

Rutgers University
Asian Languages and Cultures
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Advanced Modern Chinese (01:165:301)

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Course Description: This course is intended for students who have taken Intermediate Chinese or the equivalent to enhance and further develop their proficiency in modern Chinese language. All four language skills are equally emphasized. Students will learn about the modern Chinese society and culture through the reading of the texts and discussions in class. Students are expected to be familiar with both traditional and simplified characters. This course is conducted in Chinese.

Course Materials: Li-li Teng Foti, Rongzhen Li and Yu-lin Wang, *Discussing Everything Chinese Vol. 1*, MyChineseClass LLC.
Listening Materials: www.MyChineseClass.com

Grade Distribution: Attendance: 5%
More than two unexcused absences will result in a lower grade.
Daily quizzes : 15%
Two Hourly Exams: 25%
Final exam: 20%
Two compositions (500-600 characters) & one oral presentation: 15%
Homework: 10%
Class participation: 10%

Class Policies:

- You are expected to be on time for class. If you miss the class more than 30 minutes, your lateness will be counted as a half absence. From the third absence on, your grade will drop a full point for each absence.
- Absences can be excused only for religious reasons, emergencies, or by presentation of a Dean's note.
- No make-ups for quizzes. The lowest score for quiz will be dropped. Make-ups for tests will be docked 20% if taken within two days.
- Homework assignments should be handed in on time. The late ones will not receive full credit.
- Make sure you understand and abide by the University's code on plagiarism.

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date	Topic
1	Sep 5	Course Introduction
2	Sep 10, 12	Lesson 1
3	Sep 17, 19	Lesson 1
4	Sep 24, 26	Lesson 2
5	Oct 1, 3	Lesson 2
6	Oct 8, 10	Exam I, Lesson 3
7	Oct 15, 17	Lesson 3 / 1st composition due
8	Oct 22, 24	Lesson 3, Lesson 4
9	Oct 29, 31	Lesson 4
10	Nov 5, 7	Lesson 4, Exam II
11	Nov 12, 14	Lesson 5
12	Nov 19	Lesson 5
13	Nov 26, 28	Lesson 5, Lesson 6 2nd composition due
14	Dec 3, 5	Lesson 6
15	Dec 10, 12	Oral presentation
Final exam Dec 19 (W) ,12:00pm – 3:00pm		

There are four meeting periods for each lesson:

- 1 - quiz on the vocabulary and the content of the first part of text
 - the first part of text
- 2 - quiz on the vocabulary and the content of the second part of text
 - the second part of text
- 3 – dictation on text
 - listening comprehension, patterns, oral activities
 - homework due
- 4 - oral activities, written exercise
 - homework due