

CHIN-2040 (Fall 2023)
Intermediate Chinese
T/R 2:00-3:20 PM (LANG - Room 301)

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Required Materials:

3 books: *Integrated Chinese*, 4th Ed., Volume 2: 1) Textbook; 2) Character Workbook; 3) Workbook

2 notebooks: one for writing practices and activities; one for keeping class notes

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

Learning Objectives & Learning Outcomes:

This course is the first semester of a two-semester intermediate-level of Chinese. It is designed to reinforce what you have learned in previous Chinese courses and to improve your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and cultural competence for your advanced study. We are using a holistic immersive approach to learning Chinese, with a focus on cultivating students' interests and self-directed learning in class.

Regardless of your background or knowledge outside of the classroom, you are all asked to meet the same expectations, and your grades will be based strictly on your fulfillment of the class requirements.

The primary goal of this class is to help students of Chinese improve their language skills and lay a foundation for the Intermediate level. Students will be trained to create with the language based on learned materials when they discuss familiar topics related to their daily lives. In terms of achieving balanced four skills, the goals are:

Listening: To understand simple, direct conversation on familiar topics in everyday life.

Speaking: To ask and answer simple questions on familiar topics when handling uncomplicated communicative tasks in straightforward situations.

Reading: To understand short, non-complex texts that convey basic information and deal with basic personal and social topics to which the reader brings personal interest or knowledge.

Writing: To write strings of sentences and short passages to describe daily activities and fulfill survival needs.

- To have a fair command of the **“active/productive” vocabulary, expressions, and grammatical structures introduced** in the text materials, and to be able to use them appropriately for communication.
- To follow the stories in the textbook and develop reading skills to understand materials related to their daily lives.
- To learn about Chinese cultural elements and contemporary Chinese society.

To reach these objectives, we use *Integrated Chinese Volume 2, 4th Edition* to provide you with a variety of daily-life related situations and help you develop an integration of four skills. Periodically, authentic audio and video materials will be used to showcase Chinese culture and society with the aim of improving your language skills.

Prerequisites:

Chinese 1010/1020 at UNT (or the equivalent)

Learning Requirements:

1. Workbook and Character Workbook (6: L11-15 + Bring It Together L11-15)
2. Quizzes (5: L11-15)
3. Speaking Tests (2: Mid-term + Final)
4. Written Tests (2: Mid-term + Final)

Grading (final grades will be determined as follows):

15% Attendance & Participation

30% Homework (6% each: 4% each Workbook + 2% each Character Workbook);

25% Quizzes (5% each);

10% Speaking Tests (5% Mid-term + 5% Final)

20% Written Tests (10% Mid-term + 10% 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. 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. 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.**

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.

Quizzes & Tests:

Students can make up missed quizzes covering the same material with the tutors **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.

Fall 2023 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 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>
- 7) Tutor: Angela Yang (angelayang@my.unt.edu) Sage Hall 202 M/W 3:30-5:00 pm

Class Schedule

Fall 2023	CHIN-2040 T/R (Room 301)
Week 1	
T 08/22	Course Policy/Syllabus + Introduction to CHIN-2040
R 08/24	第十课“天气”课文一 L11 Dialogue 1: 课文+生词+语法 (p2-11)
Week 2	
T 08/29	第十课“天气”课文一 L11 Dialogue 1: 语法+练习 (p12-16) Character Workbook due (p1-3)
R 08/31	第十课“天气”课文二 L11 Dialogue 2: 课文+生词+语法 (p17-24) Workbook due (p2-10)
Week 3	
T 09/05	第十课“天气”课文二 L11 Dialogue 2: 语法+练习 (p25-27) Character Workbook due (p5-7)
R 09/07	第十课“天气”复习 L11 文化探索+单元复习 (p28-32) Workbook due (p11-20) 第 11 课小考 Quiz 1 (L11)
Week 4	
T 09/12	第十二课“吃饭”课文一 L12 Dialogue 1: 课文+生词+语法 (p34-45)
R 09/14	第十二课“吃饭”课文一 L12 Dialogue 1: 语法+练习 (p46-48) Character Workbook due (p9-15)
Week 5	
T 09/19	第十二课“吃饭”课文二 L12 Dialogue 2: 课文+生词+语法 (p49-54) Workbook due (p22-30)
R 09/21	第十二课“吃饭”课文二 L12 Dialogue 2: 语法+练习 (p55-57) Character Workbook due (p17-21)
Week 6	
T 09/26	第十二课“吃饭”复习 L12 文化探索+单元复习 (p58-62) Workbook due (p31-42) 第 12 课小考 Quiz 2 (L12)
R 09/28	第十三课“问路”课文一 L13 Dialogue 1: 课文+生词+语法 (p64-73)

Week 7	
T 10/03	第十三课“问路”课文一 L13 Dialogue 1: 语法+练习 (p74-77) Character Workbook due (p23-24)
R 10/05	第十三课“问路”课文二 L13 Dialogue 2: 课文+生词+语法 (p78-90) Workbook due (p44-50)
Week 8	
T 10/10	第十三课“问路”课文二 L13 Dialogue 2: 语法+练习 (p91-95) Character Workbook due (p25-27)
R 10/12	第十三课“问路”复习 L13 文化探索+单元复习 (p96-100) Workbook due (p51-62) 第 13 课小考 Quiz 3 (L13)
Week 9	
T 10/17	Mid-term Speaking Test - No Class
R 10/19	Mid-term Written Test
Week 10	
T 10/24	第十四课“生日晚会”课文一 L14 Dialogue 1: 课文+生词+语法 (p102-109)
R 10/26	第十四课“生日晚会”课文一 L14 Dialogue 1: 语法+练习 (p110-111) Character Workbook due (p29-32)
Week 11	
T 10/31	第十四课“生日晚会”课文二 L14 Dialogue 2: 课文+生词+语法 (p112-123) Workbook due (p64-72)
R 11/02	第十四课“生日晚会”课文二 L14 Dialogue 2: 语法+练习 (p124-127) Character Workbook due (p33-37)
Week 12	
T 11/07	第十四课“生日晚会”复习 L14 文化探索+单元复习 (p128-130) Workbook due (p73-84) 第 14 课小考 Quiz 4 (L14)
R 11/09	第十五课“看病”课文一 L15 Dialogue 1: 课文+生词+语法 (p132-143)
Week 13	
T 11/14	第十五课“看病”课文一 L15 Dialogue 1: 语法+练习 (p144-146) Character Workbook due (p39-42)
R 11/16	第十五课“看病”课文二 L15 Dialogue 2: 课文+生词+语法 (p147-154) Workbook due (p86-94)
Week 14	
T 11/21	Thanksgiving Break - No Class
R 11/23	Thanksgiving Break - No Class
Week 15	
T 11/28	第十五课“看病”课文二 L15 Dialogue 2: 语法+练习 (p155-157) Character Workbook due (p43-46)
R 11/30	第十五课“看病”复习 L15 文化探索+单元复习 (p158-161) Workbook due (p95-106) 第 15 课小考 Quiz 5 (L15)
Week 16	
T 12/05	期末总复习 Final Review: Keeping It Casual (p163-166); Workbook due: Bring It Together (p107-112)
R 12/07	Final Speaking Test - No Class
Week 17	
T 12/12	Final Written Test