



Intensive Language Program
CHIN 401: Advanced Chinese IV

Course Overview

This course is designed for language students with at least 7-8 semesters of formal training in Chinese. Course contents are structured to help students strengthen their language skills through improved proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Chinese. Through a wide range of learning activities such as daily dictation, bi-weekly tests, recalling of conversation, story-telling, dialogue construction, presentations, and skit performances, the course focuses students toward further improving their pronunciation and tones; learning new grammar patterns; and applying the grammar and vocabulary learned.

Learning Objectives

Students learn an average of at least 48 new Chinese words in each class session; and are encouraged to master approximately 368 new characters, 2307 new words, and 240 new grammar patterns by the end of the semester. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Use Chinese confidently as they navigate through their day-to-day activities;
2. Hold conversations with local Chinese communities on common topics such as those related to culture, food, local arts, etc.;
3. Apply a more sophisticated vocabulary to engage in conversations on social issues, such as those pertaining to birth control in China, the status of Chinese women in society, etc.

Course Structure

The 14-week intensive course incorporates a series of classes that meet five times a week for a total of 20 hours each week. Students are required to take the following five modules as part of the course:

1. Grammar Class
2. Drill Class I: Grammar & Vocabulary Practice
3. Drill Class II: Application of Communication Skills
4. One-to-One Tutoring Sessions
5. Intensive Class

Textbook

Alliance Reader II, the Alliance for Global Education

Road to Success-intermediate II, Professor Zhang Wei

Road to Success-Lower Advanced I&II, Professors Yu Kun & Wang Youmin

Class Hours

1. Regular Classes: Monday – Friday
 - (Grammar & Vocabulary Session) 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 - (Drill I) 10:10 – 11:00 a.m.
 - (Drill II) 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2. Intensive Classes: Monday – Thursday
 - 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.
3. One-to-One: Each student is allocated two 25-minute One-to-One sessions per week.
4. Friday: Weekly Composition and Bi-Weekly Tests

Pre-Class Preparation

Students are encouraged to spend 2-3 hours a day in course related work, including preparing for class, reviewing daily dictations, and completing assignments. Pre-class preparation may include:

- Listening to the DVDs that are included in the textbook;
- Reviewing new words assigned for the class session;
- Practicing the reading and writing of words assigned;
- Learning vocabulary from assigned dialogues;
- Reviewing grammar patterns in the assigned chapters from the textbook;
- Memorizing dialogues or chapters assigned by class instructors;
- Practicing oral language skills with Chinese roommate or language partner by role-playing and engaging them in daily conversations and cultural activities; and
- Completing assignments

Grammar Classes

Students are required to use only Chinese when classes are in session. In addition to scheduled class activities, new grammar patterns and vocabulary are introduced during each class session. Each class session typically begins with a daily dictation of vocabulary and key sentences. Students are required to write in Chinese characters for these dictations. Students are also expected to reconstruct the texts from assigned dialogues and retell the dialogues with accurate and fluid pronunciation.

Drill Classes I & II

Drill Class I offers students the opportunity to practice applying the newly acquired grammar patterns and vocabulary; while Drill Class II allows them to hone their communication skills in more spontaneous and creative real-life scenarios; and to participate in in-depth discussions on social issues from a cross-cultural perspective.

One-to-One Tutoring Sessions

The One-to-One sessions allow students to engage in individual discussions with class instructors, as well as to focus on a specific aspect of the language. They also provide students with the opportunity to work with their instructors to address the language needs of their research or internships; and develop a stronger familiarity with words and expressions typically used in academic and business environments.

Intensive Classes

The intensive classes combine readings from contemporary media sources with learning activities such as listening and speaking exercises, reading idiom stories, presenting oral descriptions, watching Chinese films, and participating in a language practicum. Teachers engage students in the proper approaches to spoken Chinese; followed with a range of listening and speaking exercises to enhance their ability to communicate fluently in Chinese. Additionally, the oral description lessons teach them effective uses of new words and sentence patterns to express their opinion, describe an object or event, or articulate their thoughts; while the idiom story and film lessons expose students to the culture and history of the Chinese people. Through the language practicum, students will have the opportunity to interact with the local communities in Shanghai, practice their language skills, and learning about the everyday life of the people in China.

