**CHIN-3040 (Spring 2024)**

**Advanced Topics in Culture**

**M/W 2:00-3:20 PM (LANG - Room 204)**

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**Required Materials:**

1 books: ***A Trip to China* (《华夏行》)***,* Revised Edition. ISBN 978-0-691-15309-4

<https://www.amazon.com/Trip-China-Intermediate-Princeton-Language/dp/0691153094>

1 notebook: for keeping class notes

1 folder: for keeping quizzes and other papers returned to you.

**Learning Objectives & Learning Outcomes:**

This course is the second semester of a two-semester intermediate-advanced level of Chinese. It is designed to reinforce what you have learned in previous courses and apply Chinese in cross-cultural context. We are using a holistic immersive approach to learning Chinese, with a focus on building students’ cultural competence in the Chinese-speaking world. Cultural-related and cultural-specific topics will be introduced in this course to enhance students’ linguistic knowledge and cultural competence. By the end of this course, students will be able to use more advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary to engage in conversations and discussions on a variety cultural topics.

**Prerequisites:**

Chinese 2040/2050 at UNT (or the equivalent)

# Learning Requirements:

1. Essays (8)
2. Tests (2: Mid-term + Final)

**Grading (final grades will be determined as follows):**

20% Attendance & Participation

40% Homework (5% \* 8 Essay Assignments: at least 300 Chinese characters; hand-written or typed)

40% Test (20% Mid-term + 20% Final)

**Grade Distribution**

A = 100 – 90%B = 89.9 – 80%C = 79.9 – 70%D = 69.9 – 60%F = 59.9 – 0%

**Attendance & Participation:**

**Regular attendance is essential.** Attending class late 20 minutes or more or leaving class early 20 minutes or more is considered an absence. **NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCE is allowed**. 12 or more unexcused absences result in a failing grade for the course. See the UNT Attendance Policy for details at <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5>. In case of emergencies, such as severe weather conditions, classes will be conducted on Microsoft Teams.

**Participation in class is the key to success** in this class. **Cellular phones and other electronic devices can ONLY be used when requested/with instructor’s permission.**

**Homework Assignments:**

Assignments are due on the day they are listed on the syllabus below. Late assignment will result in 10% loss in grade each day till the entire grade is lost (10 days after the homework due date). This penalty can **ONLY** be avoided if students with valid, verifiable excuses make arrangements with the instructor **before** the due date. There are 8 essay assignments in total, and each essay should be hand-written and at least 300 Chinese characters in length.

**Quizzes & Tests:**

Students can make up missed quizzes covering the same material **ONLY** with the approval from the instructor. For tests, however, there will be **NO** make-up tests (speaking or written) **UNLESS** approved by the instructor. Taking the Final Test (both speaking and written) is mandatory to receive a passing grade in this course. An alternative Final Test can be given **ONLY** to students who have a time conflict. Appeals to reschedule a Final Test must be made to your academic dean before the deadline.

**Spring 2024 Academic Calendar & Registration Guide**

Please refer to this guide for information and important dates related to drops/withdrawals. late registration or Incomplete requests:

<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide>

**Academic Integrity:**

During a test or quiz, students are required to remain in the classroom before completion. Under no circumstances can a student leave the classroom and return to finish the test. No textbooks, class notes, cheat sheets, electronic translators, dictionaries or any electronic devices are permitted. “Cheating on examinations and quizzes is dishonest” (p.19, *UNT Student Guidebook*). Cheating and plagiarism are serious matters. The usual penalties for these offenses include failure for the assignment, failure in the course, and a written report to the Dean of Students.

**ODA Accommodations:**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student.

For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

**UNT Code of Student Conduct:**

“Policy Statement. The University of North Texas is deeply committed to advancing educational excellence and preparing students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens of a diverse, global community. The University has established the Code of Student Conduct to promote the well-being, honor and dignity of all who live, learn, and work in our educational community.

Application of Policy. The Code of Student Conduct (“the Code”) applies to all students and to conduct that occurs on–campus, at University activities and off-campus when the conduct could adversely affect the University community, the pursuit of the University’s educational mission, or could create a hostile environment for a student on campus. The Dean of Students (DOS) will decide whether the Code will apply to student off-campus conduct on a case-by-case basis.

Students are responsible for their conduct from the time of application for admission to the University through the award of a degree. The Code continues to apply even if a student withdraws from the University during the conduct process or is not otherwise enrolled. Applicants also are responsible for their conduct prior to admission or re-enrollment. Sanctions for violation of the UNT Code of Student Conduct include, but are not limited to a warning, suspension, and expulsion from the university.”

**Sexual Assault and Discrimination Policies:**

UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT’s Dean of Students’ website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: <http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources>.

