



Advanced Chinese Reading and Writing

CHN 560RW - GXNU Language Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course develops advanced reading comprehension and writing skills in Chinese. Using 汉语阅读教程 第三册, students will read longer essays, narratives, and expository texts that reflect contemporary Chinese society and culture. Emphasis is placed on analyzing main ideas, identifying arguments, and developing coherent written responses. Writing assignments include summaries, opinion essays, and short research-style reports.

OBJECTIVES

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

- Recognize and actively use 1,200–1,500 Chinese characters.
- Read and analyze advanced-level texts such as essays, short stories, and articles.
- Understand implicit meanings, cultural references, and rhetorical styles in texts.
- Write structured essays of 250–300 characters with logical argumentation.
- Express complex ideas in writing, including cause-effect, comparison, and contrast.
- Demonstrate reading/writing proficiency at approximately HSK 5–6 level.

TEXTBOOKS

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.

- 汉语阅读教程（第3版）第三册 Chinese Reading Course III (3rd Edition)

CREDITS

Students will earn three academic credits upon the completion of CHN 560RW, awarded by CLI's official university affiliate, Guangxi Normal University (GXNU).

GRADING

- Participation & Attendance: 20%
- Homework (reading analysis + written assignments): 20%
- Weekly Quizzes (reading comprehension & vocabulary): 15%
- Midterm Exam (Lessons 1–10): 20%
- Final Exam (Lessons 11–20): 25%