

Fall 2010 CHI 412K: Second Year Chinese I

PREREQUISITE: CHINESE 507 WITH A GRADE OF AT LEAST C.

Syllabus

Week of	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1. 08/25 – 8/26	-----	-----	Intro	L41 V/G
2. 08/30 – 09/02	L41 Vq/Ex	L41 Hw1/Ex	L41 FT/Txt	L41 Hw2/V
3. 09/06 – 09/09	-----	L42 G	L42 Vq/Ex	L42 Hw1/Ex
4. 09/13 – 09/16	L42 Txt/FT	L42 Hw2	L42 CA	L43 LQ1/V
5. 09/20 – 09/23	Test 1	L43 G	L43 Vq/Ex	L43 Hw1/Ex
6. 09/27 –09/30	L43 Txt/FT	L43 Hw2	L43/L44 CA/V	L44 G
7. 10/04 - 10/07	L44 Vq/Ex	L44 Hw1/Ex	L44 Txt/FT	L44 Hw2
8. 10/11 - 10/14	L44 CA	L45 LQ2/V	Test 2	L45 Vq/Txt
9. 10/18 - 10/21	L45 FT/Hw	L46 V/G	L46 Vq/Ex	L46 Hw1/Ex
10. 10/25 – 10/28	L46 Txt/FT	L46 Hw2	L46 CA	L47 LQ3/V
11. 11/01- 11/04	Test 3	L47 G	L47 Vq/Ex	L47 Hw1/Ex
12. 11/08- 11/11	L47 Txt/FT	L47 Hw2	L47/L48 CA/V	L48 G
13. 11/15 - 11/18	L48 Vq/Ex	L48 Hw1/CA	L48 Tx/FT	L48 Hw2/V
14. 11/22 - 11/25	DT	Test 4	L49	Thanksgiving
15. 11/29 - 12/02	L49 LQ4	L49 Vq/G	L49 Txt/FT	L49 Hw2/Review

Legends

CA: Class Activity

G: Grammar

Tx: Text

DT: Dialogue Test

Hw1: Homework #1

V: Vocabulary

Ex: Exercises

Hw2: Homework #2

Vq: Vocabulary quiz

FT: Fluency Test

LQ: Listening quiz

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Required Course Materials:

(1) Practical Chinese Reader II

(2) CHI 412K course packet by Dr. Wen-Hua Teng, available at
Paradigm Books on 24th Street. (472-7986)

The instructors of this course will use e-mail to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to update your e-mail address with the University and to check your e-mail regularly. We also use Blackboard (courses.utexas.edu) to supply any supplementary materials, and group e-mails.

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Tentative Final exam dates:
(Hsieh) December 11, 9:00-12:00
(TBA): December 8, 7:00-10:00 pm

Grading Policy

8 Vocabulary quizzes	8%
4 Tests	40%
8 Homework	12%
3 Listening quizzes	12%
5 Reading Fluency Tests	6%
1 Dialogue Test	6%
Final Exam	16%
Attendance	Mandatory
Preparation	Mandatory

All CHI 412K 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:

-----	B+=86-88	C+=76-78	D+=66-68
A=92-100	B=82-85	C=72-75	D=62-65 (pass)
A-=89-91	B-=79-81	C-=69-71	D-=59-61

Vocabulary quizzes: A vocabulary quiz is only ten minutes long. At the end of the semester, the lowest score will be dropped. Each student is entitled to have one (1) make-up vocabulary quiz. In the event that a second make-up quiz becomes necessary, a 10% deduction from your score will be implemented. Any make-up quiz must be taken within three (3) days after the regular one is given. A third make-up quiz will not be allowed.

Tests: All test scores will count toward your final grade. Each student is entitled to one make-up test provided that a legitimate reason is given at least one (1) day before the test take place, and the make-up test must be taken within three (3) days after the regular one is given. In case there is an unforeseen emergency, the arrangement for taking the make-up test must be made as soon as possible. In the event that a second make-up test becomes necessary, a 10% deduction from your score will be implemented; e.g., a 90 becomes 81. A third make-up test will not be allowed. **All make-ups must be taken during office hours.**

Assignments

Homework #1: All assigned homework #1 must be completed before coming to class, but they do not have to be turned in. If you wish to have it checked, you are required to turn in the character version on or before the day Homework #2 for the same lesson is due. However, character mistakes will not be corrected; corrections will only be made on grammatical errors. You are encouraged to use a Chinese word processor to write Homework #1.

