

**China Studies Institute
Advanced-high
Comprehensive Chinese
Syllabus
Fall 2011**

Instructor:

Classroom:

Class time: Tuesday& Thursday 9:00am-12:20pm; Friday 10:30am-12:20pm

Phone:

Email:

Course Goals and Description:

General Goal: This course is designed to perfect students' skills in understanding spoken and written Chinese and in speaking and writing. Through reading texts selected from modern Chinese literature, academic works and newspaper articles, students will be asked to express more refined and sophisticated ideas, and to process sentences with complex structures used mainly in formal speech and writing.

Expected Achievements:

- ①30-35 words /day;1000-1200 words/semester
- ②Advanced presentation
- ③Reading authentic news
- ④Near-native presentational writing

Course Materials:

Zhuang Jiaying. *New Version Advanced Chinese Reader (上&下)*. Beijing: Peking University Press, 2007.

Related Materials will be handed out or posted

Course Outline:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Content</i>
Class 1-2	Unit 1 网络时代
Class 3	Review and Language Activities
Class 4-5	Unit 2 经济全球化
Class 6	Quiz 1 : Unit 1 ~2
Class 7-8	Unit 3 环境保护
Class 9	Review and Language Activities

Class 10-11	Unit 4 教育
Class 12	Quiz 2 : Unit 3 ~4
Class 13-14	Unit 5 就业
Class 15	Review and Language Activities
Class 16-17	Unit 6 人口的迁移与文化影响
Class 18	Mid-term Test : Unit 1~6
Class 19-20	Unit 7 人口政策与社会发展
Class 21	Review and Language Activities
Class 22-23	Unit 8 新的生活方式
Class 24	Quiz 3 : Unit 7 ~8
Class 25-26	Unit 9 商业文化的渗透
Class 27	Review and Language Activities
Class 28-29	Unit 10 流行语与文化的变迁
Class 30	Quiz 4 : Unit 9 ~10
Class 31-32	Unit 11 Supplementary material & 新闻视听
Class 33	Review and Language Activities
Class 34	Unit 12 Supplementary material & 新闻视听
Class 35	Final review
Class 36	Final Test: Unit 7-12

Grading and Course Requirements:

Attendance/Participation	10%
Dictation	10%
Homework	10%
Weekly Journals	10%
Recording	5%
Biweekly Quizzes	20%
Mid-term Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Class performance	5%

Course Requirements

Attendance/Participation 10%

Attendance is required and critical to the final grade. An unexcused absence will cause five points to be deducted from the attendance/participation grade. Two excused absences are permitted. (**Excused absence generally is one of the three types: Medical, religious, family emergency.**) It is your responsibility to document an excused absence within one week of the absence. An absence does not excuse missed work. The student is responsible for contacting the instructor or a classmate if an assignment is missed and submit the work within a week.

Students are also required to attend classes on time. **Over 15 minutes' late will be taken as an unexcused absence. Being late for three times will also be taken as an unexcused absence.**

Students are expected to attend all sessions and participate actively during each class meeting. Active participation requires students to come to class fully prepared.

Dictation 10%

There will be a dictation of more than three sentences at the beginning of each lecture. The sentences are selected from the text of the lesson that will be covered on the same day. The two lowest scores of the dictations will be dropped in the final grade of the course.

Homework 10%

A written homework will be assigned per lecture when the lecture is finished. Each student's homework grade will be based on the quality. If you are not in class to note down the assignment, it is your responsibility to check with another student as to what to prepare, contact your instructor.

Weekly Journals 10%

Students are responsible for writing weekly journals on the topic related to what is discussed in class. Journals are to be handed in to the instructor at the first class of the following week. Late work will be accepted only with instructor's permission before the specified date. The article should be more than 400 words. You may type your composition.

Recording 5%

You are required to turn in a recording of your reading of a selected part of the text every week. Please save your recordings as sound files and send them to xxx@gmail.com

Biweekly Quizzes 20%

Each quiz only covers two units.

Mid-term Exam 15%

Mid-term exam is based on Unit 1-Unit 6. **No make-up exam will be given.**

Final Exam 15%

Final exam is based on Unit 7-Unit 12. **No make-up exam will be given.**

Class performance 5%

Students need to actively participate in all kinds of class activities, as an individual or with a group.

Grading Scale

A	93-100
A-	87-92
B+	81-86
B	75-80
B-	69-74
C+	63-68
C	57-62
C-	51-56
D	45-50
F	44and below

Come prepared

This is essential to your success of the course. The lecture is given assuming you have already listened to the vocabulary/text recordings, memorized the new vocabulary (there will be dictations!), and read the sentence patterns and grammar notes.

About characters

Choose one type (simplified or traditional) when you write and stick to it. Never ever mix them when you write. Homework should be written by hand in characters instead of pinyin as neatly as possible.

Problems:

Students with concerns or comments should first speak with his or her instructor, who will do everything that s/he can to address all concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions presented by students. Issues that cannot be addressed by the instructor should be brought to the attention of Mr. Meng either by phone [13811902457](tel:13811902457) or email robust832003@yahoo.com.cn. **Be proactive; do not wait for a test to ask questions!**