CHIN 2B (Spring 2006)

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General Description

This course continues to introduce basic knowledge about the Chinese language, and develop your skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Mandarin Chinese. You will learn more basic grammar structures, vocabulary, and about 400 traditional characters (not including the 350 characters you have already learnt from 1B). With various class activities and after-class assignments, this course is designed to increase your exposure to everyday Chinese language and culture, and help you command basic communicational skills in Chinese.

Required Texts


Homework and Assignments

Class Preparation: it is necessary to familiarize yourself with new vocabulary, characters, and the text in advance in order to perform well in class. The weekly schedule will inform you of what to prepare before class.

Listening comprehension record sheet: you are expected to submit it every three weeks. It is very important to practice listening comprehension every day in order to develop your Chinese language proficiency. We expect you to listen at least 3 hours a week (less than 3 hours √- ; 3 hours √; more than 3 hours √+).

Weekly writing assignments: Homework (Workbook and Character Workbook) and assignments with due dates will be listed on our weekly schedules. All homework and assignments must be turned in on the due date as indicated on the weekly schedule. Credit will be reduced for late homework and such assignments will not be accepted if more than one week late. Homework that is incomplete must be handed in again to receive full credit.
Please tear out and hand in your character workbook exercises assignment by assignment. If you don’t want to tear pages out of your character workbook, a Xerox copy will be acceptable.

For assignments in your other workbook, please write your answers for each assignment on separate sheets of lined paper (double spaced). Please clearly indicate the lessons and assigned portions on your answer sheets.

**Quizzes and Exams**

**Vocabulary Quizzes**: every unit (2 per lesson)

**Chapter Quizzes**: every lesson

**Written Tests**: the midterm and the final.

**Oral Exam**: An individual oral exam will be conducted before the final, during which you will engage conversation with instructors based on what you have learnt from this course.

**Final Project**: You will have several choices for your final project:

1. **Presentation**: You can choose a topic relevant to what you have learnt from this course to prepare an in-class presentation. It should be of 10 minutes’ duration. You are encouraged to do it with the assistance of pictures or other illustrating means.

2. **Interview**: You can conduct an interview with Chinese-speaking people on prepared topics and questions. You are required to record the interview and submit a video/or audio tape and a written record of your interview.

3. **Skit**: Skit will be a team work of 3 to 4 people. You may select your own group members. You have the option to either produce a skit-video or perform it in class. It should be of 15 to 20 minutes’ duration.

*Following spring break, you will be asked to submit a script or draft for your project. The final project in any form is required to be submitted or presented two or three weeks before the final written exam.

**Evaluation and Grading**

Attendance* 5%

Class Performance 10%

Homework* 20%

Quizzes* 15%

Midterm exam 15%

Oral exam 5%

Final project 10%

Final exam 20%

*Attendance*: Attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences and multiple tardies will affect your final grade (Five unexcused absences will result in a 5 percent reduction of the final grade). Absence for illness requires a doctor’s note. If you have to be absent for other important reasons, you must inform us in advance.

*Homework*: All homework will be graded on the check system (√+, √, √-).
*Quizzes*: All quizzes and tests will be graded with scores. Vocabulary quizzes will not be made up. Chapter quizzes may only be made up if you notify us in advance.

**Grading scale is as follows:**

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**Useful Multimedia Resources**

*Audio recordings* for the textbook and workbook are available on the Language Resource Center (LRC) website ([http://lrc.swarthmore.edu](http://lrc.swarthmore.edu)). Cassette tapes are also available in the LRC (Kohlberg 306).

*For class info, exercises and other activities, see First Year Chinese (1B & 2B) web page, URL [http://www.swarthmore.edu/Humanities/kspeide1/chinese1/](http://www.swarthmore.edu/Humanities/kspeide1/chinese1/).*


*To practice Chinese characters with the assistance of animated software, see http://www.usc.edu/dept/ealc/chinese/character/*

*For other learning assistance and tools, see Learning Chinese Online URL [http://www.csulb.edu/~txie/online.htm](http://www.csulb.edu/~txie/online.htm) [http://www.mandarintools.com](http://www.mandarintools.com) [http://www.cafemecx.com](http://www.cafemecx.com) *This is a live chatting room. You can practice Chinese aloud with other Chinese speakers.*

**After-Class Activities**

**Office Hours**: There are no mandatory tutoring visits this semester. However, you are encouraged to practice your Chinese with us or ask us questions during our regular office hours. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with one of us during the office hours if you need extra help or extra work in a certain area.

**Group Studying**: Group studying can be very helpful and efficient in learning a foreign language. Please help each other to study Chinese and —hopefully—have some fun in the process.

**Supplementary Reading**: Materials and detailed instructions will be announced later.

**Chinese Lunch Table**: Chinese lunch table, a good opportunity to practice your Chinese with teachers and other students, is strongly recommended. It will be held twice a week in Sharples, beginning the second week of classes. You will be exposed to real-life communication. Please do come to enjoy learning the language in a relaxed setting. 😊