

CHIN 0620 Reading and Writing IV Spring 2025

COURSE SYLLABUS

MW 10:15 a.m.-11:44 a.m.

Classroom:

Instructor

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<https://upenn.zoom.us/j/6099231829>

Required Textbooks and Materials

You can get these books in Penn Bookstore

1. *Oh, China! Modern Chinese Reader for Advanced Beginner*/ Chih-ping Chou, Princeton University, 2011. (OC)
2. *Beyond the Basics, 2nd edition* / Jianhua Bai, Cheng & Tsui Co., Boston, 2009. (BB)
3. *Jeremy Lin: Chinese Biographies*, 2nd Edition / Grace Wu, Cheng & Tsui Co., Boston, 2016. (LL)

Course Materials and on-line resources (tools)

1. **Chinese Biographies** <http://chinesebiographies.cheng-tsui.com/>
2. **The Chairman's Bao** <https://www.thechairmansbao.com/institution-home/?ins=UPENN> token code:tcbupenn10

Course Description / Objectives

CHIN 0620 is the Chinese reading and writing course specifically designed for students at the intermediate writing level. This course concentrates on writing of multi-paragraph essays through the use of conventional rhetorical modes and standard grammatical structures. Students will be given ample time to think and to discuss (the crucial “brainstorming” phase) before writing. The course stresses content as well as form and draws this content from students’ personal experiences, assigned reading and other stimuli such as Internet, newspapers and films. By the end of the term, students are expected to:

1. Write well-developed paragraphs using supporting detail and clear topic sentences.
2. Meet the practical writing tasks of different topics such as writing about education, problems in society and relationships, ...etc.

3. Develop an understanding of descriptive, narrative and comparative rhetorical pattern of expression.
4. Write essays with answers to content-based questions requiring definition and argumentation.

Requirements

1. Students should write both in class under test conditions and outside of class. Both types of writing should be revised and edited over a series of drafts.
2. Students should write *three* revised and edited papers of *800-1000 words at least four or five paragraphs*.
3. Grammar tests and quizzes will be given at intervals throughout the semester.
4. A brief character dictation will be given on *Monday (mostly)* of current new lesson.

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 three (3) absences for any reason, after which each additional absence will result in a 1-point reduction from your final grade. Tardiness of 15-minutes or more is counted as absence. There are no “excused absences” – if you miss class, you are responsible for making up any work and for knowing the material covered.

Topics for Reading and Writing

Week 1-2	Unit 1: Money Management 理财
Week 3-4	Unit 2: Freedom of Speech 言论自由
Week 5-8	Unit 3: Marriage & Education 婚姻和教育/历史人物
Week 9-10	Unit 4: Happiness 快乐在哪里?
Week 11	Unit 5: Love 爱情
Week 12	Unit 6: Poverty 贫穷
Week 13-14	Unit 7: Jeremy Lin 林书豪人物传记
Week 15-16	Presentation and Exam

Evaluations:

The course grade will consist of the following components:

In-class writings/journals/padlet plus portfolio	30%
Mid-term exam	20%
Last exam	15%
Dictation quizzes and homework	20%
Final project	10%
The Chairman Bao report	5%

Week By Week Schedule
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Week	Monday	Wednesday
1		Spring semester starts on Jan 15 Unit 1: Money Management 理财 OC 29
2	20 MLK, Jr. Day observed (no classes)	22 OC 29 <i>Reading: 富爸爸, 穷爸爸</i> https://fliphtml5.com/wwcby/dcdq/%E5%AF%8C%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%A9%B7%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8/
3	27 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on OC 29</i> Unit 2: Freedom of Speech 言论自由 OC 24	29 Unit 2: Freedom of Speech 言论自由 OC 24

4	Feb 3 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on OC 24</i> Debate: 1. 网路暴力 vs 言论自由 2. 无债一身轻 vs 借钱过日子	5 Unit 3: 人物特寫-教育和爱情 OC 32 容闳
5	10 In-Class Writing (1)	12 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on OC 32</i> OC 32 容闳
6	17 OC 33 秋瑾	19 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on OC 33 part I</i> OC 33 秋瑾
7	24 In-class Writing (2)	26 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on OC 33 Part II</i> OC 33 秋瑾
8	March 3 人物介绍-戈鲲化 (1838-1882) Midterm exam review	March 5 Mental Health Lecture 12-1:30 Bodek Lounge (Houston Hall)
9	10 Spring Break	12 Spring Break
10	17 Mid-term Exam (OC 24, 29, 32 and 33)	19 Unit 4: Happiness 快乐在哪里? BB 12
11	24 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on BB 12</i> BB 12	26 Unit 5: Poverty 贫穷 BB 10 Poverty

12	31 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on BB 10</i> BB 10	April 2 Unit 6: Love 爱情 BB 9 Love
13	7 <i>Vocabulary Quiz on BB 9</i> BB 9 Final Project Script due	9 Jeremy Lin
14	14 Jeremy Lin	16 Jeremy Lin
15	21 Portfolio (Book Creator) due Final Project Presentation	23 Final Project Presentation
16	28 Last Exam (BB 12,10, 9 and Jeremy Lin)	30 End of Year De-Stress and CLP party 5:30- p.m. ARCH 208

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