Chinese 401: Advanced Chinese Conversation and Composition (Fall 2013) ---

Course Syllabus

Fall 2013 01:165:401 **T: 4:30-5:50 pm**
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Chinese 401 is an advanced level course. It is assumed that the students have oral and writing proficiency in Chinese. This course is specifically designed for students who can already speak and write Chinese but want to learn how to converse on various topics and compose short essays on these topics in Chinese.

Textbooks:

1. Book* Required: *All Things Considered* (2011 Revised edition, ISBN: 978-0-691-15310-0) By Chih-p'ing Chou and Others. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2011.

***Important Note:** The homework assignments for this class will include two parts: The Chinese composition and exercises assignments from the textbook. The Chinese composition assignments can be done on the practice sheets supplied by the instructor. You are required to make sufficient copies of them to last the whole semester. The exercise assignments will be taken from the textbook. However, students are required to **write out the homework assignments by hand on separate sheets of paper. DO NOT turn your homework in on pages torn from the book.** The reasons for this are: (1) The additional copying required will allow you to practice Chinese character writing; and (2) leaving the exercise pages blank will allow you to use it for testing yourself during review and practice.

2. CD of *All Things Considered.*

All the above materials are available from the University Bookstore at One Penn Plaza, opposite the New Brunswick train station, and probably also form New Jersey Books, 108 Somerset St.

Course work requirement:

Learning a language, especially a different (not difficult) one like Chinese, takes commitment. You are required to:

1) attend every class;
2) thoroughly prepare for the scheduled lesson before class;

3) do your homework and turn in the assigned homework before the next class begins. *Homework includes the audio exercise hours that you are expected to fulfill.*
4) Take daily quizzes, Mid-term and final exams when they are given.

Departmental language course rules:

1) You are allowed only one unexplained and unexcused absence, and one excused absence with notes from doctors or other evidences for the unavoidability of your absence. Your final grade will be reduced by 3 percent for each day you are absent after the first two absences.

2) All assignments should be handed in according to schedule. Exercises handed in on time will be corrected and returned to you promptly. Persistent tardiness in finishing and returning homework will be noted and reflected in your performance score. Late assignments will be noted, but will not be corrected.

3) The Rutgers Self-Reporting Absence Website has launched.

   Students: https://sims.rutgers.edu/s sra/

Grading format:

1.	Attendance & Participation	10%
2.	Homework /Assignments	10%
2.	Daily quizzes	40%
3.	Mid & Final Exams	40%

Schedule of Classes:

Week 1
TH (9/3-5) Introduction
No Class: Home Assignment--Composition

Week 2
TH (9/10-12) Reading & Writing: Review (I); Composition Due
Listening & Speaking: Review (II)

Week 3
TH (9/17-19) L. 6; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;
L.6: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 4
TH (9/24-26) L. 7; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;
L.7: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 5
TH (10/1-3) **L. 8; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.8: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 6
TH (10/8-10) **L. 9; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.9: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 7
TH (10/15-17) **L. 10; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.10: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 8
TH (10/22-24) **L. 11; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.11: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 9
TH (10/29-31) **Mid-term: Questions and Composition: L. 6 - L.11**
+ Conversation Skills observed)

Week 10
TH (11/5-7) **L. 12; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.12: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 11
TH (11/12-14) **L. 13; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.13: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 12
TH (11/19-21) **L. 14; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**
L.14: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)

Week 13
T (11/26) **L. 15; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;**

Week 14
TH (12/3-5) **L.15: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)**
L. 16; Quiz (on the first ½ Voc.); Homework due;

Week 15
T (12/10) **L.16: Quiz (on the second ½ Voc.)**

Final Exam: Written—Questions and Composition (L. 6- L. 16)
Oral Exam **Time to be announced**