

CHIN 2024 Advanced Language Skills I

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Study Abroad in China

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Course Description:

This is a Chinese course for further development of writing and reading skills for students with basic knowledge of the structure of Chinese. Continued practice in reading and understanding authentic literary and nonliterary texts on a variety of levels. 3 credits 3 hours.

Course outcomes:

1. Students develop skills of conceptual analysis and critical thinking skills of examining, comparing, and assessing literatures.
2. Students describe and analyze structural, thematic and other characteristic elements of the various literary texts read in the class, demonstrating an awareness of the possibilities of ambiguity of multiple perspectives.

Textbook:

New Practical Chinese Reader (5), Liu Xun, Beijing Language University Press, 2005, ISBN 7-5619-1408-3

Methods of Assessment:

1. **Class discussion:** Students are required to read the assigned texts and prepared for the presentation of their write assignment before the class. Students are strongly expected to make contributions to class discussion.
2. **Examination:** Students are asked to create sentences with key expressions from the text
3. **Essays:** Students are required to write a short essay according to the theme of each chapter and serve as the commentator to critic his or her partners' essay, then present to class.

Grading:

Attendance	10%
Participation	10%
Essay	40%
Midterm	20%
Final	20%

Course schedule:

Session 1: Introduction

Session 2: Chap. 51 Motherly Love

Session 3: Chap. 52 Valentine's Day

Session 4: Chap. 53 Five Flavors

Session 5: Chap. 54 The Beijing City

Session 6: Chap. Review

Mid-term Exam

Session 7: Chap. 55 New Vegetarianists

Session 8: Chap. 56 The Story of Rice Crossing

Session 9: Chap. 57 Newly Married

Session 10: Chap. Review

Session 11: Chap. 58 Memory of My Father

Session 12: Chap. 59 Secrets of Eighteen Years

Session 13: Chap. 60 "Pearl Bird"

Session 14: General review

(Final exam)

University's policy on Academic Integrity:

"The faculty and administration of Brooklyn College support an environment free from cheating and plagiarism. Each student is responsible for being aware of what constitutes cheating and plagiarism and for avoiding both. The complete text of the CUNY Academic Integrity Policy and the Brooklyn College procedure for implementing that policy can be found at this site: <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/policies>. If a faculty member suspects a violation of academic integrity and, upon investigation, confirms that violation, or if the student admits the violation, the faculty member MUST report the violation."

Because this class is part of the study abroad in China program, students are encouraged to make the best use of their time in China to practice the Chinese language. In addition to attending and learning in regular class sessions, students are also required

1. To find partners or form small groups to practice the lessons and language skills after class; and
2. To speak Chinese whenever and wherever they can while in China.

Attendance and Participation:

Students should actively participate in class activities. Prompt attendance is mandatory for all class sessions. Each absence without instructor's permission will result in 2 percent deduction from the final grade of the course; two late arrivals or early departures are equal to one absence.

As this course is part of the study abroad program, students are advised that their behavior during the program may affect their final grade for the course.

Non-Brooklyn College students are required to keep a course portfolio of all work and assignment submissions for this course, to be evaluated by the appropriate office and committee at their home institution for equivalent credits.

Class Meetings

At least 15 class sessions will be scheduled, with each session for 3 hours, plus additional sessions to practice language skills in real life situations.

Most formal class sessions are scheduled to be conducted during our three-week stay in Nanjing, but a few (2-3) sessions may take place while the group is visiting the first two cities of Beijing and Xi'an. Normally, the class meets 8:30-11:30 am on weekdays (and on some weekend days and evenings if necessary) during our stay in Nanjing.

One hour lab time each day:

Students can come to the place where the instructor is, who will answer questions (either in the afternoon or evening). It is not compulsory for students to come if they prefer to do the lab work in their room with their own computer, and in their own self-designated time (the point is that everyone must do it and get ready for the performance quiz of next morning).

Actual schedule of the class meetings and the location may not be announced until the group's arrival in China and may be subject to change, sometimes at short notice. Students are advised to check their email often for notification for possible changes. The instructor reserves the right to make necessary adjustments in the class schedule and evaluation in response to the changing situation during the course of the program in China.