

ADVANCED CHINESE (373.415)
Fall 2009

Time: M. W. 1:30-2:45 p.m.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is for students who have studied Chinese for at least three years or its equivalent. Objective is to further expand the students' vocabulary, to increase the reading speed and comprehension and to improve the conversational skills through the study of text, reading materials, class discussions and student presentations. The ability to write clear, concise and grammatically correct compositions in Chinese is especially emphasized.

Students are expected to read, discuss and write in Chinese about various topics in both traditional Chinese culture as well as contemporary society with an aid of dictionary.

In addition to the textbook, audio and video materials, movies, newspaper clips and photo stories will be used.

EVALUATION:

Students should prepare in advance for each class. Active participation in classroom discussions in Chinese is emphasized. Attendance for this course is strictly enforced. More than 3 absences will result in lowering of the grade by one level.

Preparation & Classroom Participation	20% of the final grade
Quizzes & Tests	30% of the final grade
Essays	20% of the final grade
Presentations	20% of the final grade
Final Project	10% of the final grade

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Monday		Wednesday
9/2 Wednesday Orientation, Lesson 1	9/7 Monday – Labor Day Have Fun!!!!	9 Lesson 1 Grammar & Text
9/14 Lesson 1 Character Quiz Translation & Exercises		16 Lesson 1 Presentation/Discussion
9/21 Supplementary material Proverbs		23 Lesson 2 Vocabulary & Grammar
9/28 Lesson 2 Character Quiz, Text Composition # 1 due		9/30 Lesson 2 Translation & Exercise
10/5 Lesson 2 Presentation/Discussion		7 Supplementary material Poetry
10/12 Grammar Test		14 <i>INDIVIDUAL</i> <i>INTERVIEW</i>
10/19 Lesson 3 Vocabulary Composition # 2 due		21 Lesson 3 Character Quiz Grammar & Text
10/26 Lesson 3 Translation & Exercises		10/28 Lesson 3 Presentation/Discussion
11/2 Supplementary material Four Classical Novels		4 Lesson 4 Vocabulary & Grammar Composition #3 due
11/9 Lesson 4 Character Quiz Grammar & Text		11 Lesson 4 Translation & Exercises
11/16 Lesson 4. Presentation/Discussion		18 ACTFL CONFERENCE
11/23 Supplementary mat. Classical Chinese Composition #4 due		25 Thanksgiving Holiday Have Fun !!!!!
11/30 Review 1-4 Supplementary material Chinese calligraphy		12/2 Grammar Test