

CHIN 0331: Intermediate Cantonese

Fall 2022

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Class meeting: Tuesdays 7:00pm -8:30pm and Thursdays 7:00 -8:30 pm

Classroom: TBD

Textbook:

粤语速成 (初级教材) from commercial press

<https://item.jd.com/1112069348.html>

Course Description

This course is a prerequisite of a one-semester sequence of Intermediate Cantonese—CHIN 0331.

Please know that this course ALONE CANNOT fulfill the College or Wharton language requirement; or grant you the language certificate. If you want to use Cantonese to fulfill the University's Foreign Language Requirement, your Cantonese should reach intermediate level and pass Chinese program reading and writing test. If you had no Cantonese exposure and did not speak Cantonese before, you are suggested to take 4 CUs of Cantonese courses.

Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to communicate in Cantonese beyond daily life needs. The language focus of this course is on conversations and discussions. After this course, students will be able to initiate and take part in dialogue conversations, such as talking about campus life, traffic in Hong Kong, seeing a doctor, studying Hong Kong's culture, improving living conditions, and etc.

Course Requirements and grading

Attendance-----10%

It is strictly required that you attend the class regularly. Having more than FOUR unexcused absences will greatly affect your final grade. If you need to be absent for legitimate reasons, including but limited to illness, emergency, academic and athletic obligations, you must provide official documentation. Please email the instructor prior to class for your absence.

Tardiness is disruptive and disrespectful to the lecturer and to your classmates. Please be punctual.

Participation-----10%

Students need to pay full concentration in class, take notes as necessary and participate in in-class activities actively. Do not use cell phones in class. Keep your phone mute during class.

Homework-----25%

Homework of each unit consists of two/three parts: text reading, oral translation and dialogues.

- 1) Text reading:
Record yourself reading the dialogues in the textbook. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the text audio recordings and practice before doing this assignment.
- 2) Oral translation:
Translate the text you read orally.
- 3) Dialogue:

You will work with one of your classmates. Record your dialogue according to the English prompts or scenario in Cantonese.

To encourage communication and interaction among students, you are advised to work with different classmates for each homework.

Criteria of grading: tones, pronunciation, grammar, coherence and fluency

***Please note that NO late homework will be graded. Being absent is not an excuse for late homework.**

Quizzes-----20%

Regular quizzes, both oral and written, will be given in asynchronous class or in class. Some of these will be unannounced, so each student should make regular study a priority.

Oral tests and Presentation-----20%

There will be two oral tests in this semester. Detailed guidelines will be given in class prior to the oral tests. Students are expected to be well prepared for the tests.

Criteria of grading: tones, pronunciation, grammar, coherence and fluency

Each student will do two to four presentations in this semester, depending on the number of the students and the course schedule. The presentations will be in Cantonese. Topics and guidelines will be given in class prior to the presentations.

Criteria of grading: pronunciation, grammar, coherence, fluency and ideas

Final oral project-----15%

Students work individually to perform a short story that (to some extent) simulates a real life situation, applying the speaking skills learned in this semester. You are encouraged to be imaginative and creative. More guidelines will be given after midterm.

Criteria of grading: pronunciation, grammar, coherence, fluency and ideas

Academic integrity

All Penn students and faculties should follow the principles of academic integrity. For more information, please refer to the following website:

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

Additional notes:

1. Students are strongly advised to discuss with the instructor immediately if they have any difficulties keeping up.
2. The instructor reserves the right to modify or reschedule parts of the course schedule throughout the semester as necessary for the needs or/and objectives of the class.

CHIN 0331 Course Schedule Fall 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/28	8/29	8/30 Overview & Lesson 1 Introduction	8/31	9/1 Lesson 1& 2 School activities	9/2	9/3
9/4	9/5 Labor Day	9/6 Lesson 1& 2 School life	9/7	9/8 Lesson 2 School life	9/9	9/10

9/11	9/12	9/13 Presentation School life	9/14	9/15 Lesson 3 Eating at dining room	9/16	9/17
9/18	9/19	9/20 Lesson 3 Eating at dining room	9/21	9/22 Group work Lesson 4 Going out shopping	9/23	9/24
9/25	9/26	9/27 Lesson 4	9/28	9/29 Lesson 4	9/30	10/1
10/2	10/3	10/4 Presentation	10/5	10/6 Fall	10/7 Term	10/8
10/9 Break	10/10	10/11 Oral test #1 1- 4	10/12	10/13 Lesson 8	10/14	10/15
10/16	10/17	10/18 Lesson 8	10/19	10/20 Lesson 8	10/21	10/22
10/23	10/24	10/25 Presentation Health	10/26	10/27 Lesson 9	10/28	10/29
10/30	10/31	11/1 Lesson 9	11/2	11/3 Lesson 9	11/4	11/5
11/6	11/7	11/8 Presentation HK	11/9	11/10 Lesson 10	11/11	11/12
11/13	11/14	11/15 Lesson 10	11/16	11/17 Lesson 10	11/18	11/19
11/20	11/21	11/22 Discussion People life HK	11/23	11/24 THANKSGIVING	11/25	11/26
11/27 BREAK	11/28	11/29 Review 7- 10	11/30	12/1 Oral test # 2	12/2	12/3
12/4	12/5	12/6 Presentation prep	12/7	12/8 Final project presentation	12/9	12/10
12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17