Homework #2: All assigned Homework #2 must be written by hand, and are due on the next class day after the answers are discussed. You are allowed two (2) late homework. **Homework past due by more than one (1) week will not be accepted.** After the second late homework, no late work will be accepted.

Students who come to class on the day when answers of Homework #2 are to be discussed without doing the homework in characters beforehand will be considered absent for that day.

Fluency tests: These tests will be conducted in classroom on the days when the texts are to be read. Guidelines and the evaluation sheet can be found on p. 64 in this packet.

Listening quizzes

A. Each student is entitled to one (1) make-up listening quiz provided that there is a legitimate reason. If no legitimate reason is provided, a 10% deduction from your make-up score will be implemented. **A second make-up quiz will not be allowed.**

B. At the end of the semester, the lowest score will be dropped.

Dialogue Test: this test will take place in class. The dialogues included in this test are on p. 13, p. 20, p. 37, p. 44, p. 49, and p. 108 of this packet. Each student will say two (2) dialogues with two different partners. The two dialogues will be drawn randomly at the time of the test. The evaluation standard will be: grammar accuracy (40%), pronunciation (30%), and fluency (30%).

Attendance

A. You are allowed a maximum of three (3) absences without penalty during the semester. Each subsequent absence will incur a penalty of 0.5 point deduction from your end of semester grade. You must use these three penalty-free absences wisely and carefully (e.g., doctor's appointments, job interviews, family reunion, car problems, oversleeping, studying for another class, being unable to do Homework #2, etc.). Unless you can provide adequate evidence that you are ill for a period of time, which lasts longer than three (3) days, no exceptions will be made.

B. Being more than ten (10) minutes late will be considered a half absence. **On the day when answers of Homework #2 are to be discussed, being more than 5 minutes late will be considered a half absence.**

C. More than seven (7) absences, the three penalty-free ones included, during the semester will lower your semester grade by one full grade.

D. Twelve (12) absences, the three ones included, will automatically result in an F grade for this course.

Preparation: All students are required to prepare for each class day's material according to the Homework Preparation Schedule (pp. 3-6) in this packet. A letter grade will be

given to each student on their classroom performance on a regular basis. On days when answers of Homework #1 or in-class exercises are to be discussed, those who did not prepare will automatically receive an F grade for classroom performance. On days when answers of homework #2 are to be discussed, those who did not prepare will be considered absent. At the end of the semester, the preparation grades will be averaged, and each student's semester average will be adjusted based on the following chart:

A+, A	+1
A-	+0.5
B+, B, B-	no change
C+, C, C-	-0.5
D+, D, D-	-1
F	-2

Mobile Phones: Mobile phones must be turned off during class time. Students whose mobile phones ring in class will receive a warning the first time. **Each subsequent violation of this policy is equivalent to half an absence.** Students whose mobile phones ring during **a quiz or a test** will **have 5 points** taken off that quiz/test.

Scholastic Dishonesty

A. Copying another student's homework is considered an act of scholastic dishonesty. The student who does the copying will receive a zero for the assignment, and the other student will receive 50% of the original grade. Any dispute will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean of Students.

****Do not share the answers of Homework #2 with a classmate who was absent on the day when the answers were discussed. This is considered an act of copying.**

B. Collaboration on any homework assignment is considered an act of scholastic dishonesty. Both, or all, of the students involved will receive 50% of the grade of the homework assignment. Both, or all, students involved will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students.

C. Passing information from one class to another is considered an act of scholastic dishonesty. Both, or all, students involved will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students.

****Do not accept answers of homework from a student who took this course previously; do not pass answers of homework to a student who will take this course in the future.**

D. Any form of cheating, along with those who commit it, will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students even if there is only circumstantial evidence.

Important Notes

A. After each of the tests and listening quizzes has been graded, all students are strongly encouraged to visit the instructor during office hours to discuss the mistakes. All tests, including the final exam, will be kept in the department's office

until the end of the following semester. After which, they will be destroyed.

B. You should go to <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/itsaud/> and find the CHI 412K

listening materials. Listen to the text and listening practice for each lesson from time to time to strengthen your listening comprehension and to prepare for the listening quizzes.

C. The following are useful links for studying Chinese. They are also listed in "External Links" of our class Blackboard.

<http://www.archchinese.com> (useful for stroke orders in simplified or traditional characters)

<http://www.zhongwen.com>

<http://ktmatu.com>

<http://www.njstar.com> (Chinese word processor).

* 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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