Syllabus
Communicating in Chinese II (CHIN 115-01)
Credits: 3

Prerequisite: Chinese Level I or Instructor’s permission
Instructor: Dr. Lili Guo
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Time: 12:00 – 12:50 MWF
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Course description and objectives

This course is a continuation course designed for students who already have the basics of Chinese (e.g. pinyin, four tones), learned either through taking Business Chinese Level I last spring 2006, or through some other relevant experience. The emphasis of this course is on listening, speaking and reading Chinese, plus some exercises with writing skills. Students will (1) develop their vocabulary capacity through reading and (2) improve daily oral Chinese. Level II will enable students to use Chinese comfortably in making travel arrangements and in daily conversations: visiting friends, making appointments, shopping, transportation, and discussing school life or weather. Additionally, the course will integrate the Chinese culture into the language learning and enhance the practices of Chinese language.

Required Textbook


Supplementary Material:

(i) Chinese videos with English subtitles to familiarize students with language and culture of China, to improve oral comprehension in an entertaining format: Chinese New Year Performance, Dining in Chinese restaurant, Chinese Oral Party, Shopping at Chinese Grocery Store, Phone Conversations, Visiting Chinese Family.
(ii) Suitable extra pedagogical material provided by instructor.
(iii) Helpful Internet Websites:
    http://www.sinospilice.com
    http://Chinese.rutgers.edu
    http://www.cctv.com
    http://ktmatu.com/chinese/cedict

In Class Activities:

The key to effective learning of Chinese is to master listening and speaking first, followed by reading and writing. In addition to lectures, we will use videos, newspaper clips, photo stories, and CDs. Students will be put into “conversational pairs” to facilitate practice of spoken Chinese. Compulsory speaking in Chinese is required in class.
**Regular Homework:**

- Memorizing new vocabularies for each lesson
- Copying new characters for each new lesson
- Reading and reciting the designated text
- Listening to tapes/CDs of lessons
- Practicing oral Chinese by ‘conversational pairs’ in class

**Term Assignment**

*Study pair assignment.* Each study pair is required to create a situational dialogue utilizing the vocabulary you have learned. Tape it and bring it to class on time. It will be evaluated in class. Study pair is required to have the skit approved by the instructor prior to the final taping.

**Grading:**

10% - Participation: Class and Lab attendance will be mandatory. Classroom performance and other activities will be recorded. Half a point will be deducted for each absence.
10% - Vocabulary quizzes, twice per lesson.
20% - Chapter Tests: every two weeks. It will be include reading comprehension, grammar and written.
10% - Oral examinations: midterm and Final (listening comprehension and speaking)
15% - Midterm written examination
20% - Final written examination
10% - Homework (Grammar exercise and character writing exercise)
5% - Term assignment (No late turn-in accepted)

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**Makeup policy:**

No make-up quiz, tests, or exams, except under special circumstances, will be given.

**Attendance Policy:**

1. The student is responsible for any in-class materials/announcements that he/she misses during an absence.

2. A 0.5% of one’s final grades will be deducted for absence to class & lab. (Proof from doctor must be presented for sick leaves)

3. Students who are late for 10 minutes will be regarded as absent.

4. A 0.1% of one’s final grades will be deducted for lateness to class & lab.
**Technology policy in the class room:**

All the following is not allowed to be used in the class without prior approval by the instructor: Cell phones, PDAs, blackberries, ipods, Bluetooth, and laptops.

**Homework policy:**

1. Always turn in homework by the end of class on Friday.
2. No late homework will be accepted, except those resulting from an excused absence.
3. A 0.25% of one’s final grades will be deducted for your missed homework.

**Weather policy:** 977-snow

**No negotiating for grades:**

There will be no opportunity for “extra credit” to improve grads that have already been earned. Bargaining for grads will not be tolerated. The only way to achieve the minimum grad that you require is to attend class and lab every day, study suitably for exams and successfully complete all assignment.

**Academic Honesty:**

Students are expected to be honest in their academic work. The university reserves the right to penalize any student whose academic conduct is at anytime, in its judgment, a detriment to the university. Such conduct shall include cases of plagiarism, collusion, cheating, giving/receiving or offering or soliciting information on examinations, or the use of previously prepared material on examination or quizzes. Violations should be reported to your course instructor, who will investigate and adjudicate them according to policy on Academic Honesty of the college of arts and sciences. If the charges are found to be true, the student may be liable for academic or disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion from the university.

**Students with Special Needs – Disability Services:**

Any student who, because of disability, feels that he or she may need academic accommodation in order to meet the requirements of the course as outlined in the syllabus, should contact the office of Diversity and Affirmative Action. Please telephone the office at 314-977-8885, or visit DuBorg Hall, Room 36. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquires.