



XIAN CHIN 401 Advanced Chinese IV

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 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 patters 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.

Textbook

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 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

Textbooks and Activities

The first week of the class instructions are designed with review purposes. The class instructors will choose certain lessons from Book 4 to help students to review the most important key grammar points, as well as those frequently used vocabularies.

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	Anything Goes L1	L2		L3	L4
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			Individual Session		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 2					
9/7– 9/11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L5	L6		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L7	L8		L9	L10
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L11	L12		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L13	L14		L15	L16
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L17	L18	L19	Review	Mid-Term
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	Literature and Society L1	L2		L3	L4
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			Individual Session		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 10					
11/2 – 11/6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L5	L6		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L7	L8		L9	L10
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L11	L12		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L13	L14		Thanksgiving Long Weekend	Thanksgiving Long Weekend
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L15	L16		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	L17	L18		L19	L20
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
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	Review Session	Review Session	Office Hours 9:00am - 12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Oral Presentation	Final Exam
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					