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Class Time & Room: MWF, 12:00-12:50 pm; RM 203 Croft Institute

Class Description:
This course is an advance Chinese language course with an emphasis on understanding and representing information obtained from Chinese media, such as Internet, movie and newspapers. Students upon completing this course should be able to do the following:

1. To understand common advanced vocabularies and language patterns.
2. To retell and summarize the articles and to be able to participate in the discussion of the contents of the works.
3. To distinguish the difference between formal and informal Chinese as well as spoken and written Chinese.
4. To understand the styles of articles, Chinese society and Chinese culture.

Teaching Materials:
Teaching materials prepared by the instructor.

Recommended Websites

Chinese characters & culture: http://www.zhongwen.com
Chinese tools: http://www.mandarintoools.com
Chinese culture: http://www.chinapage.com/china.html

Course Requirement

Preparation
You are expected to prepare the material for the designated lesson before coming to class. Preparation includes, but is not limited to read the texts, vocabulary lists and explanations carefully until the meaning of each word is fully understood and every character is recognized. **Your preparation is crucial in this course.** Success largely depends on your preparation.

Attendance and Performance
You are expected to attend every class and participate in class activities actively. Frequent absences and tardiness without proper reason will influence the instructors’ evaluation of your grade.

Quizzes, Tests, Oral presentation
**Quizzes** will be given about 1-2 times a week, and will be held at the beginning of class;
**Test** will be given about biweekly. There is one **final examination**; **Oral presentations** will be held about biweekly.

**Homework**

The regular homework includes:
- reading the vocabulary and lessons;
- doing the exercises on the book;
- writing compositions (please write the compositions neatly on every other line).

**Grades:**

- Attendance/Classroom performance: 20%
- Homework assignments: 20%
- Oral presentation: 10%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Tests: 15%
- Oral examination: 10%
- Final Examination: 15%

**Grading Scale:**

- 73-76: C; 70-72: C-; 60-69: D
- Below 60: F

**Instructors’ Expectations of Students**

- Attend each class (notify instructors ahead when you will not be in class)
- Arrive to class on time
- Speak Chinese as you can in the classroom
- Turn assignments in on time
- Read all assigned readings before class
- Do not work on assignments after class has started
- Do not chew gum or eat food in class (drinking a beverage is OK)
- Turn off all noise-making devices such as cell phone and MP3 after class has started.

**Note:** Late homework will be corrected but received no credit. There will be no make-up quizzes or tests except in some extraordinary circumstances beyond the students’ control. Any make-up quiz and test, please contact your instructor.