

Georgia Institute of Technology

School of Modern Languages

Accelerated Intermediate Chinese II

CHIN 2012

Fall 2012

Class Hours: TR 1:45-3:15

Classroom: Clough Commons 248

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a 3 credit, intermediate level accelerated Chinese language course for the students who have successfully completed CHIN2011 (or the equivalent courses). The course aims to develop students' language proficiency in the four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing Mandarin Chinese) higher than the level of Intermediate Chinese I. The course will complete ten lessons (11-20) of the required textbook, including the topics of Chinese festivals, Changes in China, travel, life and wellness, gender, environment and energy, money management and investing, Chinese history, job interview and foreigners in China. Three in class hours will be devoted to each lesson, with a focus on conversation practice, compositional competence and grammatical exercises.

OBJECTIVES

After completing this course, students are expected to improve significantly their language skills: to engage logically and meaningfully in more sophisticated conversations with native speakers in real life situations, compose longer passages and short essays and use vocabulary, expressions and sentence structure with accuracy and appropriate context.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICY

- (1) Attendance and class participation are crucial to language study, so they comprise a significant part of your overall grade. You are expected to attend every class meeting punctually and participate actively in class. **THREE** reasonable absences will be excused throughout the semester. More than three absences will result in a lower final grade by one rank, e.g. from A to B. You automatically fail the course if you skip **NINE** classes. This includes all excused absences for reasons of ill health, family emergency, and university-sponsored co-curricular activities. It is required that the student informs the

instructor the circumstances of the absence (preferably before the class you will be absent from) and should request assistance in meeting academic responsibilities. It is your responsibility to study the class content you missed.

- (2) It is politely insisted that students arrive before the start of class, not at or after it. If you arrive a few minutes early, you can review, organize, focus mentally and prepare physically to participate. It is demoralizing and intrusive when students arrive late to class.
- (3) The course will be taught primarily in Chinese throughout the semester. If you need further explanation in English, please come to office hours.
- (4) Homework assignments should be completed and submitted by the due date and time; you will receive only **80%** of the credit for a late homework assignment or a make-up exam. Assignments will not be accepted after a week of the original due date.
- (5) Pop-up quizzes will be given in every class in various forms. No make-up quizzes are accepted. A test will be given after two lessons. A make-up test must be taken within a week.
- (6) There will be no midterm exam, but there will be a final, including an oral exam.
- (7) An essay is required after each lesson is completed, with topics related to the texts.
- (8) Supplementary class materials, lesson plans and assignments will be posted on T-Square on a daily basis. It is the student's responsibility to check T-Square and emails regularly for updates and announcements.
- (9) In emailing the instructor, please include "CHIN 2002" and your name in the subject to ensure that your email is not inadvertently trashed as spam. Please include your first and last name in your email message.
- (10) All students in this course are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech's Honor Code.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Yao, Tao-chung & Yuehua Liu, et. al. **Integrated Chinese, Level 2 Part 2 Textbook, 3rd Edition (Simplified & Traditional)**. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Co., 2010.

Yao, Tao-chung & Yuehua Liu, et. al. **Integrated Chinese, Level 2 Part 2 Workbook, 3rd Edition (Simplified & Traditional)** 3rd Edition (Simplified). Boston: Cheng & Tsui Co., 2010.

Yao, Tao-chung & Yuehua Liu, et. al. **Integrated Chinese, Level 2 Part 2 Character Workbook, 3rd Edition (Simplified & Traditional)**. 3rd Edition (Simplified). Boston: Cheng & Tsui Co., 2010.

GRADING:

1. Class Attendance, Participation and Performance (15%)

You're expected to actively participate in the drills, conversation practices, discussions, and other class activities.

2. Quizzes (10%) (vocabulary, expressions and sentences)

3. Homework Assignments (15%)

- 1) Lesson tests and exams will draw in part from workbook assignments.
- 2) All homework assignments are required to be submitted at the beginning of class.

4. Tests (20%)

There is one test every two lessons. Each test takes approximately one hour.

5. Essays (20%)

6. Final Exam (20%)

Grade Scale: 100—90 A; 89—80 B; 79—70 C; 69—60 D; 59—0 F.

Note: minimum grade for “pass” if taking this class pass/fail is 70 (C).

