

2007 Fall Semester 011A Third-Year Chinese Conversation

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Course Objectives

This class will emphasize the improvement of spoken language skills and helps students actively engage in constant meaningful communication within various contexts in Mandarin.

Course Requirements:

All students will be expected to read through the assigned text and the grammar notes before coming to class. You will be asked questions related to what you are supposed to prepare. Students will also need to talk about different topics ranging from events in daily life, your experiences, to social or political, economic issues related to China and the United States. Students are encouraged to utilize the newly learned grammar and vocabulary in each session.

Grading:

- Class preparation and performance 15%
- Attendance 15 %
- Individual oral presentation 10 %
- Homework 30 %
- Mid-term exam 15 %
- Final exam 15 %

Examinations will be oral presentations, interviews and skits.

Homework includes written exercises and oral reports. The written homework is due at the beginning of class. Please record your oral homework assignments.

It is very important to hand in your homework on time.

Class attendance and performance will affect your grade, but more importantly failure to attend class will seriously impair your ability to learn Chinese. In order to be well prepared for the next day's class, you should do the following:

- Read the assigned text, including the grammar notes, for comprehension.
- Re-read the text aloud.
- Learn the new vocabulary.
- Practice writing the new characters.

Some Reminders:

Some extra-curricular activities (for instance, watching Chinese films, talk to Chinese speakers face to face and participate in a debate) will be arranged from time to time. They will give you a chance to know China better, and to interact with Chinese people. You are encouraged to actively participate in these activities.

Error correction is a major part of our teaching and is crucial to your learning, so be prepared to be corrected in the classroom.

Required Textbook:

1. 《Beyond The Basics樂在溝通》
by Jianhua Bai, Juyu Sung and Janet Zhiqun Xing
2. Manser, Martin H. Oxford. Concise English-Chinese Chinese-English Dictionary

Recommended:

1. 《中級漢語口語 上\下冊》
by Liu Delian , Liu Xiaoyu Peking University Press
2. Various supplementary reading materials and handouts.