

CHN250/300 CHINESE III (2 credits)

CHN251/301 CHINESE III PRACTICE (1 credit)

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DESCRIPTION: This course is for students who have completed CHINESE II or have a similar level of proficiency as students who completed CHINESE II, and who wish to improve their Chinese language communication skills. The aim of this course is to continue building student's integrated foundations in Chinese language, such as grammatical rules, vocabulary and expressions, and to help students to improve their communication skills. In this class students can also have more opportunities than in CHINESE I to practice speaking Chinese by talking about various topics. To keep monitor progress in Chinese language study, tests will be given about once a month.

OBJECTIVES: By the end of the course students are expected to:

1. Raise their language competency level to an intermediate level.
2. Master more rules of basic grammar and expressions.
3. Know about 1000 words, phrases, and sentences in Chinese.
4. Develop basic communication skills in Chinese.
5. Be able to converse on numerous topics with Chinese people.

STUDY MATERIALS:

To be announced.

ASSESSMENT:

Evaluation will be made on basis of final exam (40%), tests (30%), and homework (30%).

ACADEMIC PREPARATION: Before enrolling in this course, students should have successfully completed CHINESE II or have studied Chinese language for no less than 100 hours.

COURSE FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES:

There are two 70-minute classes and one 60-minute class a week. Generally, the first

two classes of the week are arranged for lecture and the last class of the week is for making short speeches in Chinese or practicing dictation.

To further support students, private instruction will be available after class once a week. This instruction is specially aimed at correcting students' pronunciations, reviewing students' course work, and improving students' Chinese listening and speaking capability.

SCHEDULE:

- <Week1> S-P construction as the subject of a sentence, etc.
- <Week2> Revision of language points
- <Week3> Pivotal sentence
- <Week4> Enumeration of cardinal numbers above 100, etc.
- <Week5> Sentence with verbal construction in series (2), etc.
- <Week6> Modal particle 了 indicating changes in situation or state, etc.
- <Week7> Revision of language points
- <Week8> Potential complement, etc.
- <Week9> Pivotal sentence without a subject, etc.
- <Week10> 更 and 最 for comparison, etc.
- <Week11> Revision of language points
- <Week12> Sentence showing existence, emergence or disappearance, etc.
- <Week13> Extended uses of interrogatives, etc.
- <Week14> Sentence passives in tense, etc.
- <Week15> Final exam

In addition, explanation to **CHINESE III PRACTICE** will be given at the beginning of class.