

CHIN 2010: Chinese Second Year I

Fall 2013

Syllabus

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Class: 9:30 am - 10:20 am MTWR Old Main 006, plus 1 lab hour required per week.

**Course Description:**

This course aims to help students expand from their base in first year Chinese and reach intermediate level skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students are expected to do intensive reading of expository writings on a variety of topics, carry out relatively fluent conversations about daily activities, and write compositions of 300 characters on subjects of their daily life. Students will expand their knowledge of vocabulary, sentence patterns, and develop skills in speaking and writing in coherent and well formed paragraphs. Also, this class will allow students' exposure to Chinese culture and traditions through reading and listening exercises. Creative input, consistent performance, and full engagement in group work are important for this class.

**Required Textbooks:** (traditional & simplified available in Bookstore under surname WANG)

Chinese Odyssey Volume 3 &4 Textbook

Chinese Odyssey Volume 3 &4 Workbook

Textbooks are available at the University Bookstore in TSC.

Additional material will be available through Canvas.

**Course Requirements:**

Attendance-----	10%
Weekly Journal (2% each, 10 journals total)-----	20%
Weekly practice in the lab-----	10%
Oral Presentation -----	10%
Workbook exercise -----	10%
Quizzes (1% each, I will take best 10 out of 12)-----	10%
Portfolio with reflection essay-----	5%
1 Mid-term -----	10%
1 Final -----	15%

**Grading system and percentage**

As you can see the total number of points is 100%. Your final grade for the course will be calculated as follows:

100-98% ... A+	89-87%...B+	79-77%...C+	69-67%...D+	Below 60%...F
97-94% ... A	86-84%... B	76-74%...C	66-64%...D	
93-90% ... A-	83-80%...B-	73-70%...C-	63-60%...D	

### **Homework Assignments:**

Assignments selected by the instructor from *Chinese Odyssey: Workbook*.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance of the class is important and highly related to a student's performance in class. You are allowed 3 absences in this class. If you have more than 3 unexcused absences, whether excused or unexcused, you will suffer a loss of 2% for each additional absence. In case of illness, emergency, or university activities, please notify me by email in advance, and submit an official university excused absence sheet when you return to class.

**Quizzes:** In total, there will be 12 quizzes on vocabulary, sentence patterns and grammar in the text. In other words, there will be one to two quizzes on each of the 10 lessons. Students will be informed of the dates of the quizzes, and have the chance to drop the lowest two grades. I will count the best 10 quizzes for your 20% grade for quizzes in total. There is **NO make-up quiz** in this course. If a student misses a quiz and receives a zero for the grade, he or she may drop that grade and make up the points by a good performance for the upcoming quizzes.

**Weekly Journal:** Weekly journals are open-topic, and may include the following aspects: reflections on learning process; reflections on current events from newspapers, magazine and website; any topic related to your personal experience or area of interest in study. **The journal is 100 characters, handwritten, and is due every Monday in class.**

### **Portfolio 5%:**

Your portfolio, essentially, is a collection of records of your study in this class throughout the semester. Each student should create his or her individual portfolio, containing the following items in order:

- A self-reflection essay in Chinese summarizing your performance over the semester, 150 words.
- Weekly Quizzes, 10 total;
- Weekly journals, 10 total;
- Oral presentation essay.
- Midterm exam.
- Answers for the workbook assignments every week.
- Handouts for instructor's in-class exercises.

**The portfolio is due on December 13, 2013 Friday, right before the Final Exam (9:30—11:20).**

### **What May Lower Your Grade?**

- A. If you fail to hand in an assignment on its due date, the grade for that assignment would be lowered by one letter "degree" (eg: B+ to B). (For details about homework/ assignment, see below).
- B. Failure to show up at the time of a quiz will lead to an automatic **zero** for that quiz. (For details about quizzes, see below).
- C. Serious absence (over 3 unexcused absences or over 5 absences in total either excused or unexcused) will lead to a 0% grade for your 10% attendance grade. To prevent this from happening, I will inform you when you use up your unexcused absences.

**Participation:** Class participation includes attendance, timely submission of assignments, active involvement in classroom activities. Be sure not to schedule appointments and the like during class time to insure that you do not miss any classes.

