

FALL 2011 CHI320K #31915

READINGS IN MODERN CHINESE I

REQUIRED: A Trip to China 華夏行 (a set of books available at Co-Op)
Homework packet (available at Jenn's Copy & Binding)

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PREREQUISITE: Chinese 612 or 412L with a grade of at least C.

SYLLABUS

	Tuesday	Thursday
8/25		Introduction
8/30-9/1	L1-3 (Q#1) HW#1	L4, 5 (Q#2) HW#2
9/6-9/8	L8 (Q#3) HW#3	L10 (Q#4) HW#4
9/13-9/15	Test1	L11 (Q#5) HW#5
9/20-9/22	L12 (Q#6) HW#6	L13 (Q#7) HW#7
9/27-9/29	L14 (Q#8) HW#8	Test2
10/4-10/6	L15 (Q#9) HW#9	L16 (Q#10) HW#10
10/11-10/13	L19 (Q#11) HW#11	L20 (Q#12) HW#12
10/18-10/20	Test3	L25 (Q#13) HW#13
10/25-10/27	L26 (Q#14) HW#14	L27 (P.92/93)(Q#15) HW#15
11/1-11/3	L27 (The rest)(Q#16) HW#16	Test4
11/8-11/10 P. Script due	L28 (till P.98/99 first sent.) (Q#17) HW#17	L28 (the rest), L32 (first 10 lines) (Q#18) HW#18
11/15-11/17	L32 (till P.114/115 first 10 lines) (Q#19) HW#19	L32 (The rest)(Q#20) HW#20
11/22-11/24	Test5	Thanksgiving
11/29-12/1	Final Presentation	Final Presentation

Grading Policy

Tests	40%
Homework	25%
Quizzes	20%
Preparation & Performance	5%
Composition & Presentation	10%

All CHI 320K grades are calculated numerically throughout the semester. For transcript purpose, letter grades are given at the end of the semester according to the conversion chart below:

A+ = 97-100, A = 94-96, A- = 90-93	B+ = 87-89, B = 84-86, B- = 80-83
C+ = 77-79, C = 74-76, C- = 70-73	D+ = 67-69, D = 64-66, D- = 60-63
F = 0-59	

TEST (40%)

(A) There are three parts in each of the tests. Part One is reading comprehension. Articles appearing in the tests will be chosen from lessons in “A trip to China”. All the lessons here are for self-study purpose only. They won’t be discussed in class. Part Two is translation from Chinese into English. Part Three is vocabulary (multiple-choice). 50% of the tests is in traditional characters; 50% simplified.

For translation and vocabulary (lessons discussed in class):

Test # 1 covers Lessons 1,2,3,4,5,8,10

Test # 2 covers Lessons 11,12,13,14

Test # 3 covers Lessons 15,16,19,20

Test # 4 covers Lessons 25,26,27

Test # 5 covers Lessons 28, 32

For Reading comprehension (self-study lessons):

Test #1 Articles will be chosen from Lessons 6, 7 or 9

Test #2 from Lessons 17 or 18

Test #3 from Lessons 21 or 22

Test #4 from Lessons 23 or 24

Test #5 from Lessons 29, 30 or 31

(B) If a legitimate reason is provided at least one day before the test, a make-up test can be arranged. In case there is an unpredictable emergency, the arrangement for a make-up must be made as soon as possible. If no legitimate reason is provided or if the make-up arrangement is not made beforehand, a 10% deduction from your score will be implemented; e.g., 90 becomes 81. **A second make-up test will not be possible.**

(C) All students are strongly encouraged to visit the lecturer at her office during office hours to discuss mistakes in the tests after the test are graded.

HOMEWORK (25%): *All homework assignments must be handwritten; computer printouts will not be accepted.*

(A) Homework is due on the same day when the answers are discussed in class. Homework should be turned in at the **beginning** of each class meeting. If you are absent on the day when a homework assignment is due, that assignment can be turned in on the day you return to class. No other late homework will be accepted and you will **receive a zero** for that assignment. You may choose to write either the traditional or simplified version, but you must be consistent. You are required to recognize both versions as they will be used alternatively for tests. You are required to use your Chinese name at all times. At the end of the semester, two lowest cores will be dropped.

(B) **You should always bring in a copy of your homework on the day homework is due.** Failure to do so will result in 10 points deduction of your homework.

(C) Students who come to class without writing homework beforehand will be considered **(half) absent**.

(D) Students who are found to copy another student's homework will receive a score of zero for that piece of homework. **DO NOT** share answers of homework with an absent classmate.

QUIZZES (20%): At the beginning of each class, a ten-minute vocabulary quiz (Chinese - English: with tones and pinyin, both the traditional and simplified) will be given. Each quiz covers vocabulary from the current lesson. At the end of the semester, two lowest scores will be dropped. **Absolutely no make-up quizzes will be given.**

PREPARATION & PERFORMANCE (5%):

(A) All students are required to prepare (by reading the text until fluent and translating it into English) before coming to class. Please go to www.laits.utexas.edu/itsaud on a regular basis to listen to the recordings of the texts.

(B) Throughout the semester, students will be called upon to read and translate, and answer questions in class. The 320K related materials and/or information will be sent out via e-mail or the blackboard. Please make sure you check your e-mail and blackboard frequently and regularly to receive such materials/information in a timely fashion.

COMPOSITION & PRESENTATION (10%):

Please refer to course packet for more information.

ATTENDANCE:

(A) Each student is allowed a maximum of **2 absences** without penalty. Each subsequent absence will be penalized by deducting **1 point** from your semester score. (B) More than 4 absences, the 2 penalty-free ones included, during the semester will lower your semester grade by one full grade.

(C) Those who come to class without doing homework beforehand will be considered **(half) absent**.

(D) Seven absences, the two penalty-free ones included, will automatically result in an F grade for this course.

SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY: Any acts of scholastic dishonesty, such as copying another student's homework, unauthorized collaboration, etc, will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students.

* It is the policy of the University of Texas at Austin that the student must notify each instructor at least fourteen (14) days prior to the classes scheduled on dates he or she will be absent to observe a religious holy day. For religious holidays that fall within the first two weeks of the semester, the notice should be given on the first day of the semester.

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