



XIAN CHIN 300 Advanced Chinese I

The Alliance for Global Education: Art, History and the Silk Road Program, Fall 2009

General Information

This class is designed for foreign students who have studied Chinese for at least 4 semesters, and have already learned intermediate level of Chinese grammar patterns and vocabularies. Students should be able to have fairly good conversational Chinese skills, talking to local Chinese people on daily topics with minor mistakes.

This class is an intensive course, with 12.5 hours weekly schedule for 14 weeks, meets 5 days a week. Students are expected to spend 2-3 hours every day, besides the class time, preparing for class, previewing for daily dictation, and doing homework. Only Chinese is allowed to speak in the class. Students will mainly focus on improving the Chinese pronunciation and tones, learning new grammar patterns and practicing with the new learned grammars and vocabularies during the class hours. Organized in-class activities include daily dictation, bi-weekly test, memorizing the dialogues and oral exercises such as presentation, performing skits, group discussions or debate.

Objectives

This class helps students to strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, through the in classroom language instructions and after class self-practice. The topics in the textbook are chosen to cover most commonly used daily conversations, as well as some high level social issues and professional topics. The class is designed for 14 weeks long with main focus on improving students' abilities of making comments on high level topics by using better organized sentence structures and professional words. Students are expected to learn at least 25 new Chinese words every class day. By the end of the semester, students will be learning about 200 new characters, to recognize and write 1000 new words, as well as about 270 new grammar patterns. Students should be able to hold conversations fluently with local Chinese people on many common topics, such as arranging trips in China, negotiating a work contract, or talking about some popular social issues in China. In addition, students should also be able to present or give comments to certain political or economic issues in Chinese by using advanced level of professional vocabularies.

Textbook

New Practical Chinese Reader Volumes 3 & 4, Professor Liu Xun

Class Hours and Classroom

1. From Monday to Friday:
Section 1: 8:40-9:40
Section 2: 9:55-10:40
Section 3: 10:50-11:35
2. One on One: Wednesday 13:30-15:55
3. Friday: weekly composition and Bi-weekly Test

Pre-Class Preparation

Before the Chinese class, students are expected to:

- Listen to the CDs included with the textbook regularly and frequently
- Be familiar with new vocabulary from the dialogues
- Be able to read and write the new words correctly
- Preview and try to understand the grammar patterns from the related chapters
- Memorize the dialogue/chapter assigned by the class instructors
- Complete homework assignments

In Class

- It is the most important that students should pay attention to listen to the teachers.
- There is a daily dictation in session 1 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 start at the beginning of each class. Students are expected to learn how to write both in pinyin and characters.
- Retelling the dialogue, you should try to memorize the text and learn to retell it with accurate and natural pronunciation.

After Class

- Review the recently learned lessons and preview new vocabulary, grammar patterns, and dialogues for next class.
- Finish the homework in the workbook assigned by your professor.
- If you have enough time, practice with Chinese roommates: Role-play, culture experience and practical daily conversations.

Attendance Requirements

Class attendance is mandatory. 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.

During the semester, there will be the following tests:

- Bi- weekly quiz
- Mid-term exam
- Final exam

Evaluation Methods

- Attendance 15%
- Daily performance 10%
- Dictation 10%
- Homework 10%
- Weekly Quizzes 15%
- Mid-term Examination 20%
- Final Examination 20%

Class Schedule

Week 1					
8/31 – 9/4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L32(I) Grammar	L32(II) Grammar		L33(I) Grammar	L33(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 2					
9/7– 9/11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L34(I) Grammar	L34(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 3					
9/14 – 9/18	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L35(I) Grammar	L35(II) Grammar		L36(I) Grammar	L36(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 4 – Study Tour					
9/21 – 9/25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15					
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 5 – Study Tour					
9/28 – 10/2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15					
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 6					
10/5 – 10/9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L37(I) Grammar	L37(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 7					
10/12 – 10/16	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L38(I) Grammar	L38(II) Grammar		L39(I) Grammar	L39(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 8					
10/19 – 10/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L40(I) Grammar	L40(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 9					
10/26 – 10/30	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L41(I) Grammar	L41(II) Grammar		L42(I) Grammar	L42(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 10					
11/2 – 11/6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L43(I) Grammar	L43(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 11					
11/9 – 11/13	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L44(I) Grammar	L44(II) Grammar		L45(I) Grammar	L45(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 12					
11/16 – 11/20	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L46(I) Grammar	L46(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 13					
11/23 – 11/27	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L47(I) Grammar	L47(II) Grammar		Thanksgiving Long Weekend	Thanksgiving Long Weekend
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 14					
11/30 – 12/4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L48(I) Grammar	L48(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 15					
12/7 – 12/11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L49(I) Grammar	L49(II) Grammar		L50(I) Grammar	L50(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 16

12/14 – 12/18	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L51(I) Grammar	L51(II) Grammar	Office Hours 9:00am - 12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Review	Final Exam
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15					
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					