

Chinese 301 Advanced Modern Chinese

Course Outline

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One two-hour lecture:
 Mondays 2-4pm (2 hours); Room: 260-317

Two one-hour tutorials:
 Thursdays 2-3pm (1 hour); Room: 206-216
 Fridays 2-3pm (1 hour); Room: 201E-259

	Monday	Thursday	Friday
9 am-12 noon			Office hour (Judy) 207-313C
2 pm-3 pm	Lecture (Dani) 260-317	Tutorial (Dani & Judy) 206-216	Tutorial (Linda) 201E-259
3 pm-4 pm			Office hour (Linda) 207-313C
4 pm-5 pm	Office hour (Dani) 207-422		



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Description

This course builds on the knowledge you have gained over the previous years of studying Chinese and aims to help you develop independent and confident skills as a proficient user of Chinese. The course is divided into 5 units. You will read texts covering various aspects of Chinese society, culture and literature and through these texts will strengthen your knowledge of Chinese grammar and vocabulary, develop your skills in both written and spoken Chinese, and will help you to gain deeper understanding of contemporary Chinese culture.

Aims

Students will gain listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Chinese, attaining approximately Level 5 on the HSK proficiency scale. It is equivalent to the level of "Proficient User of Chinese Language" (C1 and C2) in terms of the Common European Framework of References for Languages. Specifically, students will achieve the following skills:

1. **Listening:** Be able to sustain understanding over longer stretches of connected discourse on a number of topics pertaining to different times and places as well as events removed in space and time from the speaker. Be able to understand face-to-face speech in the standard dialect about everyday topics, common personal and family news, well-known current events, and narration about current, past and future events.
2. **Speaking:** Be able to converse with ease and confidence when dealing with most routine tasks and social situations of the Intermediate level. Be able to initiate, maintain and close a general conversation with a number of strategies appropriate to a range of circumstances and topics for face-to-face conversations. Be able to handle successfully most uncomplicated communicative tasks and social situations requiring an exchange of basic information related to work, school, recreation, particular interests and areas of competence.
3. **Reading:** Be able to read simple, authentic written material in a form equivalent to usual printing or typescript on subjects within a familiar context. Be able to read straightforward, familiar, factual material with full understanding simple connected texts dealing with basic personal and social needs. Be able to locate and understand the main ideas and details in material written for the general reader. Be able to read uncomplicated but authentic prose on familiar subjects that are normally presented in a predictable sequence, which aids the reader in understanding.
4. **Writing:** Be able to describe and narrate in paragraphs, write articles of at least several paragraphs in length on self-selected and familiar topics. Be able to use a dictionary to advantage to express simple ideas. Be able to write routine social correspondence and prepare documentary materials.
5. **Culture:** Be able to read more advanced texts on general topics about life and culture in China, and have improved your ability to write in accurate Chinese on some topics on modern China. Be able to talk to others about life in modern China and have developed a deeper knowledge about the Chinese language and China generally.

Textbook: Standard Course HSK 5

Assessment: 100% Coursework

1. Short Tests (10%): Five short tests for each Unit, each worth 2%.
2. Writing Assignments (30%): Five writing assignments for each Unit, each worth 6%.
3. Oral Tests (30%): Two oral tests (one for mid-term, one for final), each worth 15%.
4. Written Tests (30%): Two written tests (one for mid-term, one for final), each worth 15%.

Important to Note

1. **Class time:** One class is 50mins. For the lecture, we start at 2:05pm and ends at 3:55pm, including 10mins break during 2:55pm-3:05pm. For tutorials, we start at 2:05pm and ends at 2:55pm.
2. **Preparation:** You are expected to prepare for the lessons ahead of time and to participate actively in the classroom activities. **You will be tested on the vocabulary of a new chapter on Mondays.** It is your responsibility to come to class prepared. If you work consistently throughout the course, you will have gained a wider, more sophisticated vocabulary as used in modern China by the end of the semester.
3. **Assessment time:** All tests and assessments are held during scheduled lecture/tutorial hours. **No make-up tests will be available.** You must sort your schedule for your Chinese tests. However, in genuinely exceptional circumstances well supported with documentation, students may apply for an aegrotat or compassionate pass by following the same procedure, which governs the University's examination regulations.
4. **Canvas and information:** Students must take their own initiatives to check Canvas notifications and/or E-mails, as important and urgent notifications will be communicated through these mediums.
5. **Contact your teacher:** Your teacher is happy to answer all your questions during office hour. However, you should not expect your teacher to return to all your Emails. **Only urgent matters will be answered.** For unurgent matters, please wait until you see your teacher during lecture and tutorial time.
6. **Plagiarism:** You should be aware of what constitutes plagiarism. Check out the website below for info. <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/learning-and-teaching/policies-guidelines-and-procedures/academic-integrity-info-for-students/university-regulations-statutes-and-guidelines.html>

