



George Mason University
Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Course Syllabus Fall 2021 CHIN 301-K01 – Advanced Grammar and Syntax (Draft)

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Credits	3
CRN	85378
Class Meeting Time	Tuesday 4:30~7:10 PM
Class Meeting Place	G
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Course Description

CHIN300 is designed for advanced students of Chinese or equivalent is required. With a focus on advanced grammar and syntax, this course continues to expand students' vocabulary and grammar and develop students' ability in using the newly learned vocab and grammar in all four skills, i.e., listening, speaking, reading and writing. HSK (Level 4~6) grammar part questions will also be used in this class as supplementary materials.

Course Objectives

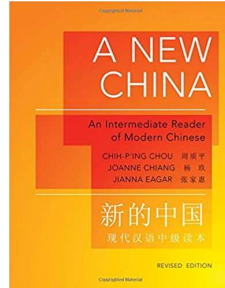
Students are expected to develop a solid grasp of more complex Chinese grammar and syntax through

- further develop character knowledge and both receptive and productive vocabulary.
- develop a solid grasp of more complex Chinese syntax.
- further develop all four skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing
- begin to become familiar with the differences between spoken and written language.
- learn to appreciate Chinese culture as an integral part of the Chinese language.

Textbook and Materials:

A New China 《新的中国》: Intermediate Reader of Modern Chinese by Chih-p'ing Chou.
(Revised Edition) Princeton University Press: Princeton, New Jersey, 2011. ISBN 978-0-691-14836-6

We are planning to lean Lesson 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 19, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 44, focusing on grammar and syntax.



<https://www.amazon.com/New-China-Intermediate-Princeton-Language/dp/0691148368>

Recommended Dictionary:

The Oxford Chinese Dictionary. New International Edition. Chinese-English/ English-Chinese.

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Supplementary reading materials and questions of each lesson will be distributed in class.

Course Requirements & Rules

1. **Class Participation (Attendance):** Attendance at class meetings is crucial. Students should keep in mind that part of their grade is based on participation and that absences count against them regardless of the reasons. Participate actively in class with the teacher and your classmates. There will be no penalty for the first two missed classes. After that, however, each absence will reduce the final grade by one percentage point. (That is, three absences over the course of the semester will result in a ten percentage point subtraction from the final grade, so even perfect scores on all tests and homework will result in a "B").
2. **Preview the material before the class:** Students are expected to prepare **beforehand** the material to be covered in class, such as new vocabulary, grammar, and sentence patterns. A detailed session-by-session schedule is provided for this purpose.
3. **Use of electronic devices:** Before each class, please remember to silence or turn off any electronic devices, especially cell phones. No calls or texting during class. If you must use your cell phone during class time for a personal emergency, please leave the room without disturbing the class. You may use your laptops or tablets to take notes and look up information pertinent to our class topics. You may NOT use this opportunity to complete tasks that are not related to our class, play games, surf the internet or chat with your friends on social media or elsewhere. In the event that this opportunity is abused,

you will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. No cell phones or other electronic equipment during all quizzes and exams.

4. **Tests:** There will be a test after each lesson. The lowest score on a test (including zero for a missed test) will be dropped when calculating the final grade. There will be no make-up test or test taken in advance, unless the student has a legitimate reason and informs the instructor in a timely fashion.
5. **Homework:** Homework will be due **no later** than the day of chapter test. Late homework will be corrected, but no credit will be given for it. Check blackboard on a regular base.
6. **Mid & Final Exam:** The written mid exam will cover all the lessons before mid-term, and final exams at the end of the semester will cover all the lessons after mid-term exam.
7. **Presentation:** There will be two presentations. The first one is an individual presentation. Each student is required to give a presentation (draft is required) of approximately 3-4 minutes in front of the class on a topic of his or her choice but closely relating to the topics studies in class. The second presentation is a group project. Each group (2-3 people) is required to submit a video clip (3min/ person). Students should try to incorporate as much of the studied material/ grammar/ vocabulary as possible, but they can be creative in devising form and content of the presentation. Students are required to submit a draft of the proposed presentation to the instructor in advance. Rubrics will be given in class.
8. **Extra Credits:** Some Extra Credit activities/reports will be offered to anyone who would like to go extra miles to learn in more depth about modern Chinese language and culture. However, no extra credit points will be accepted after the final exam.

