TBC 2020 Chinese VI

Please Note: This is a sample syllabus, and the course schedule is subject to change. Students will receive the updated syllabus prior to the start of first class.

Credit Hours: 3.0
Class Times: 3.75 hours per week (5 class sessions at 45 minutes = 225 minutes)
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Required Textbook
Authors: Liu / Yao / Bi / Ge / Shi. Publisher: Cheng & Tsui Co.

Course Description
In this course students will study the last five chapters of Level 2, Part one of Integrated Chinese.
The course will continue to expand students’ vocabulary and sentence structures, including approximately 150 new phrases and over 25 grammar structures. Through a more profound and comprehensive approach, topics covered in previous Chinese courses will be reinforced and advanced to a higher level, enabling students to give descriptions and comments, to present reasons and arguments in a more critical and skillful manner.

Learning Outcome
Students will be able to address practical topics more proficiently and skillfully, such as discussing the pros and cons of living on and off campus, to describing different kinds of living spaces, to describe shopping preferences and criteria and to explain whether your family members have an influence on your choice of major and career path. Cultural difference will be further addressed through practices of tone of speech, such as expressing politely a dissenting opinion, disagreeing tactfully, present your arguments with rhetorical questions.

Course Requirements
1. Private tutoring
Success in your classes will depend on your commitment to regular review and practice. TBC has a language tutor program [available free of charge] and you are strongly encouraged to make regular appointments with your own assigned language tutor, to review vocabulary and practice writing and reading. You should expect to spend no less than an additional 6 hours per week on revision and practice.
2. Attendance Policy
Attendance is mandatory and will count towards the final grade. Absences will be calculated as follows:
- 0.25% of students' final grade will be deducted for lateness (more than 10 minutes late) to each 1-hour session of classes.
- 0.5% of one's final grades will be deducted for unauthorized absence to each 1-hour session of classes.
- Medical absence: students with illness must present a doctor's note to be excused from absences. As far as possible, it is courteous to advise your instructor in advance if you will be missing class due to illness.

3. Grading
1) Attendance (10%)
2) Quiz (10%)
3) Class participation (10%)
4) Homework and assignments (10%)
5) Midterm exam including oral test and written test (30%)
6) Final exam including oral test and written test (30%)

A: 94% or above
A-: 90-93%
B+: 87-89%
B: 84-86%
B-: 80-83%
C+: 77-79%
C: 74-76%
C-: 70-73%
D+: 67-69%
D: 60-66%
F: Below 60%

4. Academic Honesty Statement
Please click the following link to see The Beijing Center's policy on Academic Integrity: http://thebeijingcenter.org/academic-integrity

Course Schedule

Week 1
Chapter 6: 男朋友女朋友 Boyfriends/girlfriends

Week 2
Review chapter 6

Week 3
Chapter 7: 电脑和网络 Computer and Internet

Week 4
Review chapter 7
Week 5
Chapter 8: 打工 Part-time jobs

Week 6
Review chapter 8

Week 7: Midterm

Week 8: No class in fall/spring break

Week 9
Chapter 9: 教育 Education

Week 10
Review chapter 9

Week 11
Chapter 10: 中国地理 Geography of China

Week 12
Review chapter 10

Week 13
Review whole chapters 6-10

Week 14
Final examination preparation

Week 15, Finals week
Final exams
Note: students should be available for exams at their normal class meeting times