Advanced Conversational Chinese I (CHIN 360)

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Please Note: This is a sample syllabus, subject to change. Students will receive the updated syllabus and textbook list prior to the start of each semester.

**Course Number:** CHIN 360, Fall 2017

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**Course Description**

This is an integrated course designed for students who have mastered basic Chinese grammar and a vocabulary of 3000 characters. As learners of intermediate-advanced level, students are expected to express themselves in fluent, accurate, complete, and culturally-appropriate Chinese. The course aims at helping learners to achieve this goal by providing frequently practiced vocabulary, sentence structures, and covering various socio-cultural topics in China today.

**Course Outcomes**

1. **Class Preparation:** students are required to do preparation for text readings

2. **Class Participation:** students are expected to be participative, including practicing pronunciations, dialogues and exercises on sentence structure

3. **Assignment:** students must submit the assigned homework according to the stated deadline, the translation and writing exercises in textbooks

4. **Review:** students should do reviews after every class. It could be done with the tutor assigned or by oneself.

5. **Tests:** weekly dictation/tests for sentences learned in class; Monthly tests on vocabularies and sentences; Mid-term and final examinations

**Pre-requisite**

Students who have completed courses equivalent to CHIN 260&261 before.
**Attendance Policy**

Only valid medical or family emergencies qualify as an absence, and documentation of the same must be presented to the professor no later than the next class meeting. All other absences are unexcused. Unexcused absences will affect your grade (see below). Arriving more than 10 minutes late for any three classes will cumulatively count as one unexcused absence, while arriving 30 minutes late for any class will count as an unexcused absence.

Penalties for unexcused absences:

- 1 absence – class participation grade drops one full letter grade (example: A- to B-)
- 2 absences – class participation grade drops two full letter grades
- 3 absences – class participation grade drops three full letter grades
- 4 or more absences – class participation grade is a failing one

Any absence, whether excused or not, will require catch-up reading.

**Academic Honesty Statement**

Please see the following link, and read the text carefully:


**Assessment**

Class Participation and Attendance 20%

Students are expected to read all assignments and participate in class discussions. A short written assignment is due at the end of every class. Students should include one paragraph summarizing the main argument for each reading, as well as a paragraph expressing the student’s own critical analysis.

Test/Quiz 10%

Homework 10%

Midterm Exam 30%

Final Exam 30%
Required Texts:
发展汉语 高级口语1 by 王淑红
Publisher: 北京语言大学出版社

Class Schedule
Week 1, three classes
Chapter 1: 快乐会传染

Week 2, three classes
Chapter 1 & Review

Week 3, three classes
Chapter 2: 在家上学

Week 4, three classes
Chapter 2 & Review

Week 5, three classes
Chapter 3: 活人图书馆

Week 6, three classes
Chapter 3 & Review

Week 7: Midterm

Week 8: Fall/Spring Break

Week 9, three classes
Chapter 4: 爱上搜索

Week 10, three classes
Chapter 4 & Review

Week 11, three classes
Chapter 5: 老大难问题

Week 12, three classes

Chapter 6: 人类最糟糕的发明

Week 13, three classes

Chapter 7: 你是其中哪一种

Week 14: three classes

Review and Final