There are three ways to earn extra credits in the course:

- Students are highly encouraged to learn Chinese outside of the course curriculum, by watching Chinese movies, TV shows or listening to Chinese music. You can earn extra credit by writing a reflection or do a recorded presentation on these activities.
- Students are highly encouraged to share with the class the Chinese TVs, movies, or music you enjoy! I will start the class meetings 10 minutes early each time. Share with us a short video (less than 5 minutes) and talk about it!
- Sometimes we are going to play Quizlet Live in class to help review vocab. The winner will be awarded extra credit!

Grades

Final grades are composed as follows:



Class Participation	20 %
Homework	20 %
Midterm	20 %
In-Class Performance + Test	20 %
Final	20 %

Grading Scale

A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D	60-60
F	0-59

9. Honor Code

<https://oai.gmu.edu/mason-honor-code/>

Academic Integrity: It is expected that students adhere to the George Mason University Honor Code as it relates to integrity regarding coursework and grades. The Honor Code reads as follows:

“To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this Honor Code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.” More information about the Honor Code, including definitions of cheating, lying, and plagiarism, can be found on the Committee of Academic Integrity’s website at <https://masonkorea.gmu.edu/mkaa/cai>.

Any violation of the Honor Code will be reported to the Korea Campus’s Committee of Academic Integrity. Please be aware that all assignments will be run through the Safe Assign software in Blackboard to check for plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. If you have questions about what constitutes academic dishonesty, please discuss them with me before you submit your assignment.

10. Diversity Statement



George Mason University promotes a living and learning environment for outstanding growth and productivity among its students, faculty, and staff. Through its curriculum, programs, policies, procedures, services, and resources, Mason strives to maintain a quality environment for work, study, and personal growth. Click to access the full Mason Diversity Statement.

11. Disability Services

Disability Services are available for students with physical, learning, and psychological challenges. At the link provided above, you will find information on eligibility and accommodations. To apply for disability accommodations, please contact Jiye Chang, Director of Academic Affairs, who will connect you with Disability Services on the Fairfax campus. You can reach Jiye Chang by calling +82-32-626-5005 or emailing jchang22@gmu.edu.

12. Title IX

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking: As a professor, I am designated as a “responsible Employee” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason Korea’s Deputy Title IX Coordinator pursuant to University Policy 1202 and 1412. If you would like to speak confidentially with the Mason Korea student counselor, please see <http://masonkorea.gmu.edu/mksa/services/counseling> for more information. For more information about what Title IX is, please see <http://masonkorea.gmu.edu/mksa/services/tix/>.

13. Counseling Services

Counseling Services provides a wide range of services to students. Services are provided by a staff member of professional counseling and clinical psychologist. You can reach Counseling and Wellness Office by calling 032-626-6142 or write email to jlee227@gmu.edu for appointment and see her at Multi-Complex Building 3051.

14. Important Dates

<https://masonkorea.gmu.edu/academic-calendars/fall-2021>

Dates listed on this page are for full-semester courses.

FALL 2021	Full Semester
First Day of Classes	Mon Aug 23
Last Day to Add Classes	Mon Aug 30
Last Day to Drop Classes (with 100% tuition refund)	Mon Sep 6

Last Day to Drop Classes (with 50% tuition refund)	Mon Sep 13
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period (100% tuition liability)	Tue Sep 14-Fri Oct 1
Mid-Term Evaluation Period (100-200 level classes)	Mon Sep 20-Fri Oct 15
Harvest Moon Festival (no classes)	Mon Sep 20-Wed Sep 22
Fall Recess (no classes)	Thu Sep 23-Fri Sep 24
Selective Withdrawal Period (100% tuition liability)	Sat Oct 2-Fri Oct 29
National Foundation Day (no classes)	Sun Oct 3
Hangul Proclamation Day (no classes)	Sat Oct 9
Incomplete Work from Spring/Summer 2021 Due to Instructor	TBA
Incomplete Grade Changes from Spring/Summer 2021 Due to Registrar	TBA
Last Day of Classes	Fri Dec 3
Reading Day(s)	Mon Dec 6-Tue Dec 7
Examination Period	Wed Dec 8-Wed Dec 15
Graduation Ceremony	Fri Dec 17
Degree Conferral Date	Sat Dec 18

