Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Chinese 202 - Intermediate Chinese

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General Introduction and Course Objectives:

Chinese 202 is open to students who have taken Chinese 201 or the equivalent. It is not open to students from Chinese-speaking countries. This is a six-credit course, with class meetings daily and a required ninety minutes per week on your own in the International Languages Laboratory, working on the current lesson and reviewing previous work.

The objective in second-year Chinese is to build upon the knowledge and skills acquired in first year, developing and extending your ability in oral/aural communication as well as in reading and writing Chinese. Before the end of your second year, you will be equipped to handle a wide variety of daily situations like renting an apartment, dating, medical appointments, and asking directions. Your vocabulary will be large and your grasp of grammar comprehensive, but you will still have some distance to go before achieving the fluency needed to, say, do business in China or even read a newspaper with ease; this is why most larger Chinese programs in America and Europe offer four years of Chinese and recommend that students spend a year or two in China thereafter to boost their skills even further. Countless study abroad programs, some quite inexpensive, are available in both these countries, and the application process is generally very simple. All programs accept students at every level and offer courses ranging from a month or a summer in length to entire degree programs. If you are interested, feel free to come and see me for advice and assistance with selecting a suitable program and making your application.

We would like to remind you about the minor in Chinese. This consists of 24 language credits plus 9 in Chinese literature/culture. One of the literature/culture courses should be Introduction to Chinese Civilization. Three of these 9 credits may be in a China-centered course taken in another department, such as history. To be counted toward the minor, a course must be taken with the traditional grading option.

Evaluation and Expectations:
Your final course grade will be calculated according to the following percentages:

Tests ......................... 30%
Class participation and performance ...... 20%
Homework .......................... 10%
Final Examination .................. 40%

1. Tests. These will typically be held at the end of each textbook lesson, and the score for every test except for your lowest one will be counted toward your final grade. Note that each test will cover not just the most recent lesson but previous material as well, both from earlier in the semester and from Chinese 100, so please keep up with your reviewing! The occasional test may be a take-home, but the majority will be in-class, lasting the entire 50 minutes. Short, informal five-minute quizzes, largely on new vocabulary, will be held periodically.

2. You are expected to attend all classes, and attendance will be taken daily. Anyone with more than four (4) unexcused absences will be given a failing grade (F). Classes begin promptly at ten minutes past the hour and lateness is frowned upon. If before Chinese class you have another commitment in a distant part of the campus, making punctuality a problem, please inform your instructor.

3. Course preparation: please come to class well prepared, having studied the material for that day. Written assignments and exercises must be turned in on time.

4. Language laboratory: a register for signing in and out is situated at the front desk; this will be checked regularly. Remember that, as with first year, a minimum of 90 minutes per week is expected. You should ideally go three times a week for 30-40 minutes each time. It is not acceptable to use up the entire 90 minutes on one visit.

Textbook:
Integrated
Chinese Level 2 Part 1
Audio Tapes: available in the International Languages Laboratory.

General Schedule (Provisional)

1. Week of Monday, Jan. 27th:
Review of last year’s material
Begin Integrated Chinese Level 2 Part 1: Lesson 03

2. Week of Monday, Feb. 03:
Lesson 03 continued

3. Week of Monday Feb. 10
Mon: Test on Lesson 03
Tue: Begin Lesson
Wed:
Thu:
Fri: