

CN430 Fourth-Year Chinese Course Syllabus (Fall 2006)

中文四年级课程大纲

(Subject to change)

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Course Description

This is an advanced Chinese language course utilizing multi-media materials ranging from social commentaries and news coverage to watching video clips. The goal of the course is to introduce the students to various aspects of Chinese culture while enhancing their language competence in listening, reading, speaking and writing modern Chinese. Students will be immersed in the Chinese language environment, and should be prepared to discuss and ask and answer questions in Chinese in class.

Textbook:

中国社会文化写实--*China Scene: An Advanced Chinese Multimedia Course*. Honggang Jin, Debao Xu, and James Hargett. Cheng & Tsui Company. 2000.

Requirements:

You need to preview new vocabulary for each new lesson and be ready for vocabulary quizzes on a weekly basis (see your class schedule for quizz dates).

Each time we meet for class, we will spend a few minutes at the beginning of the class discussing current news. You will take turns to report news in class and the news coverage can be international, domestic, and Colby campus.

In addition to regular homework assignments, you will have a mid term, a final, and a class project.. The mid term and the final exam will consist of translations (English to Chinese, Chinese to English), reading comprehension, and essay writings. For the class project, you each will choose a Chinese recipe and learn to how to cook Chinese dishes according to the recipes.

Homework

Homework assignments and out of class preparation are essential for successful participation and performance in class. Your homework will consist of sentence making/completion, question answering, preparing oral presentation, and essay writing. For essay writing, you will be graded twice. The first grading is based on the first draft you turn in. You need to resubmit your essay implementing the revisions I suggest. The second grading is based on your resubmission of the revised essay. Homework must be handed in on time, you will lose 1.5 points (or 10 percent) for

homework late for one day, 3 points (20 percent) late for two days, and lose all points if late for more than three days.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance is mandatory, and preparation for class is a must. Absences due to health and emergency reasons must be pre-arranged.

Grading

This is how your final grade will be calculated:

Homework	30%	
Essay revisions		5%
Quizzes	20%	
News Reports	10%	
Class Projects	5%	
Mid term	10%	
Final exam	10%	
Attendance	10%	

Chinese Table

We will meet for Chinese Table once a week. As advanced students, you should participate in this as frequently as possible not only to improve your speaking and listening skills with teachers and fellow students, but also to help lower-level students with the practice.

The time and place for Chinese Table are:

Wednesdays: 5:00-7:00pm in the private room, Foss Dining Hall

Fridays: 12:00-2:00pm in the private room, Roberts.

Tutorials

There will be five tutorial sessions each week throughout the semester. The schedule is as below:

Sundays through Thursdays: 8:00-10:00 pm, Lovejoy 413.

Useful websites for news reports and supplementary readings

Xinhua News Agency: <http://www.xinhuanet.com>

People's Daily: peopledaily.com.cn

VOA: <http://www.voanews.com/Chinese/index.cfm>

BBC: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/chinese/news/default1.stm>

Chinadaily-bilingual news: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/english/lt/lt_news_bilingual.html

Harvard's Academy at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~clp/China/teach1.htm>