Chinese 102 - Elementary Chinese II

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General introduction and Course Objectives:

Chinese 102 is open to non-native speakers of Chinese who received a passing grade in Chinese 101 or who have achieved an equivalent level of competency in another approved Chinese program. This is a five-credit course, with five hours of classes per week. You are also required to spend two hours per week in the Computer Laboratory working with the CDs for the current lesson in the textbook.

Our task in the second semester of first-year Chinese is to develop and build upon the skills acquired in the first semester, maintaining our focus on the four principal areas of language acquisition: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Course Procedures, Evaluation and Expectations:

1. Tests. These will typically be held at the end of each textbook lesson, and the score for every test, except your lowest one, will be counted toward your final grade. Note that each test will cover not just the most recent lesson but earlier material as well, 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 characters and new vocabulary, will be given periodically, sometimes without notice. These will not count toward your final grade. There will be a final examination but no mid-term. Makeups are not permitted unless you have a note from Student Health Services or your physician. This note does not need to state the nature of your illness.

2. All assigned homework for a particular lesson must be completed and given to your instructor before the test for that lesson. Late work will only be accepted in special circumstances and when permission has been granted in advance.

3. Attendance is taken daily and you are expected to attend all classes. Anyone absent eight times will be given a failing grade for the course. Classes begin at exactly ten minutes past the hour — we take a dim view of lateness, so make sure you are always on time. If before Chinese you have another class at some distant part of the campus, making punctuality a problem, let us know. Unexcused late arrivals will be counted as absences.
4. Language/Computer laboratory. A register for signing in and out may be found at the front desk. We inspect this weekly. As noted above, two hours of attendance per week are required; persons who neglect this task may be given a lowered or failing grade. Ideally, you should go to the L.L. 4-5 times a week, for about 30 minutes each time. Do not do your two hours all at once. If you do this, you will burn out after about 40 minutes and the rest of the time will be wasted.

Your overall course grade will be calculated according to the following percentages:
Tests................................................................. 40%
Class participation and performance....................15%
Homework..........................................................15%
Final Examination...............................................30%

Further Points:

1. This course uses pluses and minuses in its grading. The lowest credit-receiving grade is D minus. Although students may receive an A+ on tests, the highest possible course grade is a straight A.

2. Auditors: Anyone auditing the class must formally enroll as an auditor.

3. Anyone with a learning disability and needing special accommodation with tests, homework, etc. must provide us with written certification from Disability Services (DSS) at the beginning of the course.

4. University regulations forbid the giving of final exams early, i.e. before exam week.

5. This class is not open to native speakers of Chinese.

Class Text: