

Syllabus: Mandarin Chinese II

Course Description

Building on what was learned in Mandarin Chinese I, students will continue to engage in learning this increasingly significant language spoken by over a billion people. Students will further expand their vocabulary and conversational ability while enhancing their knowledge of the Chinese people, economics, politics, archeology, and history spanning back over 5,000 years. Homework will average 3-4 hours per week.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance, while not graded in this course, will nevertheless be recorded by the students' teacher, as students are required to attend all scheduled class sessions and actively participate. It is expected that students will view archives of any missed classes as they are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments when a class must be missed.

Students will receive quarterly grades for Participation. A percentage of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*, which typically includes raising their hands, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box to contribute to the academic conversation. A grading rubric, which contains the percentage attributed to Relevant Class Participation for this course, is located on the course page.

Assignments and Assessments

Students will be expected to complete homework assignments and to prepare for quizzes each class period on the relevant listening, speaking, writing, and grammar skills. Homework will be due at 11:55 PM ET the day before each class period. Quizzes will be due at 11:55 PM ET the day of each class period. Students will take four exams, one at the end of each quarter. Exams will include listening, grammar, reading, and writing components. The second and fourth (mid-term and final) exams will include a speaking component.

All exams are due at 11:55 PM ET on the date shown. Specific instructions will be provided by the instructor.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| ● Relevant Class Participation | 20% |
| ● Homework | 15% |
| ● Quizzes | 15% |
| ● Tests | 12% |
| ● Midterm/Final Exams | 18% |

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades.

100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 0% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Late Work

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

Exam/Test Retakes

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. This policy also applies to formal labs in applicable courses. Retakes will be graded as though the student *could* receive a 100%. Assuming the student then scores a grade of 70% or greater on the retake, he will be given a 70%. If the student again fails the assessment, the greater of the two grades (attempts) will be used in the calculation of a final grade.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student’s teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

Textbooks

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is extremely important that the student has the correct version/edition of these materials, and that they be ordered timely so as to have no interruption in a student's progress.

Mandarin Chinese II Course Kit (003682)

- Integrated Chinese 4th Ed. Volume 3 Textbook
- Integrated Chinese 4th Ed. Volume 3 Workbook
- Integrated Chinese 4th Ed. Volume 3 Character Workbook
- Integrated Chinese 4th Ed. Volume 4 Textbook
- Integrated Chinese 4th Ed. Volume 4 Workbook
- Integrated Chinese 4th Ed. Volume 4 Character Workbook

Course Calendar

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on the course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.