



Advanced Chinese 1.2

CHN 402

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Advanced Chinese 1.2 (CHN 402), a continuation of Advanced Chinese 1.1. CHN 402 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 下 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 ~350 additional Chinese words
- Engage in longer conversations about work, study, health, travel, culture, and values
- Read and understand short essays, letters, and news-style articles
- Write short essays using correct word order and varied connectors
- Read and write Chinese texts with minimal help and without the aid of pinyin

TEXTBOOKS

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

- HSK Standard Course 4 Part 2, (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%
- 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



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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

Week 1 – Lesson 11: 读书好，读好书，好读书 (Reading is Good; Read Good Books; Read Well)

- Grammar: 连，否则，无论，然而，同时
- Culture: a classic work in Chinese literature — Journey to the West

Week 2 – Lesson 12: 用心发现世界 (Discover the World With Your Heart)

- Grammar: 并且，对于，相反，再...也...
- Culture: values in Chinese philosophy

Week 3 – Lesson 13: 喝着茶看京剧 (Drinking Tea While Watching Peking Opera)

- Grammar: 大概，由，随着，进行
- Culture: chopsticks in Chinese culture

Week 4 – Lesson 14: 保护地球母亲 (Protect Our Mother Earth)

- Grammar: 够，以，既然，于是，什么的
- Culture: the unity of heaven and man in Chinese philosophy

Week 5 – Lesson 15: 教育孩子的艺术 (The Art of Educating Children)

- Grammar: 想起来，千万，来，左右
- Culture: Meniculus's mother
- **Midterm Exam (Lessons 11–15)**

Week 6 – Lesson 16: 生活可以更美好 (Life Can Be Better)

- Grammar: 课，恐怕，到底，拿...来说
- Culture: work culture



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Week 7 – Lesson 17: 人与自然 (Humans and Nature)

- Grammar: 倒，干，趟，为了...而...，仍然
- Culture: giant pandas in China

Week 8 – Lesson 18: 科技于是姐 (Science, Technology, and the World)

- Grammar: 是否，受不了，接着，除此以外，把...叫作...
- Culture: Weibo and WeChat

Week 9 – Lesson 19: 生活的味道 (Taste of Life)

- Grammar: 上，出来，总的来说，在于
- Culture: dumplings

Week 10 – Lesson 20: 路上的风景 (The view along the way)

- Grammar: 究竟，起来，V+起
- Culture: ethnic minorities in China
- **Final Exam – lessons 11–20 (comprehensive)**

Final course exam and review