The UNT Survivor Advocates can be reached by emailing [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or calling 940-565-2648. The UNT Survivor Advocates connect students who have been impacted by violence to resources (counseling, health, safety, academics, legal, etc.), and act as their advocate. They can assist a student by filing protective orders, completing crime victim’s compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change (if needed), and connecting students to the many other resources that are available, both on and off campus. They are here to help! For more information see <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/sexual-misconduct/reporting-sexual-misconduct>

**Religious Holidays:**

In accordance with Section 51.911 of the Texas Education Code, UNT will allow a student who is absent from class for observance of a religious holy day to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time. Students are required to file a written request with each professor within the first 15 days of the semester to qualify for an excused absence. A copy of the state rules and procedures regarding holy days and the form for notification of absence from each class under this provision are available from the Registrar’s Office.

**Useful/Recommended Tools:**

1. Yabla Interactive Pinyin Chart: <https://chinese.yabla.com/chinese-pinyin-chart.php> or YoYo Chinese Interactive Pinyin Chart <https://yoyochinese.com/chinese-learning-tools/Mandarin-Chinese-pronunciation-lesson/pinyin-chart-table>
2. Pleco APP (Chinese Dictionary)
3. Yellowbridge Online Chinese Dictionary: <https://www.yellowbridge.com>
4. Handian Online Chinese Dictionary: <https://www.zdic.net>
5. Quizlet
6. Chinese Language Quest: <https://www.chineselanguagequest.com>

**Class Schedule**

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| **Fall 2023** | **CHIN-3040 T/R (Room 209)** |
| **Week 1** | |
| M 01/15 | Course Policy/Syllabus 教学大纲 + Introduction to CHIN-3040 中高级中文课程介绍 |
| W 01/17 | Lesson 9第九课: 要求太高了Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| **Week 2** | |
| M 01/22 | Lesson 9第九课: 要求太高了Grammar Notes 语法 |
| W 01/24 | Lesson 9第九课: 要求太高了Exercise 练习  **Essay 1 due（中国大学和美国大学的不同：宿舍/环境/生活条件，etc.）** |
| **Week 3** | |
| M 01/29 | Lesson 10第十课: 为什么不排队Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| W 01/31 | Lesson 10第十课: 为什么不排队Grammar Notes 语法 |
| **Week 4** | |
| M 02/05 | Lesson 10第十课: 为什么不排队Exercise 练习  **Essay 2 due（你遵守公共秩序吗？）** |
| W 02/07 | Lesson 11第十一课: 隐私Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| **Week 5** | |
| M 02/12 | Lesson 11第十一课: 隐私Grammar Notes 语法 |
| W 02/14 | Lesson 11第十一课: 隐私Exercise 练习  **Essay 3 due（你觉得隐私重要吗？）** |
| **Week 6** | |
| M 02/19 | Lesson 12第十二课: 走后门Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| W 02/21 | Lesson 12第十二课: 走后门Grammar Notes 语法 |
| **Week 7** | |
| M 02/26 | Lesson 12第十二课: 走后门Exercise 练习  **Essay 4 due（我对“走后门”的看法）** |
| W 02/28 | Mid-term Review 期中考试复习 (Lesson 9-12) |
| **Week 8** | |
| M 03/04 | **Mid-term Speaking Test - No Class 期中口语考试** |
| W 03/06 | **Mid-term Written Test 期中笔试考试** |
| **Week 9** | |
| M 03/11 | Spring Break - No Class |
| W 03/13 | Spring Break - No Class |
| **Week 10** | |
| M 03/18 | Lesson 13第十三课: 老外上当Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| W 03/20 | Lesson 13第十三课: 老外上当Grammar Notes 语法 |
| **Week 11** | |
| M 03/25 | Lesson 13第十三课: 老外上当Exercise 练习  **Essay 5 due（我的一次上当经历）** |
| W 03/27 | Lesson 14第十四课: 北京的早晨Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| **Week 12** | |
| M 04/01 | Lesson 14第十四课: 北京的早晨Grammar Notes 语法 |
| W 04/03 | Lesson 14第十四课: 北京的早晨Exercise 练习  **Essay 6 due（中国人和美国人的休闲活动：相同/不同）** |
| **Week 13** | |
| M 04/08 | Lesson 15第十五课: 北京的夏天Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| W 04/10 | Lesson 15第十五课: 北京的夏天Grammar Notes 语法 |
| **Week 14** | |
| M 04/15 | Lesson 15第十五课: 北京的夏天Exercise 练习  **Essay 7 due（德州的夏天：天气/夏日活动/饮食，etc.）** |
| W 04/17 | Lesson 16第十六课: 北京的交通Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 |
| **Week 15** | |
| M 04/22 | Lesson 16第十六课: 北京的交通Grammar Notes 语法 |
| W 04/24 | Lesson 16第十六课: 北京的交通Exercise 练习  **Essay 8 due（美国的交通：出行方式/存在的问题/能源的使用/污染问题，etc.）** |
| **Week 16** | |
| M 04/29 | Final Review 期末考试复习 (Lesson 13-16) |
| W 05/01 | **Final Speaking Test - No Class 期末口语考试** |
| **Week 17** | |
| M 05/06 | **Final Written Test期末笔试考试 - 1:30 to 3:30 PM** |