Course summary

Week	Chapter	Assessment	Points
Week 1	Unit 1	Short Test 1	2%
Week 2	Unit 1	Writing Assignments 1	6%
Week 3	Unit 2	Short Test 2	2%
Week 4	Unit 2	Writing Assignments 2	6%
Week 5	Unit 3	Short Test 3	2%
Week 6	Revision	Oral Test 1 Writing Assignments 3	15% 6%
Semester Break			
Week 7	Unit 3	Written Test 1	15%
Week 8	Unit 4	Short Test 4	2%
Week 9	Unit 4	Writing Assignments 4	6%
Week 10	Unit 5	Short Test 5	2%
Week 11	Unit 5	Writing Assignments 5	6%
Week 12	Revision and Final test	Oral Test 2 Written Test 2	15% 15%

Note:

1. This 12-week course will cover five Units of the textbook. We will spend two weeks on each Unit.
2. For each Unit, there are three lessons. We will study the first two lessons in class and leave the last lesson for students to study by themselves. Contents from lesson three will not appear in any graded tests or exams.
3. In the beginning of each Unit, we will have a graded short test on Monday before we study the lessons. For the short test, you will need to prepare for the first two lessons. You will read more about short test at the page for Assessment.
4. At the end of each Unit, we will have a graded writing assignment to help you develop your Chinese literacy skills on topics that are covered in the Unit.

Day-by-Day learning schedule

Week	Date	Chapter		Assessment
Week 1	7-16	Lecture: Unit1		Short Test 1
	7-19	Tutorial:		
	7-20	Tutorial:		
Week 2	7-23	Lecture: Unit 1		
	7-26	Tutorial:		
	7-27	Tutorial:		Writing Assignment 1
Week 3	7-30	Lecture: Unit 2		Short Test 2
	8-02	Tutorial:		
	8-03	Tutorial:		
Week 4	8-06	Lecture: Unit 2		
	8-09	Tutorial:		
	8-10	Tutorial:		Writing Assignment 2
Week 5	8-13	Lecture: Unit 3		Short Test 3
	8-16	Tutorial:		
	8-17	Tutorial:		
Week 6	8-20	Lecture: Revision		
	8-23	Tutorial: Oral Test 1		Oral Test 1
	8-24	Tutorial:		Writing Assignment 3
Semester Break (Aug-27 to Sept-7)				
Week 7	9-10	Lecture: Unit 3		Written Test 1
	9-13	Tutorial:		
	9-14	Tutorial:		
Week 8	9-17	Lecture: Unit 4		Short Test 4
	9-20	Tutorial:		
	9-21	Tutorial:		
Week 9	9-24	Lecture: Unit 4		
	9-27	Tutorial:		
	9-28	Tutorial:		Writing Assignment 4
Week 10	10-01	Lecture: Unit 5		Short Test 5
	10-04	Tutorial:		
	10-05	Tutorial:		
Week 11	10-08	Lecture: Unit 5		
	10-11	Tutorial:		
	10-12	Tutorial:		Writing Assignment 5
Week 12	10-15	Lecture: Revision		
	10-18	Tutorial: Oral Test 2		Oral Test 2
	10-19	Tutorial: Written Test 2		Written Test 2

Assessment

Short Test (2% x 5 = 10%)

At the beginning of each Unit (Every Unit has two lessons), there will be a short test to ensure everyone has had basic knowledge about the two lessons in the Unit. The short test paper is below for your reference. Your teacher will read one word to you and you are required to write down the correct Pinyin (Tones must be correct as well) and Characters. Finally, translate this word into English (Please follow the English translation in the textbook). For short test 1 in week 1, you will need to prepare vocabulary on page 2-3 and page 9-11. Words with asterisk are also for short test.

Chinese 301 Advanced Modern Chinese Short Test (2%)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
AUID: _____ Stream: _____

Write down the correct Pinyin and characters. Translate into English. No partial marks will be given.

	Pinyin (1point)	Character (2 points)	English (1 pointh)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Writing Assignment (6% x 5 = 30%)

In the end of each Unit, there will be a Writing Assignment to evaluate the students' ability to use the vocabulary and structure learned in the Unit. All Writing Assignment will be happen on Friday tutorials in a computer lab, where every students can work with a computer for this graded writing assignment. Worksheet for each Writing Assignment will be available on Canvas at least 24 hours before the Friday tutorial. You are encouraged to prepare for your Friday tutorial by familiarizing yourself with the writing task before you go to class. Your teacher will give you instruction on each writing assignment in class, and will help you improve your writing on an individual basis. The submission of your writing assignment will close on the same day at 23:59pm.

Oral Test (15% x 2 = 30%) To be announced in week 4

Oral Test 1
Oral Test 2

Written Test (15% x 2 = 30%) To be announced in week 4

Written Test 1
Written Test 2