

**CHIN-4900-701 (Fall 2023)**  
**Advanced Topics in Culture**  
**Friday 2:00-2:50 PM (Online)**

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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>

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-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 hand-written Chinese characters)

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.** 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. 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 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](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

Fall 2023	CHIN-4900-701 Friday - Special Problems (Online)
<b>Week 1</b>	
08/25	Course Policy/Syllabus 教学大纲 + Introduction to CHIN-3040 中高级中文课程介绍 Lesson 1 第一课: 到了北京 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p2-3) Lesson 1 第一课: 到了北京 Grammar Notes 语法 (p4-7) Lesson 1 第一课: 到了北京 Exercise 练习 (p7-8)
<b>Week 2</b>	
09/01	Lesson 2 第二课: 厕所里没有卫生纸 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p10-12) Lesson 2 第二课: 厕所里没有卫生纸 Grammar Notes 语法 (p12-15) Lesson 2 第二课: 厕所里没有卫生纸 Exercise 练习 (p15-16) <b>Essay 1 due (一件不方便的事 p16)</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	
09/08	Lesson 3 第三课: 报到注册 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p18-19) Lesson 3 第三课: 报到注册 Grammar Notes 语法 (p20-21) Lesson 3 第三课: 报到注册 Exercise 练习 (p22)
<b>Week 4</b>	
09/15	Lesson 4 第四课: 学生食堂 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p24-25) Lesson 4 第四课: 学生食堂 Grammar Notes 语法 (p26-27) Lesson 4 第四课: 学生食堂 Exercise 练习 (p27-28) <b>Essay 2 due (我的学校 p28)</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	
09/22	Lesson 5 第五课: 我是个穷学生 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p30-31) Lesson 5 第五课: 我是个穷学生 Grammar Notes 语法 (p32-35) Lesson 5 第五课: 我是个穷学生 Exercise 练习 (p35-36)
<b>Week 6</b>	
09/29	Lesson 6 第六课: 不干不净吃了没病 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p38-39) Lesson 6 第六课: 不干不净吃了没病 Grammar Notes 语法 (p40-41) Lesson 6 第六课: 不干不净吃了没病 Exercise 练习 (p41-42) <b>Essay 3 due (中国饭馆 p42)</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	
10/06	Lesson 7 第七课: 加州牛肉面 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p44-45) Lesson 7 第七课: 加州牛肉面 Grammar Notes 语法 (p46-48) Lesson 7 第七课: 加州牛肉面 Exercise 练习 (p49-50) Mid-term Review 期中考试复习 (Lesson 1-4)
<b>Week 8</b>	
10/13	<b>Mid-term Speaking Test - No Class 期中口语考试</b> <b>Mid-term Written Test 期中笔试考试</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	
10/20	Lesson 8 第八课: 没有什么大不同 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p52-53) Lesson 8 第八课: 没有什么大不同 Grammar Notes 语法 (p54-56) Lesson 8 第八课: 没有什么大不同 Exercise 练习 (p57-58) <b>Essay 4 due (中国和美国的相同/不同)</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	
10/27	Lesson 16 第十六课: 北京的交通 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p122-124) Lesson 16 第十六课: 北京的交通 Grammar Notes 语法 (p125-126) Lesson 16 第十六课: 北京的交通 Exercise 练习 (p127-128)
<b>Week 11</b>	
11/03	Lesson 17 第十七课: 打的 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p130-133) Lesson 17 第十七课: 打的 Grammar Notes 语法 (p133-134)

	Lesson 17 第十七课: 打的 Exercise 练习 (p134-135) <b>Essay 5 due (美国人和汽车 p128)</b>
<b>Week 12</b>	
11/10	Lesson 18 第十八课: 盗版光碟 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p138-139) Lesson 18 第十八课: 盗版光碟 Grammar Notes 语法 (p140-141) Lesson 18 第十八课: 盗版光碟 Exercise 练习 (p141)
<b>Week 13</b>	
11/17	Lesson 19 第十九课: 换房间 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p144-147) Lesson 19 第十九课: 换房间 Grammar Notes 语法 (p147-149) Lesson 19 第十九课: 换房间 Exercise 练习 (p149-150) <b>Essay 6 due (你怎么看盗版这个问题? p142)</b>
<b>Week 14</b>	
11/24	Thanksgiving Break - No Class Thanksgiving Break - No Class
<b>Week 15</b>	
12/01	Lesson 20 第二十课: 麦当劳 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p152-153) Lesson 20 第二十课: 麦当劳 Grammar Notes 语法 (p154) Lesson 20 第二十课: 麦当劳 Exercise 练习 (p155)
<b>Week 16</b>	
12/08 (may change)	Lesson 21 第二十一课: 抽烟 Text & Vocabulary 课文&生词 (p158-160) Lesson 21 第二十一课: 抽烟 Grammar Notes 语法 (p161-162) Lesson 21 第二十一课: 抽烟 Exercise 练习 (p162-163) <b>Essay 7 due (讨论问题 p163)</b> Final Review 期末考试复习 (Lesson 1-8)
<b>Week 17</b>	
12/15 (may change)	<b>Essay 8 due (学期总结: 这个学期的中文课怎么样? 你学到了什么? 什么地方还需要提高? 以后学习中文有什么打算? etc.)</b> <b>Final Speaking Test - No Class 期末口语考试</b> <b>Final Written Test 期末笔试考试</b>