



Advanced Chinese 1.1

CHN 401

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Advanced Chinese 1.1 (CHN 401), a continuation of Upper Intermediate Chinese. CHN 401 is designed for students who already have a solid command over basic Chinese. Students enrolling in this course can expect added emphasis reading Chinese texts. This course uses the HSK 4 上 textbook and is focused on in-class reading, writing, spoken and listening coursework.

OBJECTIVES

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

- Recognize ~300 additional Chinese words
- Recognize complex grammatical structures and common idiomatic expressions
- Express views on serious, topical issues in increasing detail
- Construct of intermediate opinion-based compositions
- Demonstrate comprehension of Chinese customs and traditions

In addition, you should be able to:

- Communicate in real-life situations
- Read and write Chinese texts with minimal help and without the aid of pinyin
- Identify many common characters expressed in traditional form
- Function in daily life in Chinese with confidence
- Have fluent conversations on daily topics with native Chinese speakers
- Be able to discuss social and cultural issues with depth and understanding

TEXTBOOKS

The following textbooks will be distributed following your arrival in Guilin.

- HSK Standard Course 4 Part 1, (textbook) 1st Edition by Jiang Liping; Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2014.

CREDITS

Students will earn six academic credits upon the completion of CHN 401, 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 30%



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- Homework 20%
- Class participation 20%
- Final evaluation 30%

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 two examinations: a midterm evaluation (30%) and a comprehensive final exam (30%). Each of these examinations will feature written and oral elements.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Lesson 1: 简单的爱情 (Simple Love)

- Grammar: 刚，从来，即使...也...
- Culture: Chinese Valentine's Day

Lesson 2: 真正的朋友 (True Friends)

- Grammar: 正好，差不多，尽管，却，而
- Culture: friendship & social circles in China

Lesson 3: 经理对我印象不错 (I've Made a Good Impression on the Manager)

- Grammar: 挺，本来，另外，首先... 其次...，不管
- Culture: Chinese formal clothing

Lesson 4: 不要太着急赚钱 (Don't Be Anxious to Make Money)

- Grammar: 以为，原来，并，按照，甚至
- Culture: Chinese attitudes toward success

Lesson 5: 只买对的，不买贵的 (Buy the Right, Not the Expensive)

- Grammar: 肯定，再说，实际，对... 来说，尤其
- Culture: shopping trends & bargaining in China



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Lesson 6: 一分钱一分货 (The Higher the Price, the Better the Quality)

- Grammar: 竟然，陪，值得，其中
- Culture: green food

Lesson 7: 最好的医生是自己 (The Best Doctor is Yourself)

- Grammar: 估计，来不及，要是，即...又/也/还...
- Culture: Taiji and Taijiquan

Lesson 8: 生活中不缺少美 (Beauty Is Not Rare in Life)

- Grammar: 使，只要，可不是，因此，往往
- Culture: Perceptions of the colors red and white

Lesson 9: 阳光总在风雨后 (The Sun Will Shine Again After the Storm)

- Grammar: 难道，通过，可是，结果，上
- Culture: Overcoming challenges and finding motivations

Lesson 10: 幸福的标准 (Standards of Happiness)

- Grammar: 不过，确实，在...看来，由于，比如
- Culture: happiness, values, and life goals in Chinese culture
- **Final Exam** – cumulative (lessons 1–10)

Final course exam and review