

Utah State University
CHIN 3050 Chinese Conversation
Fall 2017

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Office Hour: W 8:30-9:30 a.m. or by appointment

Class Time and Location:

Time: MWF, 11:30 a.m. - 12: 20 p.m.

Location: FL 307

Course Description

- 1) Designed to develop effective verbal communication skills, to increase vocabulary, and to teach students to express and justify facts, opinions, ideas, and emotions in Chinese.
- 2) Designed for students who have not had extended residence in a Chinese-speaking community. Prerequisite: CHIN 2020 or equivalent.
- 3) At the end of the course, students will be “advanced-low level” speakers as described in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines:

“Speakers at the Advanced Low sublevel are able to handle a variety of communicative tasks. They are able to participate in most informal and some formal conversations on topics related to school, home, and leisure activities. They can also speak about some topics related to employment, current events, and matters of public and community interest” (ACTFL, 2012)

Text Materials

Sung, K. (2013). We Speak Chinese. Beijing, China: Peking University Press.

Course Goals

- 1) To communicate effectively in Chinese on contemporary conversation topics.
- 2) To establish connections between second language study and other academic disciplines.
- 3) To introduce students to social and cultural issues in Taiwan and mainland China.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. However, you are allowed two (excused or unexcused) absences. The third and each successive absence will result in a one point deduction from the Attendance grade. Punctuality is an absolute necessity for teachers. A proportionate

penalty for excessive unexcused tardiness or leaving class early may be assessed. As a courtesy to the instructor, and to avoid these penalties, please let the instructor know before class if you need to leave early.

Evaluation

Attendance.....5 points
 Classroom Participation.....5 points
 Lesson Assignments8 points
 Pop Oral Quizzes.....8 points
 Movie Reflection Journals.....8 points
 Phone Message Exercises.....16 points
 Speaking Test.....10 points
 Chinese Culture Interview.....5 points
 Discover China/Taiwan.....10 points
 Final Presentations.....15 points
 Final Oral Test.....10 points

Letter grades will be given as following:

A 94-100 % A- 90- 93 %
 B+ 86- 89 % B 83- 85 % B- 80- 82 %
 C+ 76- 79 % C 73- 75 % C- 70- 72 %
 D+ 66- 69 % D 64- 66% D- 60- 63%
 F below 60%

Semester Schedule

Week	Date	Content	Quiz	Work Due
Week 1	8/28/17	Introduction	Quiz at the beginning of class. No make-up quiz. Assignments and phone messages due at the beginning of the class. Late assignments only receive ½ of point.	
	8/30/17	Lesson 1		
	9/1/17	Lesson 1		
Week 2	9/4/17	No class (Labor Day)		
	9/6/17	Lesson 1		
	9/8/17	Lesson 2	Quiz 1: lesson 1	Lesson 1 Assignment 1 Phone message 1 due
Week 3	9/11/17	Lesson 2		
	9/13/17	Lesson 2		
	9/15/17	Lesson 3	Quiz 2: lesson 2	Lesson 2 Assignment 2 Phone message 2 due
Week 4	9/18/17	Lesson 3		
	9/20/17	Lesson 3		
	9/22/17	Cultural Teaching	Quiz 3: lesson 3	Lesson 3 Assignment 3 Phone message 3 due
Week 5	9/25/17	Interview presentation		
	9/27/17	Interview presentation		
	9/29/17	Interview presentation		

Week 6	10/2/17	Lesson 4		
	10/4/17	Lesson 4		
	10/6/17	Lesson 4		
Week 7	10/9/17	Lesson 6	Quiz 4: lesson 4	Lesson 4 Assignment 4 Phone message 4 due
	10/11/17	Lesson 6		
	10/13/17	Lesson 6		
Week 8	10/16/17	Movie 1	Quiz 5: lesson 6	Lesson 6 Assignment 5 Phone message 5 due
	10/18/17	Movie 1		
	10/19/17*	Movie 1		
Week 9	10/23/17	Project: Discover China/Taiwan		Movie Journal 1 due
	10/25/17	Project: Discover China/Taiwan		
	10/27/17	Project: Discover China/Taiwan		
Week 10	10/30/17	Lesson 7		
	11/1/17	Lesson 7		
	11/3/17	Lesson 7		
Week 11	11/6/17	Movie 2	Quiz 6: lesson 7	Lesson 7 Assignment 6 Phone message 6 due
	11/8/17	Movie 2		
	11/10/17	Movie 2		
Week 12	11/13/17	Lesson 8		Movie Journal 2 due
	11/15/17	Lesson 8		
	11/17/17	Lesson 8		
Week 13	11/20/17	Cultural teaching	Quiz 7: lesson 8	Lesson 8 Assignment 7 Phone message 7 due
	11/22/17	No class	Thanksgiving	
	11/24/17	No class		
Week 14	11/27/17	Lesson 10		
	11/29/17	Lesson 10		
	12/1/17	Review oral test	Quiz 8: lesson 10	Lesson 10 Assignment 8 Phone message 8 due
Week 15	12/4/17	Final Presentation		
	12/6/17	Final Presentation		
	12/8/17	Final Presentation		
Final Week		Final Oral Test		

Students with Disabilities: Students with ADA-documented physical, sensory, emotional or medical impairments may be eligible for reasonable accommodations. Veterans may also be eligible for services. All accommodations are coordinated through the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in Room 101 of the University Inn, (435)797-2444. Please contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible. Alternate format materials (Braille, large print, digital, or audio) are available with advance notice.

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 using materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in the sale of term papers or other academic materials" (Code of Policies and Procedures for Students, Article V, Section 3A.1). The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include warning or reprimand, grade adjustment, retaking an exam, or failing the course.

Discipline Regarding Academic Integrity Violations: An instructor has full autonomy to evaluate a student's academic performance in a course. If a student commits an academic violation, the instructor may sanction the student. Such sanctions may include: (1) requiring the student to rewrite a paper/assignment or to retake a test/examination; (2) adjusting the student's grade—for either an assignment/test or the course; (3) giving the student a failing grade for the course; or (4) taking actions as appropriate. Additional disciplinary action beyond instructor sanction shall be determined by the Judicial Officer and the University.

Lab Fee: The \$24:00 course fee you have paid is used to staff and maintain the Language Lab (MAIN 004), provide language specific materials, and to pay teaching tutors who assist instructors in the classroom and lab.

Important Dates:

September 4 Labor Day Holiday

October 19* Attend Friday Schedule

October 20 Fall Break

November 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday