dropped.

Oral Presentations: Students will find a partner in class and present a dialog following the completion of each unit (before the Unit Quizzes), using the sentence structures and vocabulary that have been covered in that unit.

A. Attendance Policy:

Attendance is of utmost importance in study abroad courses. There are no unexcused absences permitted. Multiple unexcused absences are grounds for removal from the program. Being in class on time is also very important. Frequent tardiness will be considered an absence and appropriate action will be taken. Absences due to illness must be reported immediately to the program director.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices: Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign either (1) an F or zero for the assignment or (2) an F for the course.

In class instruction: 40 hrs