



CHIN 401: Advanced Chinese IV

Course Overview

This course is designed for language students with at least 8-9 semesters of formal training in Chinese. Course contents are structured to help students strengthen their language skills through improved proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Chinese. Through a wide range of learning activities such as daily dictation, bi-weekly tests, recalling of conversation, story-telling, dialogue construction, presentations, and skit performances, the course focuses students toward further improving their pronunciation and tones; learning new grammar patterns; and applying the grammar and vocabulary learned.

Learning Objectives

Students learn at least 42 new Chinese words in each class session; and are encouraged to master approximately 1800 new words; and 185 new grammar patterns by the end of the semester. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Use Chinese confidently as they navigate through their day-to-day activities;
2. Hold conversations with local Chinese communities on common topics such as those related to culture, food, local arts, etc.;
3. Apply a more sophisticated vocabulary to engage in conversations on social issues, such as those pertaining to birth control in China, the status of Chinese women in society, etc.

Course Structure

The 14-week course incorporates a series of classes that meet four times a week for a total of 8.5 hours each week. Students are required to take the following three modules as part of the course:

1. Grammar Class
2. Drill Class (Grammar & Vocabulary Practice, and Application of Communication Skills);
3. One-to-One Tutoring Sessions

Textbook

Alliance Reader II, the Alliance for Global Education
Road to Success-Intermediate II, Professor Zhang Wei
Road to Success-Lower Advanced I, Professor Yu Kun

Class Hours

1. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Grammar Class & Drill Class
 - Module 1: 9:00-10:00
 - Module 2: 10:10-11:00
2. One-to-One: Each student is allocated a 25-minute One-to-One session per week.
3. Additional language practicums i.e. Chinese Table and Language Partner meetings: TBA

Pre-Class Preparation

Students are encouraged to spend 2-3 hours a day in course related work, including preparing for class, reviewing daily dictations, and completing assignments. Pre-class preparation may include:

- Listening to the DVDs that are included in the textbook;
- Practicing the reading and writing of words assigned;
- Practicing vocabulary from assigned dialogues;
- Reviewing grammar patterns in the assigned chapters from the textbook;
- Memorizing dialogues or chapters assigned by class instructors;
- Practicing oral language skills with Chinese roommate or language partner by role-playing and engaging them in daily conversations and cultural activities; and
- Completing assignments

Grammar Class

Students are required to use only Chinese when classes are in session. In addition to scheduled class activities, new grammar patterns and vocabulary are introduced during each class session. Each class session typically begins with a daily dictation of vocabulary and key sentences. Students are required to write both in pinyin and in Chinese characters for these dictations. Students are also expected to reconstruct the texts from assigned dialogues and retell the dialogues with accurate and fluid pronunciation.

Drill Class

The Drill Classes offer students the opportunity to practice applying the newly acquired grammar patterns and vocabulary, before focusing on applying these skills to hold conversations in more spontaneous and creative real-life scenarios; and participate in in-depth discussions on social issues from a cross-cultural perspective.

One-to-One Tutoring Sessions

The One-to-One sessions allow students to engage in individual discussions with class instructors, as well as to focus on a specific aspect of the language. They also provide students with the opportunity to work with their instructors to address the language needs of their internships; and develop a stronger familiarity with words and expressions typically used in business environments.

Course Policies

Exams and Assignments

Students are required to take all regularly scheduled exams in courses for which they are registered and submit all assignments on time. Any compelling academic, personal, or medical reason that might justify a rescheduled exam or assignment must be raised with the Resident Director, not program faculty. Failure to take scheduled exams or submit the requisite assignments will adversely affect your grade.

Classroom Conduct

Student punctuality is extremely important in China and India. Please do not be late for classes or other activities, as it is considered impolite to do so. It is improper to eat in class, to engage in other activities such as texting, or to slump or nap. Students are expected to be alert and engaged as a sign of respect for their professors.

Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory. It is essential that the students participate fully in the coursework and all required academic activities. Authorized absences may only be approved by the Resident Director, and students are expected to make up any missed work. Unauthorized absences will adversely affect a student's grades.

As this is an intensive course, it is essential that students come to the class on time and attend class regularly. Students are allowed to miss class only if it is approved by the Resident Director.

Make-up exams, homework will be offered to students who have Resident Director’s approval.

Evaluation

During the semester, there will be the following assessments:

Quizzes

Mid-Term exam

Final exam

Evaluation Methods

Participation	10%
Dictation	10%
Homework	10%
Oral and Written Test	15%
Mid-Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%

Grading Policies

Alliance programs utilize the follow standard grading policy well accepted by most US institutions.

Excellent	A	93-100%	Good	B+	87-89%	Acceptable	C+	77-79%	
	A-	90-92%		B	83-86%		C	73-76%	
				B-	80-82%		C-	70-72%	
						Unsatisfactory	D+	67-69%	
							D	63-66%	
							D-	60-62%	
							Failing	F	<60%

Class Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change.

Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L1(I) Grammar	L1(II) Grammar		L2 (I) Grammar	Review
Section 2	Drill	Drill		Drill	Oral test

Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	Mid-autumn Festival Day off	L2 (II) Grammar		L3(I) Grammar	Review
Section 2		Drill		Drill	Oral test
				Chinese Workshop 7:00-9:00 PM	

Week 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L3(II) Grammar	L4(I) Grammar		Review	Written Test 1
Section 2	Drill	Drill			

Week 4					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L4(II) Grammar	L5(I) Grammar		L5(II) Grammar	Review
Section 2	Drill	Drill		Drill	Oral test

Week 5					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L6(I) Grammar	L6(II) Grammar	National Holiday Day off	National Holiday Day off	National Holiday Day off
Section 2	Drill	Drill			

Week 6					
Field Study Trip.					

Week 7					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L7(I) Grammar	Review		Written Test 2	Travel Report
Section 2	Drill				

Week 8					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L7(II) Grammar	L8(I) Grammar		L8(II) Grammar	Review
Section 2	Drill	Drill		Drill	Oral test

Week 9					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L1(I) Grammar	L1(II) Grammar		Review	Mid-term Exam
Section 2	Drill	Drill			

Week 10					
Independent Travel.					

Week 11					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L2(I) Grammar	L2(II) Grammar		L3(I) Grammar	Review
Section 2	Drill	Drill		Drill	Oral test

Week 12					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L3(II) Grammar	L4(I) Grammar		Review	Chinese Speech Contest
Section 2	Drill	Drill			

Week 13					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L4(II) Grammar	Review		Written Test 3	Long Weekend
Section 2	Drill				

Week 14					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L5(I) Grammar	L5(II) Grammar		L6(I) Grammar	Review
Section 2	Drill	Drill		Drill	Oral test
				Chinese Performance 7:00-9:00 PM	

Week 15					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	L6(II) Grammar	L7(I) Grammar		L7(II) Grammar	Exit Exam
Section 2	Drill	Drill		Drill	

Week 16					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Section 1	Review	Review		Final Exam	
Section 2		Final Oral Test			