

Chinese 3211: Chinese Composition and Conversation II

Course Description and Objectives:

This course will focus on developing high intermediate to advanced speaking and writing skills. The goal is to further improve the communicative competency students have acquired through taking CHIN3210. Students will be exposed to a variety of exciting issues in contemporary China such as the Internet, economic development, the environment and love in Mandarin Chinese. Classroom activities include oral presentations, debates and performances. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to engage in meaningful conversations and express themselves in writing on covered topics.

Required Textbook:

Duanduan Li and Irene Liu, *Reading Into A New China: Integrated Skills for Advanced Chinese*. Vol. I. Cheng & Tsui Company, Inc., 2009.

The textbook could be purchased at UConn Co-Op Bookstore.

Recommended:

Pocket Oxford Chinese Dictionary. 4 edition. Oxford University Press, USA, 2009.

Requirements:

1. Be on time. A quiz is generally given at the beginning of a class meeting. If you are late for class, you might miss a quiz.
2. Make sure to preview the course materials before the class.
3. Regular attendance and active participation in class activities.
4. Cell phones or laptops in class are not allowed except for taking notes.
5. Homework must be turned in on the due date. Late homework is not accepted unless accompanied with a doctor's or academic advisor's note.
6. No make-up quizzes or exams unless a doctor's or academic advisor's note is provided.

Speaking Exercises: You will be graded on your fluency, pronunciation and tones. You have the option to do presentations, conversations, performances or debates for these exercises.

Writing Assignments: Please post your writing on our Facebook group page under the weekly topic I post. You are encouraged to comment on one another's writings.

1. Use characters only.
2. Use at least 200 characters in total.
3. Write every other line and leave space for corrections.
4. Use punctuation marks.

Grading:

1. Participation: 15%
2. Writing Assignments: 20%
3. Speaking Exercises: 10%
4. Quizzes: 20%
5. Mid-term Exam: 15%
6. Final Project: 20%

Grading Scale:

A = 95-100 A- = 90-94 B+ = 87-89 B = 84-86 B- = 80-83
C+ = 77-79 C = 74-76 C- = 70-73 D+ = 67-69 D = 64-66 D- = 60-63
F = anything below 60

Course Schedule:

Week	Tue	Thu
1 Chapter Six	-Syllabus -Introduction video: 非你莫属 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87eK06FPr9M http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87eK06FPr9M	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87eK06FPr9M -Discussion of video on 非你莫属 -Vocabulary and text (first half) Quiz 1: vocabulary (first half)
2 Chapter Six	Vocabulary and text (second half)	Video: 非你莫属 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wkZyGDvlOk http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wkZyGDvlOk
3 Chapter Six	-Discussion of video on 非你莫属 Grammar exercises Quiz 2: vocabulary (second half)	Celebration of Chinese New Year on Feb 10 Speaking Exercise 1
4 Chapter Seven	Vocabulary and text (first half) Quiz 3: vocabulary (first half) Homework due: Writing Assignment 1	Vocabulary and text (second half)
5 Chapter Seven	Grammar exercises Quiz 4: vocabulary (second half)	Speaking Exercise 2

6 Chapter Eight	Vocabulary and text (first half) Quiz 5: vocabulary (first half) Homework due: Writing Assignment 2	Vocabulary and text (second half)
7 Chapter Eight	Grammar exercises Quiz 6: vocabulary (second half)	Speaking Exercise 3
8 Midterm	复习第六课到第八课	期中考试
9	Spring Recess. No Class.	Spring Recess. No Class.
10 Chapter Nine	Vocabulary and text (first half) Quiz 7: vocabulary (second half) Homework due: Writing Assignment 3	Vocabulary and text (second half)
11 Chapter Nine	Grammar exercises Quiz 8: vocabulary (second half)	Speaking Exercise 4
12 Chapter Ten	Vocabulary and text (first half) Quiz 9: vocabulary (second half)	Vocabulary and text (second half)

	Homework due: Writing Assignment 4	
13 Chapter Ten	Grammar exercises Quiz 10: vocabulary (second half)	Speaking Exercise 5
14 Final Projects	Work on final projects	Work on final projects
15 Final Projects	Work on final projects	Final Projects presentation