

Chinese 401: Advanced Chinese Conversation and Composition

(Fall 2018)

Course Syllabus

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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 suitable for students who have already learned Chinese 401, specially 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. It teaches phrases, sentences, and grammatical structure and the application in actual communication. Help students to use and communicate with Chinese native speakers and improve their communicative competence in study and social life; help students to improve language knowledge and ability when they prepare for the HSK examination.

Textbooks:

1. Book* required: *All Things Considered* (2011 revised editions, ISBN) By Chi-ping Chou and Others. Princeton: Princeton University 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 from New Jersey Books, 108 Somerset St.

Course work requirement:

Learning a Language, especially a different (not difficult) one like Chinese, takes a 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 expect to fulfill.

- 4) Take daily quizzes, Mid-term and final exams when they are given.

Departmental languages 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 unavailability 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: <http://sims.rutgers.edu.sra/>

Grading format:

1. Attendance & Participation	10%
2. Homework / Daily quizzes	15%
3. Mid Exams	35%
4. Final Exams	40%

Schedule of Classes:

T TH (9/4-6) **1. Introduce the teaching methods and description of this course**
2. Discuss activities of the winter vacation
3. Home Assignment

L.1 《刚到中国》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T TH (9/11-13) **L.1 《刚到中国》 :**
Quiz (on the second 1/2 Voc.)

L.2 《租自行车》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T TH (9/18-20) L.2 《租自行车》 : Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

L.3 《出了车祸》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T TH (9/25-9/27) L.3 《出了车祸》 :
Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

L.4 《旗袍和筷子》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T TH (10/2-4) L.4 《旗袍和筷子》 :
Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

L.5 《一次性产品》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T TH (10/9-11) L.5 《一次性产品》 :
Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

L.6 《防盗和防火》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T TH (10/16-18) L.6 《防盗和防火》 :
Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

L.7 《我不给乞丐钱》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

T (10/23) L.7 《我不给乞丐钱》 :
Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

TH T(10/25-30) Answer question, Summary and Review
Mid-term: Questions and Composition: L.1-L.7
Conversation Skills observed

TH T (11/1-11/6) L.8 《打官司》 :
Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.

L8 《打官司》 :
Quiz (on the second1/2 Voc.)

TH T (11/8-13)	L.9 《电子邮件》： Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.
	L.9 《电子邮件》： Quiz (on the second 1/2 Voc.)
TH T (11/15-20)	L.10 《鲜花插在牛粪上》： Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.
	L.10 《鲜花插在牛粪上》： Quiz (on the second 1/2 Voc.)
TH (11/22)	Thanksgiving Day
T TH (11/27-11/29)	L.11 《总统有了女朋友》： Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.
	L.11 《总统有了女朋友》： Quiz (on the second 1/2 Voc.)
T TH (12/4-12/6)	L.12 《保险套与社会道德》： Quiz (on the first 1/2 Voc.), Homework due.
	L.12 《保险套与社会道德》： Quiz (on the second 1/2 Voc.)
WED TH (12/12-13)	Reading Day
FRI FRI (12/14-19)	Final Exam: Written Exam—Questions and Composition (L.1-L.12) Oral Exam----Time to be announced