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CHIN 0250: Advanced Beginning Chinese

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Course Description:

CHIN0250 is the second semester of Advanced Beginning Chinese and is only offered in the spring. A student *must* complete CHIN0250 in order to receive credit for CHIN0150. Upon completion of both courses, the students will have received the training equivalent to CHIN 0100-0200 and 0300-0400 and can then take CHIN 0500-0600.

The purpose of this course is to develop proficiency in speaking standard Mandarin, reading and writing Chinese. The emphasis of this course is on teaching Chinese, rather than teaching *about* Chinese. The primary language in the classroom will be Chinese, although English may be used at times to explain new vocabulary and grammar.

The class itself will consist of practice in pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar, questions and discussion in Chinese, oral presentation, oral reading and writing short compositions. In addition, students will be expected to spend at least one and half to 2 hours outside of class for every one hour classroom instruction.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- carry out both linguistically accurate and culturally appropriate Mandarin conversations about the target culture and social life both in the target society and the base society;
- speak Mandarin with improved pronunciation and grammars.
- read short articles and stories about Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese society;
- write short essays and personal letters.

Learning Materials:

Textbooks

1. Chih-p'ing Chou, et al. 2011 Revised edition.. *Oh, China!: Elementary Reader of Modern Chinese for Advanced Beginners*. 中国啊! 中国 . Princeton University Press, available at *Brown Bookstore*.

2. *The Lady in the Painting, Expanded Edition*, (Available in both Simplified Characters and Traditional Characters. Yale University Press), available at *Brown Bookstore*.
3. Supplementary reading articles will be distributed and discussed during the course of this semester.

Audio recordings

All the audiotapes for the main texts and the reading texts have been digitized, and are now available on line. Go to the Language Resource Center's website (<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/LRC/index.shtml>), click on **ONLINE AUDIO**, choose **Chinese**, then choose **Oh, China!**

■ Recommended:

- *Pocket Oxford Dictionary, 3rd Ed.*, available at Brown Bookstore.

Policy and Grading:

Academic Integrity: Understand that your integrity is far more important than your grades. Any degree of violation of the academic code will result in serious consequences. Plagerism on homework, essays, or projects will leave us with no other choice but to send you to standing in front of the academic code committee. Suspicious behaviors in any types of examination should be avoided, e.g. looking around during an exam, etc.

Following is taken from the web site of Dean of the College on Academic Code:

Individual Integrity and Self-Respect

The University expects that an individual's personal integrity and self-respect will be reflected not only in honest, responsible behavior but also in a willingness to extend support and direction to others whose behavior appears harmful to herself/himself or the community. The University expects that Brown students will tell the truth. The University expects that students will not indulge in behavior that endangers their own sustained effectiveness or that has serious ramifications for the safety, welfare, and academic well-being of themselves and others.

See the full text of the Academic Code at:

http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Dean_of_the_College/academic_code/code.html

Attendance: You are allowed ***three unexcused absences*** per semester. Exceptions will be made only in the case of observance for religious holidays, illness, emergencies, provided that you present adequate documentation.

For Letter Grade Option:

- 4 unexcused absences will prevent you from receiving an A
- 8 unexcused absences will prevent you from receiving a B or above
- 12 unexcused absences will guarantee that you will receive a "NO CREDIT"

For S/NC Grade Option: Only *Six unexcused absences* are allowed. Seven unexcused absences or above will guarantee that you will receive a **“No Credit” Grade**.

The course meets five days a week in addition to individual sessions and you are expected to be in class and on time every day. ***When you cannot make it to class regardless whether it is a valid excuse or not, you are expected to inform the instructors as soon as possible.*** Being late or absent (without a valid excuse) will affect your grade of “Participation and Performance”(10 % of total). If you come to class after the first 20 minutes, you will receive **half** an absence on your attendance record; that said, it is still to your advantage that you come to class even when you are 20 minutes late.. We do observe the reading period.

Classroom Preparation: You are expected to come to class well prepared. Weekly schedules will be handed out in advance and your responsibilities will be clearly outlined on them. Actively participating in classroom discussion with new words and phrases is extremely important. Your preparation and performance in classroom activities will be graded. You should anticipate spending a minimum of one to two hours preparing for each class. If you are for some reason unable to prepare for class, it is still strongly advised that you come to class anyway.

Language Lab: You are expected to **listen to the recordings several times before and after** you study each lesson. You can access the recordings online either in the language lab or in your dorm. Work intensively with the audio recordings before and after each class. First, listen to the recording without looking at the book so you can work on your listening comprehension. Then listen again and follow along in the book.

Quiz: All the quizzes are conducted **at the very beginning of class**. There will be *No make-up* quizzes, so be there on time. However, the missed quiz will not count against the student if it is due to a valid excuse. **Students will receive a zero if the missed quiz is not due to a valid excuse or an excused absence**

Canvas : Most of the supplementary materials, e.g. grammar notes, keys to homework, announcements, etc. and other important schedules and links will be available through CHIN0250 Canvas page.

Homework: Assignments are listed in each week’s Weekly Schedule. Staple or paper clip your work together when it is more than one page long. Homework is always **due at the beginning of class** or by 5:00pm on the due date in the box labeled ‘CHIN0150-0250 Homework’, located on the credenza under the 1st floor stairs in the department of East Asian Studies (EAS) building at 54 College St. **Late** Homework will be accepted if turned in ***no more than one day*** after the actual due date and will receive only **half credit**. Write in either traditional or simplified version. Do not mix the two.

Oral Reports and Presentation: You will give two oral reports and one final oral presentation. Details will follow.

Tests and Exams: There will be 5 tests (one for every two lessons) and a final exam. See Overall Schedule for dates. Plan your schedule accordingly. If you cannot avoid a conflicting activity, inform in

writing beforehand to make proper arrangement. Documented emergencies qualify for rescheduling for final exam. **All students** are required to attend the final exam at the time scheduled by school.

Grading System:

- Preparation and Classroom performance: 10%
- Quizzes: 15 %
- Homework: 20 %
- Oral Reports: 10%
- Tests: 25 %
- Final exam : 15 %
- Final Oral Presentation: 5%

Grading Scale: 90 %-100% =A 80 %-89.99%=B 70%-79.99%=C < 70% = NC

Please note that your grade for CHIN 0150 is only provisional; the grade you receive at the end of the academic year will represent your overall grade for CHIN 0150 and CHIN 0250.