



## **BEIJ CHIN 401 Advanced Chinese IV**

### **The Alliance for Global Education China Now: Development, Politics and Social Change Program, Spring 2009**

#### **General Information**

This class is designed for foreign students who have studied Chinese for 3+ years or heritage speakers, and have already learned most basic Chinese grammar patterns, with the ability of expressing their ideas relatively freely. It is an intensive course, with 12 hours weekly scheduled for 14 weeks, meeting 5 days a week. Students are expected to spend 2-3 hours every day besides classroom instructions, preparing for class, previewing for daily dictation, and doing homework. Only Chinese is allowed to speak in the class. Students will mainly focus on learning new grammar patterns and practicing the new grammar and vocabulary during the class hours. Organized in-class activities include daily dictation, memorizing dialogue, bi-weekly tests, and oral exercises such as retelling stories, making up dialogues, formal presentations and debate.

#### **Objectives**

This class helps students strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, through the in classroom language instruction and after class self-practice. The topics in the textbook cover most commonly used daily conversations. The class is designed for 14 weeks and mainly focuses on improving students' listening and speaking abilities. Students are expected to learn at least 35 new Chinese words every class day. By the end of the semester, students will be able to learn 1760 new characters, to recognize and write 2100 new words, as well as 320 new grammar patterns. Students should be able to express their ideas on many issues. They will learn to hold conversations with local Chinese people on current great event, such as talking about marriage issues, urban development's effects on traditional culture, birth control in China and women's social status in Chinese society, etc.

Students are required to take five Chinese courses; these courses are the Grammar class, Drill 1 & 2, One-on-one, and language practicum. Before class, students are expected to preview the new words for each lesson. During class, the instructors will introduce the new grammar patterns and new vocabularies. After the grammar class, students will practice the new learned grammar patterns in the Drill 1& 2 classes. One-On-One class, which students are required to attend twice during the summer semester, will give students an opportunity to work on any particular questions from this week's classes and homework, as well as Capstone Project.

### **Textbooks**

*Anything Goes, Lessons 1-19*, Zhiping Zhou, Hua-Hui Wei, Kun An, Wei Wang

*Literature and Society, Lessons 1-18*, Zhiping Zhou, Xuedong Wang, Ying Wang

### **Class hours & Classroom**

1. from Monday to Thursday: Chinese Class (Building #17)

Section 1: 9:00-9:50

Section 2: 10:00-10:50

Section 3: 11:10-12:00

2. Friday: Practical Chinese and Bi-weekly Test

### **Learning Activities**

#### **Preparation:**

Before the Chinese class, students are expected to:

- (1) Use the CDs come with the textbook regularly and frequently
- (2) Be familiar with the new vocabularies from the dialogues
- (3) Be able to read and write the new words correctly
- (4) Preview and try to understand all of the grammar patterns from the related chapters
- (5) Memorize the dialogue/chapter assigned by the class instructors
- (6) Complete homework assigned by the teachers

**There will be a daily dictation session from Monday to Thursday in the class.**

**In Class:**

**Section 1 & 2**

**Instructor: A**

(1) There is a daily dictation in the first hour session with vocabulary and key sentences. Students are required to review what they have learned the day before and preview the new lesson. The dictation will be done at the beginning of each day's class. Students are expected to learn how to write both in pinyin and characters.

(2) The instructor will introduce the new Chinese characters, and give hints to help students to recognize and memorize the new words.

(3) Retelling the dialogue. Although it might be a bit boring, this traditional-style of Chinese teaching exercise is still considered extremely useful; students should try to memorize the text and learn to retell it with accurate and natural pronunciation.

(4) Students will learn how to use new words in each dialogue during these two sessions. By using flashcards, students will be asked to read those words and try to use these words to answer questions. The teachers will design different language activities to guide students using the new vocabularies and new learned grammar structures to talk about their daily life, study, and travel experience etc.

(5) To help students to understand grammars, the teacher designed the following activities for classroom practice: pattern drills, change sentences into certain formats by using the new learned structures, complete phrases or sentences with using the given words and so on. Meanwhile, the teacher will correct students' pronunciations, tones, and grammar mistakes.

**Section 3**

**Instructor: B**

(1) Students will be required to memorize the dialogue(s) assigned by the class instructors before the class.

(2) Students will be guided to participate in some classroom activities like describing pictures, Q & A exercises, making up conversations, and performing skits by using

keywords and grammars from the text.

- (3) The teacher will correct the mistakes made by students with detailed explanations and more practice. During the 3rd session, students are expected to speaking relatively fluently with correct grammar patterns and good pronunciations and tones.