** All dates are subject to change.

15. Special Syllabus Supplement for COVID-19: Fall 2021

In the interest of everyone's safety, students and faculty must follow these guidelines during the Fall 2021 semester.

1. Use the basement entrance to enter and exit Mason's building. Your temperature will be screened each time you enter the building. Allow additional time before class to complete the entrance screening procedure. Carry your student ID card with you at all times and be ready to show it when you enter and exit the building. Do not prop doors or let others enter the building through doors on the ground floor.
2. Wear a face mask at all times. Remain 6 feet apart from others. Clean your seat and desk space with disinfectant wipes before you begin class. Use hand sanitizer regularly, and avoid shaking hands or other forms of physical contact. Do not share pens, pencils or other personal items. Limit your use of the elevators, and use stairs to travel between floors of the building. Students are expected to purchase their own masks for personal

use. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.

3. Classrooms are marked to indicate appropriate seating to allow for social distancing. Only sit in allowable seats, and maintain current set-up of classroom furniture. If you are asked to re-arrange classroom furniture by your professor for in-class exercises, return furniture to its original position when you are finished.
4. Observe these rules at all times during the class period and while in Mason's building or other public areas of the campus. This includes during class breaks, in small group work (in or out of class), meetings with your professors during office hours, tutoring sessions at the Academic Resource Center, socializing in common areas, or any other activities on campus.
5. Make sure windows and doors remain open during the class period to promote circulation of outside air. Classrooms without windows have mechanical systems that vent air, but doors should be kept open at all times.
6. The safest option for studying is to study alone in your dorm room or at home. If you must study in the building, alone or in groups, observe these rules at all times.
7. All faculty and students must abide by these rules in the classroom. If you see others who are not observing the rules outside the classroom, you may report this to your instructor, student affairs or academic affairs.
8. Do not enter the Mason building or come to class if you have symptoms such as fever, chills, sore throat, persistent cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory difficulties. If you must miss class for this reason, send an email immediately to the professor prior to the beginning of class. You will not be penalized for missing class for this reason, but you may be asked to provide documentation that you sought medical diagnosis or treatment. You are responsible for making up any missed assignments or tests as a result of your absence.
9. Students who come to class with visible signs of illness will be asked to leave the classroom immediately and seek assistance from the IGC Health Clinic. Faculty will report your name and symptoms to the Office of Student Affairs (mksa@gmu.edu) to confirm that you have sought medical assistance.
10. Failure to comply with any of these guidelines may result in disciplinary action through the Student Code of Conduct.

(Tentative Course Schedule & Assignments)

(This Schedule and contents may be changed to better meet the needs of the class)

Week	Date	Class Contents	Remark
1	T 08/24	Course Introduction / Grammar / Syntax L 1 到了北京	
2	T 08/31	L 2 给妈妈打电话	
3	T 09/07	L 3 早起、洗澡	
4	T 09/14	L 9 去银行换钱	Test#1
5	T 09/21	No class, National Holiday	
6	T 09/28	L 11 同志、小姐、先生	
7	T 10/05	L 19 在饭桌上	
8	T 10/12	L 23 普通话和规范字 / Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam
9	T 10/19	L 25 怕老婆	
10	T 10/26	L26 脱了裤子放屁	
11	T 11/02	L 28 乒乓外交	
12	T 11/09	L 31 爱人、先生、太太	Test#2
13	T 11/16	L 32 离婚	
14	T 11/23	L 33 从“发福”到“减肥”	
15	T 11/30	L 44 学习外语	
16	Final exam 12/	Final Exam	Final Exam