

CHIN 2020: Chinese Second Year II

Spring 2012

Syllabus

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Class: 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm MTWRF Merrill-Cazier Library 302

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:

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 blackboard.

Course Requirements:

Attendance-----	10%
Weekly Journal (2% each, 10 journals total)-----	20%
Oral Presentation -----	10%
Workbook exercise -----	10%
Quizzes (1% each, instructor will take the best10 out of 12)-----	10%
Portfolio with reflection essay-----	5%
1 Mid-term -----	15%
1 Final -----	20%

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 unexcused absences in this class. If you have more than 3 unexcused absences or 5 absences in total, whether excused or unexcused, you will suffer a loss of 10% of your total grade. 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 150 characters 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, 12 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 May 2 Wednesday, right before the Final Exam (11:30-1:20).

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.

Class Schedule

Week/Day		Contents	Assignments Due
I.	Jan. 9-12	Introduction, Review of L29. L30 逛夜市	Workbook exercise.
	Jan. 13	Mock quick 1.	
II	Jan. 17-19	L30 continued.	Journal 1 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Jan. 20	Quiz 1.	
III	Jan. 23-26	L31 去银行	Journal 2 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Jan. 27	Quiz 2.	
IV	Jan. 30- Feb.2	L 31 continued L32 定火车票	Journal 3 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Feb. 3	Quiz 3.	
V	Feb. 6-9	L32 continued.	Journal 4 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Feb. 10	Quiz 4 L33 风味小吃	
VI	Feb. 13-16	L33 continued.	Journal 5 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Feb. 17	Quiz 5	
VII	Feb. 20-23	L34 住旅馆	Journal 6 due Mon. Workbook exercise.

	Feb. 24	Quiz 6	
VIII	Feb.27- Mar.1	L34 continued. L35 锻炼身体	Journal 6 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Mar. 1	Quiz 7	
IX	Mar. 6	L35 continued.	Review for Midterm.
	Mar. 8	Midterm.	
X	Mar. 12-16	Spring break, no class.	
XI	Mar. 19-22	L36. 我生病了	Journal 7 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Mar. 23	Quiz 8	
XII	Mar. 26-29	L36 review. L37: 过春节	Journal 8 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Mar. 30	Quiz 9	
XIII	Apr. 2-5	L37 continued. L38 打工.	Journal 9 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
	Apr. 6	Quiz 10	
XIV	Apr.9-13	L38 continued. L39 用手机	Journal 10 due Mon. Workbook exercise.
XV	Apr. 16-20	L39 continued. L40 汉语资格考试	
XVI	Apr. 23-27	L40 continued. Review for Final Exam.	
XVII	Final Exam	May 2 Wednesday, 11:30-1:20 p.m.	