

# CHINESE 300 COURSE SYLLABUS

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Text: Integrated Chinese Simplified Character Edition  
Level 2 Part 1 text book  
Level 1 Part 1 work book

## **Course Objectives:**

In Chinese 300, students will improve all four aspects of language acquisition: speaking and listening as well as reading and writing. They will continue to consolidate and build on the skills they have acquired in Chinese 201. Students will be working with different partners and in small groups daily to facilitate as much conversation as possible. Grammar topics will also be systematically reviewed. By the end of the semester, each student should feel much more comfortable when hearing the Chinese language and should also be able to speak on a variety of topics and issues covered in this course.

## **Learning Goals:**

In the 5th semester, students will develop the following skills:

- review and improve comprehension and oral expression skills. Special emphasis will be placed on structured as well as spontaneous conversation.
- improve listening skills and the ability to comprehend the Chinese language,
- grasp the fundamental concepts of Chinese grammar and vocabulary expansion covered in this course,
- development of writing skills.

- continue to explore and delve deeper into present days matters affecting Chinese-speaking countries.

**Course Requirements:**

- 1) In order to succeed in this course, regular attendance and active participation in class are extremely important. In accordance with written Departmental policy, unexcused absences will be noted and three or more will cause a reduction in points on the final exam. In addition, assignments or quizzes missed due to an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Absence will be excused for **documented** medical and other emergencies. Participation accounts for 40% of the grade for this course. Active participation in the class will affect your final grade in a positive way; non-participation will affect your final grade in a negative way.
- 2) **Preparation & Homework:** All the preparation work for each class is completed by the students before class time. It is necessary to study and prepare the lesson assigned beforehand and to complete the homework assigned for that day. Other compositions and exercises assigned by the instructor are to be done independently outside of class in order to make the best use of group time during the class hours.
- 3) **Tests and Exams:** There will be at least one quiz per chapter given to make sure students have understood and grasped new material in each chapter. There will be a mid-term oral test and a final comprehensive exam including oral and written exams.

#### 4) Grading Policy:

Grades will be calculated as follows:		Grading scale:	
Attendance	10%	A = 93 – 100	C = 73 – 77
Participation	10%	A- = 90 – 92	C- = 70 – 72
Assignments	20%	B+ = 88 – 89	D+ = 68 – 69
Quizzes and tests	20%	B = 83 – 87	D = 63 – 67
Oral tests	20%	B - = 80 – 82	D - = 60 – 62
Final exams	20%	C+ = 78 – 79	F = 59 & under

#### 5) **Classroom Behavior:**

The Chinese 200 classroom is designed to create a pleasant and comfortable atmosphere in which students show respect for each other and for the instructor.

- Please :
- Turn off cell phones,
  - Do not chew gum in language classes,
  - Do not eat your lunch in class,
  - Turn off iPods and MP3 players,
  - Remove hats and sunglasses and
  - Use your computer only for activities which pertain to our class room activities.

#### 6) Suggestions for success in learning Chinese:

- Participate actively in class.
- Memorize all the new characters and new vocabulary each day and learn to use them. You can use flash cards to help you memorize new vocabulary.

- Review material from previous classes daily.
- Do not hesitate to practice or to make mistakes. We all learn from our mistakes.
- Lab work will help you improve your listening comprehension, which is a fundamental part of learning a second language,
- Do the workbook exercises on a daily basis; this will reinforce what you have learned in the classroom.

6) **Lab Policy & Oral work:** Students must spend at least two hours per week on lab work.

**DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Regular attendance is essential to your success in learning a foreign language. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to complete the assignment and attend the next class fully prepared.

Departmental policy authorizes a deduction of one point per absence from the final exam score. No make-up quizzes are allowed.