



George Mason University
Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Course Syllabus Spring 2022 CHIN 300-K01 – Reading Skills Develop

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Credits	3
CRN	24020
Class Meeting Time	Tuesday 4:30~7:10 PM
Class Meeting Place	G 212
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Course Description

CHIN300 is designed for advanced students of Chinese or equivalent is required. With a focus on reading skills, 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 3~4) grammar part questions may also be used in this class as supplementary materials.

Course Objectives

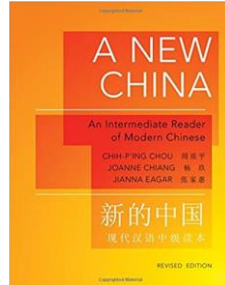
Students are expected to develop a solid grasp of more complex Chinese reading skills and syntax through

- 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, the grammar will be focused on the grammar notes 语法点 given in each lesson.



<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, 2011.

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

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>

Important Dates

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

Spring 2022

Full Semester

First Day of Spring Classes	Mon Feb 21
Independence Movement Day (no classes)	Tue Mar 1
Presidential Election (no classes)	Wed Mar 9
Mid-Term Progress Reporting Period	Mon Mar 21-Fri Apr 15
Spring Recess (no classes)	Fri May 6
Regional Election (no classes)	Wed Jun 1
Last Day of Classes	Fri Jun 3
Reading Day(s)	Tue Jun 7
Examination Period	Wed Jun 8-Wed Jun 15

* All dates are subject to change.

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(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 2/22	Course Introduction; L 1 到了北京	
2	T 3/01	No Class	
3	T 3/08	L 2 给妈妈打电话	
4	T 3/15	L 3 早起、洗澡	Test#1
5	T 3/22	L 4 邮局在哪儿	
6	T 3/29	L 5 拉肚子、睡不好	
7	T 4/05	L 6 睡午觉、喝热水	
8	T 4/12	Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam
9	T 4/19	L 8 理发	
10	T 4/26	L 9 去银行换钱	
11	T 5/03	L 10 讲价	Test#2
12	T 5/10	L 11 同志、先生、小姐	
13	T 5/17	L 12 厕所	
14	T 5/24	L 13 坐火车	
15	T 5/31	L 23 普通话和规范字	
16	Thursday 6/9	Final Exam 4:00pm - 6:45pm	Final Exam