

CHIN 0878 Advanced Medical Chinese
Spring Semester 2024
Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm

Instructor

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Course Description & Objectives

Advanced Medical Chinese is a content-based language course that offers Mandarin training to medical and nursing students and other health-related professionals who may need to visit China or to serve Chinese-speaking patients with limited English proficiency. For physician/nurse-patient communication purposes, it is designed for students who have studied Chinese for three years or more in a regular college program or with equivalent language proficiency. This course also aims to improve patient care in the Chinese community by reducing language and cultural barriers. It will enhance learners' overall language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in the context of clinical healthcare settings. Topics of the course range from basic rapport-building and medical terminology to Chinese cultural and social attitudes toward health-related issues.

Through reading and discussing the reading materials and performing both controlled and task-based exercises, students not only explore medical issues in reality but also have the opportunity to actively use the language. It is hoped that after working with the literature and textbook, students can be better prepared linguistically and culturally in their future medical careers.

Attendance Policy

To meet the above goals, students are required to attend class regularly and punctually and participate actively. Regular attendance is mandatory and strictly monitored. If a student cannot come to class, please email the instructor in advance. You are permitted three (3) absences **for any reason**, after which **each additional absence will result in a 1 point deduction from your FINAL GRADE**. Any significant tardiness or early departure from class will be counted as a half absence. You are expected to actively participate in all class activities. Please note that an 8/10 is satisfactory participation. Grades lower than an 8 are for students who demonstrate unsatisfactory participation and grades higher than an 9 are reserved for students who demonstrate exemplary participation.

Preview Assignments

Preview assignments are used as a preparation for class and should be completed by the due day. Up to two attempts are allowed for each assignment. Two of your lowest scores on the preview assignments will be automatically dropped and not counted toward your final grade. There will be no make-ups for the preview assignments.

Quizzes and Exams

1) Quizzes

Format of the quizzes include vocabulary, multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blanks, and short answer questions and will be conducted roughly every other week at the beginning of class. Your lowest score on the in-class quizzes will be automatically dropped and not counted toward your final grade. If you miss more than one in-class quiz, you are allowed to take ONE make-up quiz. If you arrange the make-up quiz with your instructor prior to the quiz date, there will be no penalty. However, a 10 % deduction will be applied without prior arrangement.

2) Exams

There will be a mid-term exam and a final exam. You are allowed to take a make-up exam if you have a legitimate conflict and provide official documentation. If you arrange the make-up exam with your instructor prior to the exam date, there will be no penalty. However, a 10% deduction will be applied without prior arrangement.

Homework

Homework assignments must be turned in on the due day. 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 after **three days** past the due day.

Midterm Presentation & Final Project

Students will conduct a midterm presentation on one type of cancer and a final video project on a self-chosen topic. Powerpoint slides are required for the midterm presentation and students are expected to answer questions raised by the instructor and other students.

Possible topics:

- Medical system in China
- Medical education in China
- Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine
- Public health issues in China
- Self-defined topics

Course Assessment

- Attendance/Participation: 10%
- Two exams: 30% = 2 x 15%
- Preview Assignments (drop 2) 13% = 13 x 1%
- Quizzes (drop 1) 12% = 4 x 3%
- Homework: 20%
- Midterm Presentation: 5%
- Final project: 10%

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Date	Content
1/18 (Thurs.)	Course Introduction; Self-introduction; Survey 课程介绍 Overview: The Human Body Terminology 人体医学专有名词总览
1/23 (Tues.)	Hematology: Blood System 血液内科, 血液系统
1/25 (Thurs.)	Quiz (1) Cardiology: Heart and Circulation 心内科, 循环系统
1/30 (Tues.)	Rheumatology: Immune System 风湿科, 免疫系统
2/1 (Thurs.)	Traditional Chinese Medicine 传统中医药 (一)
2/6 (Tues.)	Traditional Chinese Medicine 传统中医药 (二)
2/8 (Thurs.)	Dermatology: Skin 皮肤科
2/13 (Tues.)	Quiz (2) Orthopedics: Bone Tissues 骨科, 骨组织
2/15 (Thurs.)	Respiratory Medicine: Respiratory System 呼吸内科, 呼吸系统
2/20 (Tues.)	Movie: The Farewell 电影: 别告诉她
2/22 (Thurs.)	Chinese Culture on Health and Death 中国文化与生死观
2/27 (Tues.)	Quiz (3) Gastroenterology: Digestive System 消化科, 消化系统
2/29 (Thurs.)	Midterm Presentation 期中口头报告
3/5 (Tues.)	Happy Spring Break!
3/7 (Thurs.)	春假快乐!
3/12 (Tues.)	Neurology: Nervous System 神经内科, 神经系统
3/14 (Thurs.)	Midterm Exam 期中考
3/19 (Tues.)	Movie: Dying to Survive 电影: 我不是药神
3/21 (Thurs.)	Public Health Issues in China 中国公共卫生议题
3/26 (Tues.)	Ophthalmology: Visual Organs 眼科, 视觉器官
3/28 (Thurs.)	ENT: Vestibulocochlear Organs 耳鼻喉科, 听觉器官
4/2 (Tues.)	Quiz (4) Urology: Urinary System 泌尿科, 泌尿系统
4/4 (Thurs.)	Obstetrics and Gynecology: Reproductive System 妇产科, 生殖系统
4/9 (Tues.)	Pediatrics 儿科
4/11 (Thurs.)	Chinese Culture on Pregnancy and Childbirth 中国文化与怀孕生产
4/16 (Tues.)	Quiz (5) Endocrinology: Endocrine System 内分泌科, 内分泌系统
4/18 (Thurs.)	Movie: Mad World 电影: 一念无明
4/23 (Tues.)	Mental Health 精神卫生
4/25 (Thurs.)	Final Project Showcase 期末视频展示
4/30 (Tues.)	Final Exam 期末考