

University of Pennsylvania
Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations

CHIN0700 Advanced Modern Chinese I 高级汉语上 (Fall 2024)

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Required Textbook:

Lee, Kunshan, Hsin-hsin Liang, Liwei Jiao, Julian Wheatley. *The Routledge Advanced Chinese Multimedia Course* 文化纵横观, 2nd edition, Routledge, 2014.

Used and new hard copies are available at Penn Bookstore.

eBook is available: <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9781315818375>

Lesson 1 is available for view here: <https://www.book2look.com/embed/9781317816676>

Course Description:

Objective: This is an advanced-level Chinese language course aiming to enhance students' Chinese language skills and cultural knowledge in order to communicate with their contemporary Chinese peers. Students learn to master more advanced-level vocabulary, structures and expressions through topics such as online dating, popular media culture, consumer culture, economy and urbanization. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to narrate, describe, and comment on societal topics with good linguistic devices at the advanced level. With a gradually increased load of vocabulary and China knowledge, students will also read, analyze materials written mainly for native speakers and see connections of Chinese cultural perspectives, cultural practices and products.

Prerequisite: completion of CHIN0500 (former CHIN212) Intermediate Modern Chinese II or equivalent of the Advanced-Low level based on ACTFL proficiency guidelines. Freshmen with prior learning history in high school should take the Placement/Proficiency Exam in Chinese (<http://web.sas.upenn.edu/chinese/placement/>). 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.

Course Requirements:

Attendance (5%): Language learning is a process of habit-formation. Therefore, it is essential to attend all class meetings, actively participate in class activities, and keep up with all course work on a daily basis to learn the language. You are expected to come to every class meeting and show up on time. Poor attendance, frequent lateness, and early departure will negatively affect your attendance grade. Student will be deducted 1 point from their final grade of each unexplained and undocumented absence beyond the **first four class hours**. If you miss a class, it is your own responsibility to find out what material was covered during your absence. Please be punctual. Attending class 10 minutes after the beginning of class will be regarded as being late. Three late arrivals will be regarded as one unexplained absence.

As an integral part of the Penn community, the Chinese Language Program instructors strictly follow the guidelines and protocols announced by the university and the School of Arts and Sciences. Please refer to [Penn's Public Health Guidance](#).

For any reason, if you are prevented from attending class for more than two class meetings, please use the [Course Absence Report](#) system to report. Students should also come up at their earliest convenience with a plan to study what was covered during the absence to avoid affecting their attendance score significantly.

Preparation & Participation (10%): Preview, completion of preview assignments before class meeting, participation in speaking activities and constant review are essential for successful language learning. The instructor expects you to study the vocabulary very well and complete preview assignments before attending each class meeting. The participation grade is based on the student's active engagement in class

activities. **Usage of digital devices is strictly limited to class related activities acknowledged by the instructor.**

Assignments (30%): Written assignments (10%) on sentence patterns and knowledge of the text, oral assignments (10%) on pronunciation and reading of the text, and writing assignment (10%) on designated topics should be submitted by the deadline as indicated on weekly schedule. Incomplete or substandard assignments will only receive partial grade. Unless specified, all electronic submissions are due by 11PM on the due day. Frequent late submission may affect your grade in class performance and preparation.

Quizzes and Exams (40%): There will be preview vocabulary quizzes (10%) almost every week. Dates of quizzes will be posted in advance, and all vocabulary quizzes should be completed before the class meeting. All vocabulary quizzes are electronic submission using Quizlet, and a step-by-step instruction can be found on Canvas. For dictation quizzes (10%), the instructor will dictate one sentence for the students to write characters (with pinyin and tone marks) and translate into English. One lowest score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Unit Tests (20%) consist of a 30-minute written exam and a 10-min oral exam and will be given at the end of each unit. There will be one review session before the unit test, and the test format will be announced in advance.

No make-up quizzes or exams will be allowed unless you have your instructor's approval in advance. Make-ups might not receive full credit.

Final Project (15%): No final written exam, but there will be one final research-based project at the end of the semester. With the guidance of the instructor, students will choose a topic related to contemporary Chinese society and work out a bilingual research-based video presentation to demonstrate your learning and ability to use the language at the advanced level.

Class Rules: This is a language class that requires interactive communication in the target language. Please maximize your opportunity to speak Chinese in the class and outside the class. Any degree of violation of the Academic Code will result in a failing grade and disciplinary action by the university.

Academic Integrity

Students who violate the [University's Code of Academic Integrity](#) will be sanctioned accordingly. These sanctions can include a course grade of F or expulsion from the University. Violations include plagiarism (using part or all of someone else's ideas or language without proper citation), cheating (copying any part of an assignment or test including homework from another student or source), fabricating data or sources, and submitting a paper that has been used in another course without first obtaining permission from the instructor. Please read the entire code, which can be found at:

http://www.upenn.edu/academicintegrity/ai_codeofacademicintegrity.html

Grading: Your grade in this course will be based strictly on the following categories.

Attendance	5%
Preparation & Performance	5% first half; 5% 2 nd half
Vocabulary Quizzes	10% (drop one lowest)
Dictation Quizzes	10% (drop one lowest)
Written Assignments (pattern practice and reading comprehension)	10%
Oral Assignment (reading and pronunciation recordings)	10%
Writing Assignments	10%
Unit Tests (Oral + Written)	20%
Final presentational project	15%

A: 94-100; A-: 90-93.99; B+: 87-89.99; B: 83-86.99; B-: 80-82.99; C+: 77-79.99; C: 73-76.99; C-: 70-72.99; D+: 65-69.99; D: 60-64.99; F: 59 or below.