



Advanced Chinese 2.1

CHN 501

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Advanced Chinese 2.1 (CHN 501), a continuation of Advanced Chinese 1.2. CHN 501 emphasizes reading longer passages and using more complex grammar structures, and students enrolling in this course can expect added emphasis reading Chinese texts. This course uses the HSK 5 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 ~400 additional Chinese words
- Construct intermediate opinion-based compositions
- Read authentic materials of reasonable difficulty
- Understand longer spoken texts and written passages on abstract, social, and cultural topics.
- Develop deeper insight into Chinese values, traditions, and modern society.

TEXTBOOKS

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

- HSK Standard Course 5 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 501, 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

Unit 1: 了解生活 (Understanding Life)

- Lesson 1: 爱的细节 (The Details of Love)
 - Lesson 2: 留串钥匙给父母 (Leaving a Bunch of Keys to Our Parents)
 - Lesson 3: 人生有选择，一切可改变 (Having Choices in Life Makes Change Possible)
 - Grammar: 以来，靠，如何，居然，时刻
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Unit 2: 谈古说今 (Talking About the Past and Present)

- Lesson 4: 子路背米 (Zilu Carrying Rice)
 - Lesson 5: 济南的泉水 (Spring Water in Ji'nan)
 - Lesson 6: 除夕的由来 (Origin of Chuxi)
 - Grammar: 至今，顶，反而，从而，于，为，起来，说不定，似的
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Unit 3: 倾听故事 (Listening to Stories and Anecdotes)

- Lesson 7: 成语故事两则 (Two Idiom Stories)
 - Lesson 8: “朝三暮四”的古今义 (Three at Dawn and Four at Dusk)
 - Lesson 9: 别样鲁迅 (The Lu Xun You Don't know)
 - Grammar: 分别，根，便，倒，曾经，作为，算，要不
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Unit 4: 走近科学 (Approaching Science)

- Lesson 10: 争论的奇迹 (Miracle of Debate)



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- Lesson 11: 闹钟的危害 (The Harm of Alarm Clocks)
 - Lesson 12: 海外用户玩儿微信 (Overseas Users of WeChat)
 - Grammar: 毕竟，或许，来/过来，所，数，相当，以及，程度
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Unit 5: 放眼世界 (Seeing the World)

- Lesson 13: 锯掉生活的框底 (Cutting Off the Bottom of the Basket in Life)
 - Lesson 14: 北京的四合院 (Quadrangle Courtyards in Beijing)
 - Lesson 15: 纸上谈兵 (Being an Armchair Strategist)
 - Grammar: 何况，何必，所谓，则，起，过，迟早，再三
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Unit 6: 修养身心 (Cultivating Physical and Mental Health)

- Lesson 16: 体重与节食 (Weight and Diet)
- Lesson 17: 在最后美好的时刻离开 (Ending at the Best Moment)
- Lesson 18: 抽象艺术美不美 (Abstract Art: Beautiful or Not?)
- Grammar: 即，个别，非，以，平常，宁可，极其，可见

Final course exam and review