Course Policies

Exams and Assignments

Students are required to take all regularly scheduled exams in courses for which they are registered and submit all assignments on time. Any compelling academic, personal, or medical reason that might justify a rescheduled exam or assignment must be raised with the Resident Director, not program faculty. Failure to take scheduled exams or submit the requisite assignments will adversely affect your grade.

Classroom Conduct

Student punctuality is extremely important in China and India. Please do not be late for classes or other activities, as it is considered impolite to do so. It is improper to eat in class, to engage in other activities such as texting, or to slump or nap. Students are expected to be alert and engaged as a sign of respect for their professors.

Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory. It is essential that the students participate fully in the coursework and all required academic activities. Authorized absences may only be approved by the Resident Director, and students are expected to make up any missed work. Unauthorized absences will adversely affect a student's grades.

As this is an intensive course, it is essential that students come to the class on time and attend class regularly. Students are allowed to miss class only if it is approved by the Resident Director. Make-up exams, homework will be offered to students who have Resident Director's approval.

Evaluation

During the semester, there will be the following assessments:

Quizzes

Mid-Term exam

Final exam

Evaluation Methods

Language Pledge	10%
Participation	10%
Dictation	10%
Homework	10%
Quizzes	15%
Mid-Term Exam	20%
Final Exam	25%

Grading Policies

Alliance programs utilize the follow standard grading policy well accepted by most US institutions.

Excellent	A	93-100%	Good	B+	87-89%	Acceptable	C+	77-79%
	A-	90-92%		B	83-86%		C	73-76%
				B-	80-82%		C-	70-72%
						Unsatisfactory	D+	67-69%
							D	63-66%
							D-	60-62%
						Failing	F	<60%

Class Schedule

*This sample class schedule is subject to change.

Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L13(I) Grammar	L13(II) Grammar	L14(I) Grammar	L14(II) Grammar	L15(I) Grammar
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2
12:10-13:00	Lunch Time				
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	

Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	Mid-autumn Festival	L15(II) Grammar	L16(I) Grammar	Review	Bi-weekly Test
10:10-11:00		Drill 1	Drill 1		
11:10-12:00		Drill 2	Drill 2		
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20		Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30		One on One	One on One	One on One	

Week 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L16(II) Grammar	L17(I) Grammar	L17(II) Grammar	L18(I) Grammar	L18(II) Grammar
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 4					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L19(I) Grammar	L19(II) Grammar	L20(I) Grammar	Review	Bi-weekly Test
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1		
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2		
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 5					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	L20(II) Grammar	<i>Road To Success- intermediate II</i> L8(I) Grammar	Holiday		
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1			
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2			
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class			
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One			
15:30-16:20					

Week 6					
Field Study Trip					

Week 7					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L8(II) Grammar	L9(I) Grammar	L9(II) Grammar	Bi-weekly Test	Travel Report
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1		
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2		
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 8					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L10(I) Grammar	L10(II) Grammar	L11(I) Grammar	L11(II) Grammar	L12(I) Grammar
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 9					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L12(II) Grammar	L13(I) Grammar	L13(II) Grammar	Review	Mid-term Exam
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1		
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2		
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 10					
Independent Travel					

Week 11					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L14(I) Grammar	L14(II) Grammar	<i>Road To Success-Lower Advanced</i> L1(I) Grammar	L1(II) Grammar	L2(I) Grammar
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 12					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L2(II) Grammar	L3(I) Grammar	Review	Bi-weekly Test	Speech Contest
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1			
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2			
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20	One One				

Week 13					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L3(II) Grammar	L4(I) Grammar	L4(II) Grammar	L5(I) Grammar	Long Weekend Trip
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	

Week 14					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L5(II) Grammar	L6(I) Grammar	L6(II) Grammar	Review	Bi-weekly Test
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1		
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2		
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	

Week 15					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L7(I) Grammar	L7(II) Grammar	L8(I) Grammar	L8(II) Grammar	Exit Exam
10:10-11:00	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	Drill 1	
11:10-12:00	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	Drill 2	
12:10-13:00		Language Table			
13:30-14:20	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	Intensive Class	
14:20-15:30	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	
15:30-16:20					

Week 16					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	L9(I) Grammar	Review	Final Oral Presentation & Review	Final Exam (Written)	
10:10-11:00	Drill 1				
11:10-12:00	Drill 2				
19:00-21:00			Office Hours		