



Upper Intermediate Chinese 1

CHN 301.4 - Accelerated Comprehensive

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Upper Intermediate Chinese 1 (CHN 301.4), a continuation of Intermediate Chinese. CHN 301 is designed for students who already have knowledge of basic Chinese, as well as those who have completed four academic terms (240 hours) of Mandarin Chinese coursework in an academic setting. CHN 301 emphasizes both the spoken and written elements of the Chinese language, and students enrolling in this course can expect to move from reading shorter to longer with more complex grammar and sentence structures. This class will cover intermediate 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 ~200 additional Chinese words
- Recognize and use complex grammatical phenomena
- Handle most daily conversation with moderate competency
- Become familiar with the most common characters when written in traditional form
- Further understand of Chinese customs and traditions

In addition, you should be able to:

- Handle most daily conversation with moderate fluency
- Become familiar with the most common characters when written in traditional form
- Read comprehension texts designed for Chinese language learners
- Be able to talk about common topics, as well as some social issues
- Display a deep understanding of Chinese culture

CREDITS

Students will earn three academic credits upon the completion of CHN 301.4, awarded by CLI's official university affiliate, Guangxi Normal University (GXNU).

TEXTBOOKS

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.

- Integrated Chinese, Level 3 (textbook & workbook) 4th Edition by Tao-chung Yao, Yuehua Liu, et al., Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2017.

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



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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%

HOMWORK

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 - The School Term Begins (开学)

- Explain how to write your Chinese name
- Say where you were born and grew up
- Discuss the pros and cons of living on and off campus
- Express politely a dissenting opinion
- Disambiguating homophones in Chinese
- Forms: 了，是。的；除了。意外；再说
- Words & phrases: 觉得；方便；安全；省钱；自由；不见得；好处；适应

Lesson 2 - The Dormitory (宿舍)

- Name basic pieces of furniture in a house
- Describe your living quarters
- Comment on someone's living quarters
- Disagree tactfully
- Forms: 真；比较；得很；那；conjunctions
- Words & phrases: 恐怕；差不多；吵；安静；一般；不怎么样；得道

Lesson 3 - At the Restaurant (在饭馆儿)

- Name four principal regional Chinese cuisines



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- Order food and drinks
- Talk about what flavors you like or dislike
- Make your dietary restrictions or preferences known
- Settling a bill and tipping in China
- Forms: 一 + v. ; 又 adj./verb , 又 adj./verb ; 不如
- Words & phrases: 正好 ; 特别是 ; 麻烦 ; 这 (就) 要看。 。 (了) ; 比如 (说)

Lesson 4 - Going Shopping (买东西)

- Name basic clothing, bedding, and bath items
- Describe your shopping preferences and criteria
- Disagree with others tactfully
- Present your arguments with rhetorical questions
- Knowing when to bargain
- Forms: 都。 。 无论。 。 ; 都。 。 ; conjunction 于是 ; Adj./verb + 是 + adj./verb ; 可是/但是 ; 难道
- Words & phrases: 。 。 什么的 ; 大小 ; 长短 ; 宽窄 ; 打折 ; 要不然 ; 非。 。 不可 ; 标准 ; 在乎

Lesson 5 - Choosing Your Studies (选课)

- State your major area of study and some required general courses you have taken
- Talk about what you plan to do after graduating
- Explore what will enhance your future job opportunities
- Explain whether your family members have had an influence on your choice of career path
- Share tips on how to save money for your education
- The compartmentalized educational system in China
- Forms: 对。 。 来说 ; 至于 ; 另外 ; 在 , 有 , and 还 compared

Final course review