301 Advanced Modern Chinese (Section 1)
Asian Languages & Cultures
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Syllabus

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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 modern Chinese society and culture through reading of texts and discussions in class. Students are expected to become familiar with both traditional and simplified characters. This course is conducted in Chinese.

Statement of Learning Goals
As this course emphasizes comprehensive language skills, students will be able to communicate effectively in Standard Chinese and achieve advanced-level speaking, reading, and writing competency. Meanwhile, by means of studying lesson texts and grasping grammar notes, students will acquire deeper understanding of Chinese modern society and culture and demonstrate practical skills in using Chinese for translation (English into Chinese or vice versa). At the end of the semester, upon fulfilling one 5-minute oral presentation and two essays each 500-600 characters in length, students should be well prepared for Chinese 302 as a step to further develop their modern Chinese language proficiency.

Course Materials
- Listening Materials are available for free at: [www.MyChineseClass.com](http://www.MyChineseClass.com)

Course Structure
This course consists of the following parts:
1. Regular classes
2. Homework assignments
3. 2 compositions (500-600 characters each) and oral presentation
4. Quizzes/Dictation
5. 2 hourly exam and a cumulative final exam

Class Attendance
This is a highly intensive course and good attendance is expected from all students. Class meets twice a week and you are expected to be in class and on time every day. Please inform the instructor of your absence in advance via Rutgers Online Absences Report System https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/. (Please note: Reporting your absence does not "excuse" you). Absences can be excused only for religious reasons or by presentation of some official documents explaining your absences (e.g., doctor notes). If you miss class more than 30 minutes, your lateness will be counted as a half absence. More than 7 absences will lead automatically to an “F”.

Class Preparation
Since this is a highly intensive course, you are expected to come to class well prepared. You are strongly encouraged to preview the text, vocabularies and grammar before each class. Please arrange your schedule so that you have enough time to prepare for this class. Language learning is a cumulative process and requires continuous, steady effort.

Homework & Assignments
Homework will be assigned regularly in class. You are also supposed to write two compositions (500-600 characters each). The compositions should be done on an individual basis. You can choose your own topic for compositions, as long as your topic is somewhat related to the contents we’ve covered in class. If you are not sure about your topic, you are welcome to discuss your topic with the instructor. You also need to do an oral presentation, in which you work in a group with your fellow students. Please submit your homework and assignments on time to receive full credit. Late submission within the week of the due date will receive only half credit. If later than a week, the homework or assignments may not be accepted. Please write out your homework and assignments in neat handwriting. All assignments should be handed in before the class begins.

Exams
There are two hourly exams and a final exam. Please notify the instructor in advance of your needs of taking a make-up or rescheduling an exam. Official documents should be provided to ask for a make-up or rescheduling.

Plagiarism/Cheating Policy
Any form of Plagiarism/Cheating is strictly forbidden in this course. Plagiarism on exams and compositions will automatically result in an “F” in the respective item. For more information regarding academic integrity, please check http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/.
Important Dates
1\textsuperscript{st} hourly exam: Wednesday, October 5\textsuperscript{th}, 2011
2\textsuperscript{nd} hourly exam: Monday, November 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2011
Final exam: Friday, December 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 2011

Grading
Your final grade will be calculated as follows:
- Attendance: 5%
- Quiz: 10%
- Homework/Dictation: 15%
- 2 hourly exams: 25%
- 2 Compositions: 10%
- Oral presentation: 5%
- Class participation: 10%
- Final exam: 20%

Semester Schedule

Mon Sept 5  Labor Day 劳工节, no class
Wed Sept 7  Introduction and overview of the course
Thurs Sept 8  \textbf{Thurs Sept 8-Mon Classes}
- Quiz on the vocabulary and content of the first part of Lesson 1;
- The first part of Lesson 1.
Mon Sept 12 Quiz on the vocabulary and content of the second part of Lesson 1;
- The second part of Lesson 1; 农历八月十五 中秋节
Wed Sept 14 Dictation on Lesson 1;
- Listening comprehension, patterns, and activities.
- \textbf{Homework due} (Listening part).
Mon Sept 19 Oral activities, written exercise;
- \textbf{Homework due} (pp.22-24: 1,2,3,4)
Wed Sept 21 Quiz on the vocabulary and content of the first part of Lesson 2;
- The first part of Lesson 2.
Mon Sept 26 Quiz on the vocabulary and content of the second part of Lesson 2;
- The second part of Lesson 2;
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Wed Nov 16  Dictation on Lesson 5;  
Listening comprehension, patterns, and activities;  
**Homework due** (Listening part).

Mon Nov 21  **Mon Nov 21- Wed Classes**  
Oral activities, written exercise;  
**Homework due** (pp.126-128: 1,2,3,5)

Wed Nov 23  Thanksgiving 感恩节, no class

Mon Nov 28  Quiz on the vocabulary and content of the first part of Lesson 6;  
The first part of Lesson 6.  
**Second composition due.**

Wed Nov 30  Quiz on the vocabulary and content of the second part of Lesson 6;  
The second part of Lesson 6.

Mon Dec 5  Dictation on Lesson 6;  
Listening comprehension, patterns, oral activities, and written  
exercise;  
**Homework due** (Listening part, & pp. 150-152: 1,2,3,4).

Wed Dec 7  **Oral presentation**

Mon Dec 12  General review for the final exam

**Final Exam**  期末考试: Friday, December 23rd, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM