

I. Teachers

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II. Textbook, Dictionaries and Level 2.5 Webwite

Required Textbook: Chou Chip-P'ing, *A New China*, Princeton (Revised Edition)

Recommended Dictionaries:

1. Deng, G., Ed., *A New English-Chinese Dictionary*, University of Washington Press;
2. Deng, G., Ed., *A New Chinese-English Dictionary*, University of Washington Press.

☞ Please have a 3-inch binder to **keep all** your daily quizzes, written and oral tests, essays and homework assignments in this folder. You will need to show your portfolio to your teachers when you meet with them to review your progress and improvement.

☞ Please check **Level 2.5 Website EVERYDAY!** We will post weekly homework schedules, classroom schedules, one-on-one schedules, daily lecture notes, daily grammar preview handouts (語法預習講義/语法预习讲义), review handouts for mid-term and final exam, etc. on our website. You will need to print out the daily grammar preview handouts yourself **before class** for preview. Please remember to bring your 語法預習講義 to class **every day**.

☞ Level 2.5 Website: <http://sites.middlebury.edu/chns3298-3302/>

➤ Each student has a free-printing quota of 500 pages during the Chinese summer school.

III. Course Description

This course is designed for students who have completed Intermediate Chinese or the equivalent. While many of the linguistic tasks students learn to handle are similar to those of Intermediate Chinese, the level of language required to carry out these tasks is more advanced. Students are introduced to the written Chinese (书面语 *shūmiànyǔ*) and taught how to make the transition from reading pedagogically prepared materials to more authentic materials.

Rigorous practice of spoken and written Chinese in complex communicative activities will be complemented by intensive practice sessions to fine-tune pronunciation, expand vocabulary, and internalize more complex grammatical constructions. Students will also do intensive reading of expository writings on a variety of cultural topics. This course is conducted in Mandarin Chinese.

IV. Daily Schedule

		Notes
7:50-8:40 am	Lecture 1 (Vocab, Grammar and Text)	• Daily quiz starts at 7:50
8:45-9:35 am	Lecture 2 (Vocab, Grammar and Text) ➤ Listening Comprehension/ Newspaper Reading starting 2 nd week	
9:35 am-9:50 am	Break	
9:50 am-10:40 am	Drill 1 (Vocab and Grammar)	• Homework due at 9:50
10:45 am -11:35 am	Drill 2 (Text and Discussion)	
11:30 pm-12:30 pm	Lunch (Ross Dining Hall)	
1:00 pm-2: 40 pm	One-on-One (20 minutes each, T – Th)	
3:30 pm-5:00 pm	Co-Curriculum Activities, Lectures, etc.	
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Dinner (Ross Dining Hall)	
8:30 pm-10:00 pm	Office Hours (Go there early, please.)	• Sunday through Thursday

V. Grades

☞ Please make sure you are familiar with the rules and practices outlined here.

☞ Your final grade will be made up of the following:

1. Homework and Essays (5%+10%)

1) Homework or essay is always due in the first drill, at the start of the class, on the assigned due date. Homework handed in **within 24 hours of the deadline will receive half credit**. If handed in **more than 24 hours after the deadline**, your homework will be corrected but you will receive **no credit**. Homework that is more than three days late will not be accepted.

➤ Please hand in any late homework (no more than three days late) to the drill teacher whom you should have handed it in to. Please make sure to write “晚交的作业/功课” (*late homework*) and the due date.

2) You cannot use computer to type your homework. All homework assignments, including essays, must be handwritten. Please make sure to indicate at the top of each assignment your name, the due date, which assignment it is, and what page number in the book it refers to.

3) Please use double-space everything that you turn in to make it easier for your teachers to write corrections and comments.

4) All essays must be revised to receive full credit. The mistakes and errors in your first draft

will be marked; we will underline the wrong grammar patterns and circle the wrong characters, but we will not correct them. If you have difficulty figuring out how to correct the mistakes, please go to the office hours. When you turn in your revised version, please make sure to turn in your first draft as well.

5) Please staple your homework if it has two or more pages.

2. Daily Quizzes (20%)

Daily quizzes will primarily test you on writing and recognizing characters, in context. They may also test pronunciation and your understanding of the text and grammar patterns that you are supposed to preview before class.

☞ There will be **no** makeup quizzes, under any circumstances. If you are sick and have informed us **in advance**, not having taken the quiz will not count against you.

3. Weekly Written Tests (35%)

We will have 7 tests, the first 6 tests will be on **Mondays**; the final written test will be on **last Thursday**. The tests will cover material introduced in lectures, practiced in drills, and assigned for homework.

☞ Please make sure you understand everything and know all the vocab in each text, even if it is not in the Grammar Notes or listed in the vocabulary list. Don't be afraid to ask.

☞ Please do not ask for permission to take any test early, especially the final written and oral tests, because you want to leave early and have a ride or flight to catch. Leaving early is **not** a valid excuse!

4. Weekly Oral Tests (15%)

There will be a weekly oral test every Monday afternoon.
Please see Weekly Homework Schedule for details.

5. Oral Presentations for Midterm and Final Exam (10%)

We will do the oral presentations on **7/22, Tuesday, and 8/15, Friday**.
Please see Weekly Homework Schedule for details.

6. Attendance, Preparation and Participation (5%)

☞ Please print out and preview 语法预习讲义 before class and bring it to both lecture and drill classes every day!

The calculation for this grade is based on your attendance and active participation in class. Please prepare and **well rested** for class *each and every* day.

1) **Punctual attendance at every single class (lecture and drill) is required.**

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- 2) Absences will be excused if accompanied by a doctor's note or permission from Bai Laoshi. You must get Bai Laoshi's permission **in advance** if you will need to miss classes or leave campus due to personal or business reasons! Please tell **both** the lead instructor and the teacher of the class **in advance** you will miss the class. We understand that on rare occasions you may not wish to share or may not be able to share your reason for missing class.

Grading Scale (letter grades and numerical equivalents)

95% and above A	83.4% - 86.6% B	73.4% - 76.6% C	63.4%-66.6% D
90% - 94.9% A-	80% - 83.3% B-	70% - 73.3% C-	60%-63.3% D-
86.7% - 89.9% B+	76.7% - 79.9% C+	66.7% - 69.9% D+	Below 59% F

- ☞ Poor attendance or a habit of failing to turn in homework on time will pull your grade down. The harder you work and the more consistent your effort is, the better you will do!

Remember to check your hanging folder every day

All graded daily quizzes, written homework assignments, written and oral tests will be put in your hanging folder with your Chinese name on it the same day **by 7:30 pm** in **Hepburn Lounge**. You will get your draft and revised version of the graded essays the next day.

☞ Honor the Language Pledge

The Language Pledge:

"In signing this Language Pledge, I agree to use _____ as my only language of communication while attending the Middlebury Language Schools. I understand that failure to comply with this Pledge may result in my expulsion from the School without credit or refund."



The language pledge is essential for the success of the program. Please honor your pledge at all times! The violation of the language pledge adversely affects your grade. The following grading policy will be strictly enforced: first violation = 4 points deducted; second violation = 6 points deducted.

Please let us know if you have any questions and/or concerns. We are here to help! ☺

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