CHIN 0500 Intermediate Modern Chinese I
中级现代汉语(一)
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TBD

Textbook & Audio Files:
A New China 新的中国, Chou Chih-p'ing et al. Princeton University Press, 2011.
All audio files are posted on Canvas. Listening to the audio files is required for this course.

Time:

CHIN 0500-001	Ye Tian	MTWR 10:15 AM-11:05 a.m.
CHIN 0500-002	Ye Tian	MTWR 12:00 PM-12:50 p.m.
CHIN 0500-003	Jing Hu	MTWR 01:45 PM-02:35 p.m.

Course Description:

The main purpose of this course is to consolidate the foundation, that you have built in beginning modern Chinese courses, and to introduce more complex grammatical structures and vocabulary. The second purpose is to enhance your understanding of Chinese culture, society, people, and their everyday life as well as China's status quo since Deng Xiaoping's opening of China's market to western countries in 1978. The following 10 topics are covered in 0500: slogan culture; language policy and ethnic minority; manufacturing industry; idiom and economic policy; state-owned enterprises; Sino-US relations; college entrance exam; censorship; Taiwan issue; divorce and Women's rights; and population aging. Content and language-integrated learning (CLIL) is the key feature of this course. We use non-language content as a vehicle for promoting Chinese language proficiency.

Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to be able to:
To carry out long conversations in Chinese on more formal topics;
To read and produce longer Chinese texts;
To gain and use discursive and rhetoric knowledge of Chinese;
To be familiar with more Chinese words, phrases, and idioms;
To use common Chinese phrases/sentences appropriately in oral and written contexts.
To use Machine Translation, Optical Character Recognition, and Speech Recognition tools.

Course Requirements:

Preview
This course requires a substantial time commitment. To ensure the most effective use of time in class with the instructor and classmates, preparation in advance for each class is essential. Before coming to class, students are expected to have already familiarized themselves with the vocabulary and content of the day's class **by completing the online vocab quiz and reading the English translation of the text.**

Attendance & Participation
Regular attendance is expected. Any absences should be reported through the Course Absence Report system. (You can "CREATE AN ABSENCE NOTICE" by logging on to Path@Penn and choosing the "Course Action Notices" under "My Courses".) You are permitted five (5) absences for any reason, after which each additional absence will result in a 1-point reduction from your final grade. A tardiness of 15 minutes or more is counted as an absence. There are no "excused absences" – if you miss class, you are responsible for making up any work and for knowing the material covered.

Quizzes and Written Tests
Quizzes and written tests are given regularly. One of the lowest vocabulary quizzes will be automatically dropped. None of the oral and written tests will be dropped. If you miss any quiz/test, to qualify for a make-up, you need to submit official documents. Students who are qualified for make-ups have to make up the quiz/test within three days of their return.

Homework
Homework assignments must be submitted on their due date to be graded. All homework will be graded on a 10-point scale. Late homework will receive a 1-point penalty per day. Late homework will not be accepted and graded if submitted three days past the due date.

Oral Tests
Oral tests are given on alternate Fridays and are graded on a 10-point scale. The grading criteria include pronunciation, tones, grammar, content, coherence, and delivery. Students sign up for their time slots at the beginning of the semester and should go to the tests on time. If students miss their scheduled time slots without prior notice to the instructor, they will receive a 1-point penalty for rescheduling. Each student is only allowed to reschedule once per semester. None of the oral tests can be dropped.

Movie Presentation
This semester we will watch one movie in class. Details of this assignment will be announced later in class.

Final Project
Each student will present a video clip (or a PowerPoint Presentation with a recorded narration) as a final project on the last two days of class. Here are some of the suggested topics:

1. 中国的政治制度（e.g. 毛泽东思想对中国的影响、标语） - China's Political System (e.g., The Influence of Mao Zedong's Thought on China, Slogans)
2. 中国的语言（e.g. 普通话、简体字政策；成语、俗语） - Chinese Language (e.g., Mandarin, Simplified Character Policy; Idioms, Common Expressions)

3. 中国的经济发展（e.g. 中国产品对世界的影响；中美经济关系） - China's Economic Development (e.g., The Global Impact of Chinese Products, China-U.S. Economic Relations)
4. 中国的改革开放（e.g. 铁饭碗） - China's Reform and Opening-Up (e.g., Iron Rice Bowl)
5. 中美关系（e.g. 乒乓外交） - China-U.S. Relations (e.g., Ping Pong Diplomacy)
6. 中国的教育制度（e.g. 高考制度） - China's Education System (e.g., The Gaokao System)
7. 中国的文艺作品（e.g. 我最喜欢的一个中国电影） - Chinese Literary and Artistic Works (e.g., My Favorite Chinese Movie)
8. 海峡两岸关系（e.g. 大陆和台湾语言的异同） - Cross-Strait Relations (e.g., Similarities and Differences in Mainland China and Taiwan Languages)

Students are also encouraged to use their thesis/reports/essays from other content courses to make this project. Each project should follow the 4-7 minute time limit (about 600-900 characters script). We will have final project conferences before the presentations where students will be required to discuss the outline and content with the instructor. More details will be announced later in class.

Generative AI Contribution
Research has found that there is a heightened temptation for language learners to use AI translation and AI essay writing. Let's remember learning to think, to read, to research, and to communicate in Chinese for yourself is why you are here. AI-generated answers are prohibited for homework, quizzes, and exams. In this class, we will have assignments to experiment with AI, to have some fun, and to evaluate the content, language, and attitude of the tool. All work submitted on this course must be your own. Contributions from anyone or anything else- including AI sources for your assignments, must be properly quoted and cited every time they are used. Failure to do so constitutes an academic integrity violation. Once in a while, the instructor will call a student to her office to talk about a piece of submitted work in person, so to check on any violations of Penn Academic Integrity.

Evaluation:
In summary, we will learn 10 chapters in the 15 weeks. We will have about 10 vocabulary quizzes, 10 homework, 5 written tests, 5 oral tests, 1 movie presentation, and 1 final project. Your grades in this course will be decided by the following categories of performance.
1. Class attendance 5%
2. Class performance and preparation: 5%
3. Vocabulary quizzes (drop 1): 10%
4. Written tests: 20%
5. Oral tests: 10%
6. Homework: 20%
7. Movie presentation: 10%
8. Final Project: 20%

Grading Scale:
A: 94-100, A-: 90-94, B+: 87-90, B: 83-87, B-: 80-83,
C+: 77-80, C: 73-77, C-: 70-73, D+: 65-70, D: 60-65, F: Less than 60

Please enroll in the language course that corresponds to your demonstrated proficiency level. Students will not receive credit for any courses taken at a level lower than that indicated by their placement score or prior coursework.

Class Rules:
Violating the rules will affect your class performance grade.
1.   No activities unrelated to the class should be undertaken.
2.   Please come to class on time. Attending class 10 minutes after the beginning of the class will be marked as being late, which will affect your class performance grade negatively.
3.   If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what material was covered during your absence. Being absent is NOT an excuse for handing in homework late. You should still submit your homework on the due date even if you do not attend the class unless you have received permission from the instructor in advance.