



School of Arts and Sciences

Asian Languages and Cultures

Fall 2019

**01:165:401**

## **Advanced Chinese Conversation and Composition**

### **Syllabus**

#### **Class Meeting Time and Location**

Tuesday	4:30 PM - 5:50	Scott Hall 120
Thursday	4:30 PM - 5:50	Scott Hall 120

#### **Teaching Staff**

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Instructor

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#### **Course Description:**

Chinese 401 is an advanced level course. It is assumed that the students have oral and writing proficiency in Chinese. This course is specially designed for students who can already speak and write Chinese but want to learn how to converse on various topics and compose short essays on these topics in Chinese. The course teaches phrases, sentences, and grammatical structures and the application in actual communication, helps students to use the Chinese language knowledge they have learned and improve their ability to smoothly and gracefully communicate with native speakers of Chinese language, helps students to improve language knowledge and proficiency when they prepare for the HSK exam.

#### **Textbooks:**

**1. Book\* required:** *All Things Considered* (2011 revised editions, ISBN) By Chi-ping Chou and Others. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011

\* **Important Note:** The homework assignments for this class will include two parts: The Chinese composition and exercises assignments from the textbook. The Chinese composition assignments can be done on the practice sheets supplied by the instructor. You are required to make sufficient copies of them to last the whole

semester. The exercise assignments will be taken from the textbook. However, students are required to **write out the homework assignments by hand on separate sheets of paper. Do not turn your homework in on pages torn from the book.** The reasons for this are: (1) The additional copying required will allow you to practice Chinese character writing; and (2) leaving the exercise pages blank will allow you to use it for testing yourself during review and practice.

## **2. CD of *All Things Considered*.**

All the above materials are available from the University Bookstore at One Penn Plaza, opposite the New Brunswick train station, and probably also from New Jersey Books, 108 Somerset St.

### **Course work requirement:**

Learning a Language, especially a different (not difficult) one like Chinese, takes a commitment.

You are required to :

- 1) attend every class;
- 2) Please be well prepared before class, learn the new words of each lesson by yourself until you grasp all of them, esp. how to write them, because a dictation of new words will be given before each session.
- 3) do your homework and turn in the assigned homework before the next class begins.
- 4) Take in-class quizzes, Mid-term and final exams when they are given. The in-class quizzes are about the new words in the text to be learned the same day (you should prepare them by yourself before the class), and the examples of “词语例句” you have learned in the previous class.

### **Departmental languages course rules:**

- 1) You are allowed only one unexplained and unexcused absence, and one excused absence with notes from the doctor or other evidences for the unavoidability of your absence. Your final grade will be reduced by 3 percent for each day you are absent after the first two absences.
- 2) All assignments should be handed in according to schedule. Exercises handed in on time will be corrected and returned to you promptly. Persistent tardiness in finishing and returning homework will be noted and reflected in your performance score. Late assignments will be noted, but will not be corrected.
- 3) The Rutgers Self-Reporting Absence Website has launched.

Students: <http://sims.rutgers.edu.sra/>

### **Grading format:**

1. Attendance/ Participation 5%
2. In-class quizzes + Homework 15%+15%

3. Mid Exam + Oral Exam (1) 20%+10%

4. Final Exam + Oral Exam (2) 20%+15%

**Schedule of Classes:**

**Week 1:**

**T 9/3 Introduce the teaching methods and description of this course**

**1.1 第一课《刚到中国》(vocabulary: “刚”~“建筑”)**

**Quiz (dictation for the first 1/2 Vocabulary of L1)**

**TH 9/5**

**1.2 第一课《刚到中国》:(vocabulary: “懂”~“西安”)**

**Quiz (dictation for the second 1/2 Vocabulary and the first part of the examples of “词语例句” of L1)**

**Week 2:**

**T 9/10 2.1 第二课《租自行车》:(vocabulary: “租”~“式样”)  
Quiz (dictation for the first 1/2 Vocabulary of L2, and the second part of the examples of “词语例句” of L1),  
Homework due.**

**TH 9/12 2.2 第二课《租自行车》(voc: “中档”~“没事儿”)  
Quiz (dictation for the second 1/2 Vocabulary of L2, and first part of the examples of L2)**

**Week 3:**

**T 9/17 3.1 第三课《出了车祸》:(vocabulary: “车祸”~“让”)  
Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 9/19 3.2 第三课《出了车祸》:(vocabulary: “行人”~“小心”)  
Quiz**

**Week 4:**

**T 9/24 4.1 第四课《旗袍和筷子》:(vocabulary: “筷子”~“简单”)**

**Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 9/26 4.2 第四课《旗袍和筷子》：(vocabulary: “伸” ~ “取代”)  
Quiz**

**Week 5:**

**T 10/1 5.1 第五课《一次性产品》：(vocabulary: “一次性” ~ “扔”)  
Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 10/3 5.2 第五课《一次性产品》：(vocabulary: “条件” ~ “下一代”)  
Quiz**

**Week 6:**

**T 10/8 6.1 第六课《防火和防盗》：(vocabulary: “防盗” ~ “重要”)  
Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 10/10 6.2 第六课《防火和防盗》：(vocabulary: “小偷” ~ “汇报”)  
Quiz**

**Week 7:**

**T 10/15 7.1 第七课《我不给乞丐钱》：(vocabulary: “乞丐” ~ “过错”)  
Quiz, Homework due.  
Preparing for the first oral examination.**

**TH 10/17 7.2 第七课《我不给乞丐钱》：(vocabulary: “个人” ~ “馒头”)  
Quiz  
Preparing for the first oral examination.**

**Week 8:**

**T 10/22 First Oral Examination**

**TH 10/24 Mid-term: Questions and Composition: L.1-L.7**

**Week 9:**

**T 10/29 8.1 第八课《打官司》：(vocabulary: “打官司” ~ “自古”)**

**Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 10/31 8.2 第八课《打官司》：(vocabulary：“表示”~“不可避免”) Quiz**

**Week10:**

**T 11/5 9.1 第九课《电子邮件》：(vocabulary：“电子邮件”~“肯定”) Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 11/7 9.2 第九课《电子邮件》：(vocabulary：“互联网”~“爱”) Quiz**

**Week 11:**

**T 11/12 10.1 第十课《鲜花插在牛粪上》(vocabulary：“鲜花”~“寿命”) Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 11/14 10.2 第十课《鲜花插在牛粪上》：(vocabulary：“短”~“干涉”) Quiz**

**Week 12:**

**T 11/19 11.1 第十一课《总统有了女朋友》：(vocabulary：“总统”~“侵害”) Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 11/21 11.2 第十一课《总统有了女朋友》：(vocabulary：“强调”~“谈恋爱”) Quiz**

**Week 13:**

**T 11/26 12.1 第十二课《保险套与社会道德》：(vocabulary：“保险套”~“大惊小怪”) Quiz, Homework due.**

**TH 11/28 12.2 第十二课《保险套与社会道德》：(vocabulary：“随便”~“水平”) Quiz**

**Week 14:**

**T 12/3 Review of the texts L.1----- L.12, preparing for the Second Oral Examination**

**Homework due.**

**TH 12/5      Review, preparing for the final exam.  
Preparing for the Second Oral Examination.**

**Week 15:**

**T 12/10      Second Oral Examination**

**Final Exam:      Written Exam—Questions and Composition (L.1-L.12)**