### **Daily homework:**

- a. Review the recently learned lessons and preview new vocabularies, grammar patterns, and dialogues for next day's class.
- b. Finish the homework in the workbook assigned by the instructors
- c. Practice with the language partners: Role-play, culture experience and useful daily conversations

### **Individual Sessions**

Each student will have two 25 minutes individual sessions with the language instructor during the summer semester. This session could be used to help students with their Capstone project research topics, building up related vocabularies, to design the questionnaire, to practice with interview questions. In addition, students can also use this 25 minutes working on the mistakes from the homework or students' questions which haven't been answered during the class hours yet. Another good way using this individual session is having the teacher help to summarize the newly learned grammars and vocabularies in the past.

### **Fridays**

The bi-weekly quiz will be held every other week.

- 9:00-11:00 including listening test, 10 minutes for each student

Alternate week: language practicum

### **Language Practicum**

Language practicum sessions will be held every other week. In each session, we will have different topic introducing Chinese culture, arts, social issues, or local life in Beijing. The Chinese teachers will have the prepared vocabulary list delivered to students before the class. Usually, it will take 2-3 hours total. During the first hour, students will learn

and practice the new words. After that, students will have opportunity talking with Chinese people on the certain topics. Field trips will be organized for this class as well, such as Beijing Opera performance, visiting tailor shops, and Chinese tea house. In the past, we have designed such topics for this session:

- a. Shopping and bargaining in China (购物与讲价)
- b. Travel in China (在中国旅行)
- c. Chinese cooking 中国菜的派系和制作方法 )
- d. Beijing Opera (京剧艺术)
- e. Traditional Chinese water-ink painting and calligraphy (传统中国书法与水墨画)
- f. Understanding Chinese traditional Chinese culture and Beijing local history through the Hutong tour (逛胡同了解中国传统民居和有趣的胡同名称)

### **Attendance Requirement**

Class attendance is mandatory. 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 Program Director. Make-up exams, homework will be offered to students who have program director's approval. It should be done as soon as the student is available for class. Students who miss class for any other reasons will receive zero score for any exams, homework given during missed class time.

During the semester, there will be the following tests:

**Bi- weekly quiz**

**Mid-term exam**

**Final exam**

### **Evaluation Methods**

Attendance 10%

Daily performance 10%

Dictation 10%

Homework 10%

Weekly Quizzes 20%

Mid-term Examination 20%

Final Examination 20%

### Class Schedule

Week 1					
9/8—9/12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~9:50	Anything Goes L1	L2	L3	Individual session	Language practicum
10:00~10:50					
11:10~12:00					

Week 2					
9/15—9/19	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~9:50	L4	L5	L6	Individual session	Language practicum
10:00~10:50					
11:10~12:00					

Week 3					
9/22—9/26	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~9:50	L7	L8	L9	Individual session	Bi-weekly quiz
10:00~10:50					
11:10~12:00					

<b>Week 4 Field Trip</b>					
<b>Week 5</b>					
<b>10/6—10/10</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	Review session	L10	L11	Individual session	Language practicum
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					

<b>Week 6</b>					
<b>10/13—10/17</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	L12	L13	L14	Individual session	Bi-weekly quiz
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					

<b>Week 7</b>					
<b>10/20—10/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	L15	L16	L17	Individual session	Language Practicum
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					

<b>Week 8</b>					
<b>10/27—10/31</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	L18	L19	Review session	Review session	Mid-term exams
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					
<b>Week 9</b>					
<b>Spring Break</b>					

<b>Week 10</b>					
<b>11/10—11/14</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	Literature and Society L1	L2	L3	Individual session	Language practicum
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					

<b>Week 11</b>					
<b>11/17—11/21</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	L4	L5	L6	Individual session	Bi-weekly quiz
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					

Week 12					
11/24—11/28	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~9:50	L7	L8	L9	Individual session	Language practicum
10:00~10:50					
11:10~12:00					

Week 13					
12/1—12/5	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~9:50	L10	L11	Review session	Individual session	Weekend trip
10:00~10:50					
11:10~12:00					

Week 14					
12/8—12/12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~9:50	L12	L13	L14	Individual session	Language practicum
10:00~10:50					
11:10~12:00					

<b>Week 15</b>					
<b>12/15—12/19</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	L15	L16	L17	Individual session	Review Session
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					

<b>Week 16</b>					
<b>12/22—12/23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00~9:50</b>	L18	Review session	Review session	Finals Oral Test	Finals and Graduation
<b>10:00~10:50</b>					
<b>11:10~12:00</b>					