Weekly Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Assignments	Primary Assessment
1	8/21	Tuesday	Lesson 11: Chinese Festivals Grammar and Vocab	
	8/23	Thursday	Lesson 11: Chinese Festivals Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 11.1
2	8/28	Tuesday	Lesson 11: Chinese Festivals Writing Workshop: Chinese and American Festivals	Vocabulary quiz 11.2
	8/30	Thursday	Lesson 12: Changes in China Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 12.1
3	9/4	Tuesday	Lesson 12: Changes in China Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 12.2
	9/6	Thursday	Lesson 12: Changes in China Writing Workshop: American Images of	

			China	
4	9/11	Tuesday	TEST #1 L11-L12	TEST #1 L11-L12
	9/13	Thursday	Lesson 13: Travel Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 13.1
5	9/18	Tuesday	Lesson 13: Travel Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 13.2
	9/20	Thursday	Lesson 13: Travel Writing Workshop: Travel	
6	9/25	Tuesday	Lesson 14: Life and Wellness Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 14.1
	9/27	Thursday	Lesson 14: Life and Wellness Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 14.2
7	10/2	Tuesday	Lesson 14: Life and Wellness Writing Workshop: Survey on Chinese Health System	
	10/4	Thursday	TEST #2 L13-L14	TEST #2 L13-L14
8	10/9	Tuesday	Lesson 15: Gender Equality Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 15.1
	10/11	Thursday	Lesson 15: Gender Equality Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 15.2
9	10/16	Tuesday	Fall Break	
	10/18	Thursday	Lesson 15: Gender Equality Writing Workshop: Women in China and U.S.	
10	10/23	Tuesday	Lesson 16: Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 16.1
	10/25	Thursday	Lesson 16: Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 16.2
11	10/30	Tuesday	Lesson 16: Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Writing Workshop: Environmental Issues in China	

	11/1	Thursday	Test #3 L15-L16	Test #3 L15-L16
12	11/6	Tuesday	Lesson 17: Money Management and Investing Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 17.1
	11/8	Thursday	Lesson 17: Money Management and Investing Text and Cultural Discussion	Vocab quiz 17.2
13	11/13	Tuesday	Lesson 17: Money Management and Investing Writing Workshop: Tips for Money Management	
	11/15	Thursday	Lesson 18: Chinese History Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 18.1
14	11/20	Tuesday	Lesson 18: Chinese History Text and Cultural Discussion & Writing Workshop: Introducing a Historical Period of China	Vocab quiz 18.2
	11/22	Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday: no classes	
15	11/27	Tuesday	Lesson 19: Interviewing for a Job Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 19.1
	11/29	Thursday	Lesson 19: Interviewing for a Job Text and Cultural Discussion & Writing Workshop: How to Interview Successfully	Vocab quiz 19.2
16	12/4	Tuesday	Lesson 20: Foreigners in China Grammar and Vocab	Vocab quiz 20.1
	12/6	Thursday	Lesson 20: Foreigners in China Text and Discussion & Writing Workshop: My Experience in China	Vocab quiz 20.2
Final Exam	12/11	Tuesday	2:50pm - 5:40pm	

PERFORMANCE GOALS

ML PERFORMANCE GOAL #1: PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

**ML Learning Outcome 1 :
Demonstrate oral and aural**

CHIN 2012: Students will demonstrate oral proficiency of pronunciation and tones at the Novice High – Intermediate

proficiency in the target language	Low ACTFL level
ML Learning Outcome 2: Demonstrate effective presentation skills in the target language	CHIN 2012: Students will demonstrate the ability to present in class for 3-5 minutes with minimal notes on selected topics
ML Learning Outcome 3: Demonstrate writing proficiency in the target language	CHIN 2012: Students will produce written sentences up to two short paragraphs covering topics such as cultural change, life and wellness, gender, environment and energy, history and job interviews at the Novice High - Intermediate Low on the ACTFL level
ML Learning Outcome 4: Demonstrate proficiency in comprehension of authentic written texts in the target Language	CHIN 2012: Students will demonstrate comprehension of elementary - intermediate textbook material
ML PERFORMANCE GOAL #2: INTERCULTURAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE	
ML Learning Outcome 5: Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a <i>specific</i> target-language country or region	CHIN 2012: Students will learn to research and do simple knowledge of topics such as cultural change, life and wellness, gender, environment and energy, history and job interviews
ML Learning Outcome 6: Demonstrate the ability to analyze an issue from target-culture perspective(s)	CHIN 2012: Students will learn to research and do analysis of topics such as cultural change, life and wellness, gender, environment and energy, history and job interviews
ML Learning Outcome 7: Demonstrate critical reflection on cultural complexity and context	CHIN 2012: Students will learn to research and do reflection on topics such as cultural change, life and wellness, gender, environment and energy, history and job interviews