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**Chinese 3040**  
Spring 2023  
MW 2:00PM – 3:20PM  
LANG 212

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## ADVANCED TOPICS IN CULTURE - MW

### Required Materials:

*A Trip to China* 《华夏行》, Revised Edition. ISBN 978-0691153094

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

2 notebooks: one for daily writing activities; the other for diary entries in Chinese

A folder: for keeping papers returned to you till the end of the semester.

**Course Objectives:** 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 Chinese courses and apply your Chinese in cross-cultural contexts. We are adopting a holistic immersive approach, by which *we mostly speak Mandarin 普通话* (with minimum English for quick explanations), creating a Mandarin environment to help you develop your language skills as well as cultural competence.

### Prerequisites:

Chinese 2040/2050 at UNT (or the equivalent)

### Requirements:

1. Pre-Class Work (Vocabulary Checks, 8; Grammar Exercises, 8; and **Reading Responses to Culture, DEI**, 8)
2. Post-Class Work (Diary Entries, 8; Character Writing, 8; and Exercises, 8)
3. Quizzes (8) and Exams (4)

### Grading: (Please note: Grades will not be curved.)

10% Attendance and Daily Participation;

24% Pre-Class Work (Vocabulary Checks, Grammar Exercises, and W Reading Responses to Culture, 1% each);

28% Post-Class Work (Diary Entries and Character Writing, 1% each; Exercises, 1.5% each);

16% Quizzes (2% each);

22% Exams (Oral Exams, 5% each; Written Exams, 6% each)

**Attendance and Participation:** Regular attendance is essential. Leaving class 10 minutes or more before the end of the period is considered an absence. Up to 3 unexcused absences are allowed without penalty. 8 or more unexcused absences result in a failing grade for the course. Participation in class is the key to success in this class.

**Please note:** This course is a face-to-face class and joining Zoom does NOT count as attendance unless you need to self-isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19.

**Assignments:** Assignments are due on the day **before** class as listed on the schedule below. A **late assignment** will result in 10% less in grade each day and the lowest grade is 50%. This

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penalty can only be avoided if students with valid verifiable excuses make arrangements with me **before** the due date.

**Quizzes and Tests:** Students have opportunities to make up alternative quizzes covering the same material with the tutors with my approval. For tests, however, there will be NO make-up tests unless cleared with me. Taking the Final Exam is mandatory to receive a passing grade in this course. An alternative final exam is given **ONLY** to students who have an exam conflict. Appeals to reschedule a final exam must be made to your academic dean before the deadline.

**Academic Honesty:** During a test or quiz, students are required to remain in the classroom before completing the exam. Under no circumstances will a student leave the classroom and return to finish the exam. No small translators, dictionaries or any electronic devices are permitted. "Cheating on examinations and quizzes is dishonest." (p.19, *UNT Student Guidebook*). The mere suspicion of cheating will be grounds for receiving a zero on any exam, paper, or project.

**Recordings:** Synchronous (live) sessions in this course will be recorded for students enrolled in this class section to refer to throughout the semester. Class recordings are the intellectual property of the university or instructor and are reserved for use only by students in this class and only for educational purposes. Students may not post or otherwise share the recordings outside the class, or outside the Canvas Learning Management System, in any form. Failing to follow this restriction is a violation of the UNT Code of Student Conduct and could lead to disciplinary action.

**ODA Accommodations:** If you need accommodations in this course because of a disability, you must first get registered 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. Please make an appointment to see me as soon as possible.

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W 1/18	Syllabus; <b>Chinese New Year Celebration (Sunday Jan 22)</b>
M 1/23	L8: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
W 1/25	L8: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
M 1/30	L8: <b>Diary Entry #1 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #1</b>
W 2/1	L9: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
M 2/6	L9: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
W 2/8	L9: <b>Diary Entry #2 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #2</b>
M 2/13	L10: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
W 2/15	L10: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
M 2/20	L10: <b>Diary Entry #3 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #3</b>
W 2/22	L11: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
M 2/27	L11: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
W 3/1	L11: <b>Diary Entry #4 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #4</b>
M 3/6	<b>Oral Exam 1 – No Class</b>
<b>W 3/8</b>	<b>Mid-Term Exam</b>
<b>M 3/13</b>	<b>Spring Break – No Class</b>
<b>W 3/15</b>	<b>Spring Break – No Class</b>
M 3/20	L12: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
W 3/22	L12: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>

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M 3/27	L12: <b>Diary Entry #5 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #5</b>
W 3/29	L13: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
M 4/3	L13: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
W 4/5	L13: <b>Diary Entry #6 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #6</b>
M 4/10	L14: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
W 4/12	L14: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
M 4/17	L14: <b>Diary Entry #7 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #7</b>
W 4/19	L15: <b>Vocabulary Check Due</b>
M 4/24	L15: <b>Grammar Exercises Due; Character Writing Due</b>
W 4/26	L15: <b>Diary Entry #8 Due; Exercises Due; Reading Response to Culture Due; Quiz #8</b>
M 5/1	<b>Oral Exam 2 – No Class</b>
W 5/3	<b>Oral Exam 2 – No Class</b>
M 5/8	<b>Final Exam (1:30PM – 3:30PM, LANG 212)</b>
W 5/10	