



XIAN CHIN 301 Advanced Chinese II

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

Program, Fall 2009

General Information

This class is designed for students who have studied Chinese for at least 5 semesters, and have already learned some advanced grammar patterns and vocabulary. The class is conducted entirely in Chinese. Students are expected to have good conversational skills, able to express themselves freely and correctly, and communicate with the native speaker on cultural and intellectual topics without too much difficulty.

This class is an intensive course, with 12.5 hours (5 days) weekly schedule for 14 weeks. Students are expected to spend 2-3 additional hours every day adequately preparing for class, getting ready for daily dictation, and doing homework. Only Chinese is allowed to speak in the class. Students are responsible for previewing new vocabulary and grammar patterns and expected to identify and work on their learning difficulties in class to become thoroughly familiar with the content of the materials in question. Class activities include daily dictation, free conversations with the instructor, bi-weekly test, and oral presentation, discussion or debate.

Objectives

Through classroom instruction and homework, students shall strengthen their language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. They should be able to talk about many social issues in Chinese with local people, to express their own opinions on certain topics in oral presentation and written homework.

The class is designed for 14 weeks long with main focus on improving students' abilities of making comments on intellectual topics; priority is also given to effective professional writing, with emphasis on the use of better diction and rhetoric. Students are expected to learn about 30 new Chinese words every class day. By the end of the semester, students will be learning about 800 new characters, to recognize and write 1200 new words, as well as about 260 new grammar patterns. Students should be able to hold conversations fluently with local Chinese people on many common topics, including Chinese culture, food, customs and local arts. Students are expected to talk about some social issues, such as birth control in China and women's social status in Chinese society with using some high level vocabulary and more complicated structure, and making social and cultural comments in ways acceptable in Chinese literary

and sociopolitical discourses. Of course, students should also be able to conduct themselves adequately in daily activities such as arranging trips in China independently, or negotiating a house renting contract.

Textbook

New Practical Chinese Reader Volumes 4 &5, Lessons 39-59, 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	L39(I) Grammar	L39(II) Grammar		L40(I) Grammar	L40(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	L41(I) Grammar	L41(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	L42(I) Grammar	L42(II) Grammar		L43(I) Grammar	L43(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	L44(I) Grammar	L44(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	L45(I) Grammar	L45(II) Grammar		L46(I) Grammar	L46(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	L47(I) Grammar	L47(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	L48(I) Grammar	L48(II) Grammar		L49(I) Grammar	L49(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	L50(I) Grammar	L50(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	L51(I) Grammar	L51(II) Grammar		L52(I) Grammar	L52(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	L53(I) Grammar	L53(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	L54(I) Grammar	L54(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	L55(I) Grammar	L55(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	L56(I) Grammar	L56(II) Grammar		L57(I) Grammar	L57(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	L58(I) Grammar	L59(I) 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					