

CHIN 0805 Advanced Spoken Mandarin II
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Monday/Wednesday 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

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Course Description

This course is designed for students who have completed at least the intermediate-level Chinese language course (CHIN-0600) at the University of Pennsylvania or have studied the language for at least three years. The objective of this course is to consolidate the knowledge and skills students have acquired from previous Mandarin Chinese classes and to enhance their oral expressive skills and China knowledge by using Chinese authentic materials such as Chinese movies, news, websites, and podcasts. The themes **of the course include religion, race and immigration, foreign policies, family relations, gay marriage, abortion, gun control, health insurance, and sci-fi movies**. In addition, the course stresses connecting students' Chinese language and China knowledge with their academic majors and minors. Students will be challenged to give presentations on the topics in their academic studies.

This course is ideal for students with tight schedules or just coming back from studying abroad. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to carry on a conversation with a Mandarin speaker on various common topics and gather information necessary for conducting oral presentations and speeches. Students' presentational and conversational skills are strengthened, and they gain confidence in working with Chinese authentic materials.

This course CANNOT be used to fulfill language requirements, but you can use either this course OR CHIN 0705 Advanced Spoken Mandarin I to get the Language Certificate.

Course Procedures

In this class, we will not use any textbook. There will be a limited amount of reading but **frequent in-class discussions and oral presentations will make up the majority of class time**. Students are expected to learn from the process of preparing for their oral presentations. For each class, a topic will be discussed and a brief reading (and/or audio-visual material) and discussion questions will be given to students in advance. Before each class, students are expected to preview the reading/audio-visual materials and reflect on the questions. This course requires a substantial time commitment. Students are expected to spend an average of three to five hours per week outside of class on preparation and homework.

Course Requirements

Preview and vocab quizzes

To ensure the most effective use of time in class, preparation in advance is essential. Before coming to class, students are expected to have already familiarized themselves with the vocabulary of the day's class by studying the key vocabulary on **Quizlet** and completing the online **vocab quiz** on Canvas.

Homework

Homework assignments must be finished before the due time to be graded. All homework will be graded on a 10-point scale. ~~Late homework will receive a 1 point penalty per day anymore. Late homework will not be accepted and graded if submitted three days past the due date.~~ To improve your mental health, late homework will be accepted.

Mini presentations

Mini presentations are based on homework assignments, which give students opportunities to practice their oral skills in class.

Movie Presentations

Students will watch three Chinese movies and do three oral presentations.

News Reports

Students will be required to make 6 to 9 news reports (1 minute long) based on newspapers or online media.

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, **April 25 and April 27**, on any topic that s/he is interested. Each project should follow the 6–8-minute time limit (about 700-800 characters script). We will have two 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.

Attendance Rules

Each student is allowed TWO unexcused absences. Any further absences will be looked upon unfavorably and result in a penalty of 1 point in the attendance portion, which will seriously jeopardize your final grade. You need to submit legitimate documents for any excused absence.

Course Evaluation

Preview vocab quizzes	12%
Homework	20%
Mini Presentations	20%
Movie Presentations	15%
News Reports	8%
Final Project	20%
Class Attendance & Participation	5%

Grading Scale

A: 94-100, A-: 90-94, B+: 87-90, B: 84-87, B-: 80-84,
C+: 77-80, C: 74-77, C-: 70-74, D+: 65-70, D: 60-65,
F: below 60