



# Upper Intermediate Chinese 2

## CHN 302.4 - Accelerated Comprehensive

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Welcome to Upper Intermediate Chinese 2 (CHN 302.4), 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 five 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

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.

- Integrated Chinese, Level 3 (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 301.4, 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



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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%

### **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 (CONTINUED FROM CHN 301.4)**

#### **Lesson 6 - Boyfriends & Girlfriends (男朋友女朋友)**

- State if you share your interests or hobbies with others
- Inquire if everything is OK and find out what has happened
- Describe typical behaviors of a forgetful person
- Give a simple description of what you look for in a boyfriend/girlfriend
- Tell what makes you anxious or angry
- Dating and marriage in China
- Forms: (在) 。 。 上 ; V.来V.去 ; 地 ; 原来 ; set phrases
- Words & phrases: 到底 ; 根本 ; 一干二净 ; 难怪 ; 实际上 ; 去三拉四 ; 一会儿 。 。 一会儿 。 。 一会儿又

#### **Lesson 7 - Computers & Internet (电脑和网络)**

- Find out if others are angry with you and apologize if so
- Reduce tension in a conversation by changing the subject
- Let people know about the trouble you had to go through because of their thoughtlessness
- Name your activities on the internet and discuss how you make use of the internet
- Discuss and pros and cons of using the internet
- Forms: 甚至 ; potential complements; 好 as a resultative complement; connecting



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- Words & phrases: 从。到。；结果；或者；害（得）；几乎；看起来；听起来

### Lesson 8 - Part-time Work (打工)

- Review your monthly income and spending patterns
- Talk about how you balance your personal budget
- Name some possible reasons to work part-time while in school
- Discuss the pros and cons of working part-time while in school
- Describe what you dislike or what bothers you
- Forms: 来 connecting two verb phrases; rhetorical questions; adverb 可; directional
- Words & phrases: 压力；收到；减轻；合适 and 适合；影响；取得；说到；嫌；不是 or carelessness sentences complements 就是 B；多

### Lesson 9 - Education (教育)

- Comment whether you had a stress-free childhood
- Name some typical classes offered in after-school programs
- Indicate agreement or disagreement
- Present your opinions
- Talk about parents' aspirations for their children
- Forms: adverb 才；adverb 并; descriptive complements; adjectives as predicates; 不是 A
- Words & phrases: 一直；好（不）容易；像。一样；可以说；怎么说；最好

### Lesson 10 - China's Geography (中国地理)

- Locate major Chinese cities, provinces, and rivers on the map
- Give a brief introduction to the geographic features of China
- Compare some basic geographic aspects of China and the United States
- Describe features that may attract you to or deter you from visiting a tourist site
- Plan a trip to China
- Forms: 起来；conjunction 而；最 adj. 不过了；过 indicating experience
- Words & phrases: 为了 and 因为；一下子；大多；呢

### *Final course review*