

CHN400 CHINESE LANGUAGE SEMINAR: DISCOURSE PRACTICE
(3 credit hours)

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Meeting times: M through F 15:00-16:30 (Jan18-19, Feb15-26)

DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for students who have a higher level in Chinese language such as those who have completed all the courses from CHINESE I to CHINESE III or have similar level of proficiency in Chinese language. The aim of the course is to help students develop their communication abilities in Chinese, including the four language skills--listening, speaking, reading and writing. Class will be conducted only in Chinese. To monitor assure progress in Chinese language study, tests will be given about once a week

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

1. Master more basic grammar and expressions.
2. Be able to write a longer essay in Chinese.
3. Be able to converse with Chinese people on various topics and make a longer speech in Chinese.

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 all the courses from CHINNESE I to CHINESE III or have studied Chinese language for no less than 180 hours.

COURSE FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES:

There are five 100-minute classes a week. Generally, the first two classes of each week are arranged for lecture and the other three classes for students to make short speech in Chinese and for other practices such as dictation. etc.

In addition, to support students with their studies, private instruction after class will be available once a week. This instruction is specially aimed at correcting students' pronunciations, reviewing students' course work, and improving students' Chinese listening and speaking capability .