



CHIN 401: Advanced Chinese IV

Intensive Language Program

Course Description

On average, students have previously studied Chinese for 7 to 8 semesters before taking this course and have already learned some advanced Chinese grammar patterns. This class is intensive and meets 5 times a week for a total of 20 hours per week. Students are expected to spend 2-3 hours a day preparing for class, previewing for daily dictation, and doing homework. Only Chinese is allowed in the class. Students will mainly focus on improving their Chinese pronunciation and tones, learning new grammar patterns and practicing the newly learned grammar and vocabulary. Organized in-class activities include daily dictation, bi-weekly tests, and completing oral exercises such as discussing texts, giving presentations, and completing projects or problem-solving tasks.

Learning Objectives

This class helps students strengthen their skills and improve their proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The topics in the textbook cover the most commonly used conversations. The class is designed for 14 weeks. In this semester, students are expected to learn at least 48 new Chinese words every class day on average. By the end of the semester, students will be able to learn 368 new characters, to recognize and write 2307 new words, as well as 240 new grammar patterns. Students should be able to function in Chinese in their daily life with confidence and hold conversations with local Chinese people on common topics, such as Chinese culture, food, customs and folk art. In addition, using advanced vocabulary, students should also be able to discuss Chinese and American social issues, such as Chinese products in America, campus shootings, Occupy Wall Street and the presidential election, etc.

Students are required to take five Chinese courses; these are the Grammar Class, Drill 1: Grammar and Vocabulary Practice, Drill 2: Application of Communication Skills, One-on-One, and Intensive Course. Before each class, students should prepare by reviewing the new words for that lesson. During the Grammar Class, the teacher will introduce students to the new grammar patterns and vocabulary. After the Grammar Class, students will practice the newly acquired grammar patterns and vocabulary in the more structured Drill 1 class first, and then focus on honing their communication skills by applying them to more spontaneous and creative real-life

scenarios in the Drill 2 class. The One-On-One class gives students the opportunity to chat with their teacher and focus on a specific aspect of the language. The Intensive Course includes listening and speaking activities, reading Idiom stories, presenting oral descriptions, watching Chinese films and participating in a language practicum. The listening and speaking activities enhance students' listening and speaking capabilities of communication in Chinese. Reading idiom story and watching film will help students to learn more Chinese culture and history. The oral description will teach students new words and sentence patterns, so that they may express their opinion or describe something more fluently. And finally, during language practicum, the whole class will interact with the community. This is an excellent opportunity to practice Chinese while learning about the everyday life of Chinese people.

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 Chinese Class from Monday to Friday:
 - Section 1: 9:00-10:00
 - Section 2: 10:10-11:00
 - Section 3: 11:10-12:00
2. Intensive Class from Monday to Thursday:
 - Monday 13:30-14:20
 - Tuesday 13:30-14:20
 - Wednesday 13:30-14:20
 - Thursday 13:30-14:20
3. One on One: Each student has two 25 minute One-On-One sessions each week.
4. Friday: weekly composition and Bi-weekly Test

Course Policies

Exams and Assignments

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

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.

Pre-Class Preparation

Before the Chinese class, students are expected to:

2. Listen to the DVDs included with the textbook regularly and frequently
3. Be familiar with new vocabulary from the dialogues
4. Be able to read and write the new words correctly
5. Preview and try to understand the grammar patterns from the related chapters
6. Memorize the dialogue/chapter assigned by the class instructors
7. Complete homework assignments

In the Class

- It is important that the students pay attention to the teachers.
- There is a daily dictation in the first hour session with vocabulary and key sentences. Students are required to review what they have learned the day before and preview the new lesson. The dictation will start at the beginning of each class. Students are expected to learn how to write characters.
- When retelling the dialogue, students should try to memorize the text and learn to retell it with accurate and natural pronunciation.

After the class

- Review the recently learned lessons and preview new vocabulary, grammar patterns, and dialogues for next day's class.
- Finish the homework assigned by the professors.
- Practice oral language skills with Chinese roommate or language partner by role-playing and engaging them in daily conversations and cultural activities when possible.

Evaluation

During the semester, there will be the following tests:

Bi- Weekly 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+	97-100%	Good	B+	87-89%	Acceptable	C+	77-79%
	A	93-96%		B	83-86%		C	73-76%
	A-	90-92%		B-	80-82%		C-	70-72%
						Unsatisfactory	D+	67-69%
							D	63-66%
							D-	60-62%
						Failing	F	<60%

Class Schedule

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
Study Tour

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					

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					

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					

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		

*The class schedule is subject to change.