



# Intermediate Chinese 1

## CHN 201.4 - Accelerated Comprehensive

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Welcome to Intermediate Chinese Level 1 – Accelerated Comprehensive (CHN 201.4), a continuation of the basic fundamentals of Mandarin Chinese. CHN 201.4 is designed for students who are able to recognize approximately 400-500 Chinese words as well as those who have completed two academic terms of Mandarin Chinese. This class will cover basic language skills in speaking, reading, writing, and listening through one-on-one lessons.

### **OBJECTIVES**

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Recognize ~150 additional Chinese words
- Use new Chinese grammar and sentence structures
- Hold basic conversations with Chinese speakers
- Gain a deeper understanding of Chinese customs and traditions
- Write simple sentences and short notes using correct word order and basic grammar
- Read and comprehend short passages and dialogues in simplified Chinese characters

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.

- Integrated Chinese, Level 2 (textbook & workbook) 4<sup>th</sup> Edition by Tao-chung Yao, Yuehua Liu, et al., Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2017.

### **CREDITS**

Students will earn three academic credits upon the completion of CHN 201.4, awarded by CLI's official university affiliate, Guangxi Normal University (GXNU).

### **GRADING**

Each student will be required to participate in a midterm and final evaluation, which will be used by CLI's teaching staff to assess student progress. In addition, timely completion of homework assignments is expected, and teachers will utilize various informal methods (i.e., oral practice, in-class assignments, pop quizzes) to monitor comprehension.

- Midterm evaluation           20%
- Homework                    20%
- Informal assessments       10%
- Final evaluation             50%



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## HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned for every class and will be due the following day (unless otherwise noted). Students will receive a zero mark for each missed homework assignment and a reduced grade for each late assignment – missed and late homework will be noted during the final grading process.

## EXAMS

Students will be required to take one examination: a comprehensive final exam (50%). This examination will feature written and oral elements. The Midterm exam will consist of five separate short assessments given after the completion of each chapter in the text.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

### **Lesson 1 – Talking about the Weather (谈天气)**

- Describing weather patterns, changes and phenomena
- Comparing weather
- Presenting the weather forecast
- Talking about sunny/rainy day activities
- 比，了，会，点儿，有，adj./v. + 是 + adj./v.，可是/但是

### **Lesson 2 – Dining (吃饭)**

- Order Chinese dishes
- Dietary preferences and restrictions
- Asking for recommended dishes
- Paying for a meal and getting change
- 一。也/都。不/没，多/少 + v. 刚v. 刚才, 来

### **Lesson 3 – Asking Directions (问路)**

- Asking for/giving directions
- Identifying locations with landmark references
- Telling people where you are going, and why
- Describing how close/far away your destination is
- Comparative sentences with 没有, direction and location words, 那么, 到 + place + 去 + action, 过, 一。就。

### **Lesson 4 – Birthday Party (生日晚会)**

- Asking a friend to go to a party
- Giving gifts in China
- Arranging a meeting time and place



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- Talking about your Chinese zodiac sign
- Describing someone's facial features
- 呢，time duration，是。。的，又。。又，还

### **Lesson 5 – Seeing a Doctor (看病)**

- Talking about cold and allergy symptoms
- The role of medicine in China
- Understanding directions for taking medicine
- 死 (indicating an extreme degree)，起来，把，越来越。。，再说

### ***Final course review***