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**Office phone:** 662-915-6794  
**Office Hour:** 2:00-3:00 M and W  

**Class Time and Room:** 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm, M, W, F; Croft 204

II. **Textbook:** *Classical Chinese: A Basic Reader* (3 volumes) published by Princeton University Press. 2004;  
Supplementary Materials

III. **Goal:** CHIN 511 is an introductory course to Classical Chinese for students who have completed Chinese study at least for two years. Students who successfully completed this course are expected to understand and use literary Chinese in formal situations and writings. They will also have come to understand the history and culture of Chinese civilization, and will thus have laid a solid foundation for future advanced research on traditional Chinese culture or modern Chinese society.

IV. **Class format:** This course is conducted exclusively in Chinese. Students are expected to translate the classical text into modern Chinese. Classroom discussion will emphasize on sentence structures, the usage of grammatical particles and Chinese culture.

V. **Requirements:**

- **Attendance:** Class attendance is an important part of your grade. Frequent or extended absences will influence the instructor’s evaluation of your in-class performance. If you cannot make it to the class on a certain day, tell the instructor in advance. In case of unexpected situation or emergency, call or email the instructor on that day.

- **Preparation:** You are expected to be well prepared for each lesson before the actual classroom hours. Preparation includes: 1) Read the text and vocabulary list carefully until the meaning of each word is fully understood and the character recognized. 2) Prepare for discussions on topics raised in the text.

- **Tests:** There will be a test about every four lessons. There will be also oral examinations and a final examination. No make-up tests unless you have a doctor’s note or approval by the instructor beforehand.

- **Homework:** You are responsible for submitting all written assignment on time. Weekly exercises are mainly on grammatical analysis and the use of particles; there will also be assignments in translation and composition.

VI. **Grading system:**  
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**Grading Scale:**

91-100: A;  89-90: A-;  86-88: B+;  83-85: B;  80-82: B-;  77-79: C+;
73-76: C;  70-72: C-;  60-69: D

Below 60: F

**Instructors’ Expectations of Students**

- Speak Mandarin Chinese only in the classroom;
- Do not work on assignments after class has started;
- Do not chew gum or eat in class;
- Do not use notebook computer in class;
- 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.