**Meeting with the Instructor:** Students are encouraged to meet with the instructor to discuss their

individual interests and concerns. For instance, for the oral presentation assignment, students are strongly recommended to meet with the instructor about their interested topics. A sign-sheet will be circulated beforehand. In the meantime, you can always sign up for meetings during my office hours. (Check the sign-sheet on my office door, 002 B Old Main.) If you cannot make for my office hours, please email me to set up an appointment.

**Classroom etiquette:** The relationship between the students and the instructor is one of dual respect. Please pay particular attention to the following rules. 1) Be punctual for the class. 2) Set your cell phone on vibration before the class. 3) Internet surfing during class times is not allowed. 4) If you need to leave the classroom shortly during the class time, ask permission from the instructor first.

**Late Work:** Usually late work is not accepted. If you know that you will miss class ahead of time due to a school-sponsored activity, please talk with me ASAP.

### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism includes knowingly "representing, by paraphrase or direct quotation, the published or unpublished work of another person as one's own in any academic exercise or activity without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials." The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include warning or reprimand, grade adjustment, probation, suspension, expulsion, withholding of transcripts, denial or revocation of degrees, and referral to psychological counseling.

### **Students with Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act states: "Reasonable accommodation will be provided for all persons with disabilities in order to ensure equal participation within the program. If a student has a disability that will likely require some accommodation by the instructor, the student must contact the instructor and document the disability through the Disability Resource Center (797-2444), preferably during the first week of the course. Any request for special consideration relating to attendance, pedagogy, taking of examinations, etc., must be discussed with and approved by the instructor. In cooperation with the Disability Resource Center, course materials can be provided in alternative format, large print, audio, diskette, or Braille."

### **Problems:**

If at any time you have a concern about the class, course policies, other students, or me, please come and talk with me.

Week/Day		Contents	Assignments Due
I.	8/26-29	Introduction, L21 请吃饭  <b>Guest Session:</b> 8/29 Chinese Folk Singing by Xi'An Jiaotong University visiting teachers.	Workbook exercise  Lab practice
II	9/2 Labor Day no class. 9/3-5	L21 continued.  Beginning of L22 办签证  Quiz 1 on Thursday.	Journal 1 due Tues.  Workbook exercise.  Lab practice
III	9/9-12	L22 continued.  Beginning of L23 送人  Quiz 2 on Thursday.	Workbook exercise.  Lab practice
IV	9/16-19	L23 continued.	Journal 2 due Mon.  Workbook exercise.  Lab practice
V	9/23-26	L24.到达北京机场  Quiz 3.	Journal 3 due Mon.  Workbook exercise.  Lab practice
VI	9/30-10/3	L24 continued.  Beginning of L25 体检  Quiz 4.	Journal 4 due Mon.  Workbook exercise.  Lab practice.
VII	10/7-10	L25, midterm review.  Quiz 5	Journal 5 due Mon.  Workbook exercise.  Lab practice.
VIII	10/14-16  10/17 Fri. schedule, no	Review Quiz (6). <b>Film screening.</b>  Midterm exam (10/16)	No journal this week. ☺  Portfolio preliminary check.

	class.		Lab practice.
IX	10/21-24	L26 谈季节, 谈天气 Quiz 7.	Journal 6 due Mon. Workbook exercise. Lab practice.
X	10/28-31	L26 continued, Beginning of L27 去邮局. Quiz 8	Journal 7 due Mon. Workbook exercise. Lab practice.
XI	11/4-7	L27 continued, L28 找路 Quiz 9	Workbook exercise. Lab practice.
XII	11/11-14	L28 continued. Beginning of L29 买礼物 Quiz 10	Journal 8 due Mon. Workbook exercise. Lab practice.
XIII	11/18-21	L29 continued. Beginning of L30 逛夜市。 Quiz 11: optional, take home.	Journal 9 due Mon. Workbook exercise. Lab practice.
XIV	11/25-26	L30 continued, Quiz 12: optional, take home.	Journal 10 due Mon. Workbook exercise. Lab practice.
XV	12/2-5	Review, <b>Film Screening</b> . Preparation for Final.	Review of portfolio.
XVI	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>December 13, Friday, 9:30-11:20am.</b> <b>Portfolio due before Exam.</b>	