

**DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE  
BA HONOURS SYLLABUS**

**CHN-UG-C-101: ELEMENTARY CHINESE I**

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>Papers</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>I</b>	CHI-UG-C101	Elementary Chinese I	4	100
	CHI-UG-C102	Introduction to China I	4	100
<b>II</b>	CHI-UG-C201	Elementary Chinese II	4	100
	CHI-UG-C202	Introduction to China II	4	100
<b>III</b>	CHI-UG-C301	Intermediate Chinese I	4	100
<b>IV</b>	CHI-UG-C401	Intermediate Chinese II	4	100
<b>V</b>	CHI-UG-C501	Advanced Chinese I	4	100
<b>VI</b>	CHI-UG-C601	Advanced Chinese II	4	100
	CHI-UG-C602	Written Assignment in Chinese (Book Review and Film Review)	4	100

**CHI-UG-C101: Elementary Chinese I**

**Unit I: Listening I**

Chinese Phonetics and Intonation  
 Basic Recognition of Sounds  
 Basic Recognition of the Four Tones  
 Simultaneous Reproduction of Sounds and the Four Tones

**Unit II: Reading I**

Introduction to the Intricacies of the Four Tones  
 Introduction to Pinyin Romanization  
 Basic Recognition of Chinese Characters  
 Basic Reading of Simple Chinese Sentences  
 Focus on Pitch Contours  
 Simultaneous Speaking Exercises.

### **Unit III: Writing I**

History of Chinese Script  
Introduction to Chinese Pictographs and Ideographs  
Introduction to Basic Strokes and Stroke Order  
Simple Character Writing  
Basic Grammatical Constructions

### **Unit IV: Comprehension I**

Simple Translation of Sentences from Chinese into English  
Basic Recognition of Chinese Words and Characters

### **Suggested Readings:**

- *Elementary Chinese Readers, Part I and Part II.* 基础汉语课本, 修订本。Sinolingua, Beijing, China, 2008.
- *Modern Chinese Beginner's Course, Part 1.* 初级汉语课本, 修订本。BLCU, Beijing, China, 2008.
- *My Chinese Picture Dictionary,* 汉语图解词典.
- *HSK Chinese Characters 2000,* HSK 汉字 2000.
- Kan, Qian. *Colloquial Chinese: The Complete Course for Beginners,* Routledge, 2009.
- Liu, Xun, Xun A Liu. *New Practical Chinese Reader* (新实用汉语课本), Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2002.
- Zhao, Jin Ming (ed.). *Chinese Conversation for Foreigners,* Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2002.

## **CHI-UG-C102: Introduction to China I**

### **Unit I: Introduction to Geography of China**

Topography, Flora and Fauna  
Mountains, Rivers, Lakes, Deserts, Basins, Plateaus, Surrounding Seas and Oceans  
Natural Resources  
Provinces, Municipalities under the Central Government, Autonomous Regions and Special Economic Zones

### **Unit II: Ancient History of China (From Antiquity to 1840)**

Legendary Emperors  
Political History from the Legendary Xia until the Qing Dynasty (2100 BCE-1911 CE)  
Social Institutions in Ancient China

### **Unit III: Modern History of China (1840-1949)**

Major Political and Social Events  
Opium Wars I & II  
Taiping Rebellion  
Self Strengthening Movement  
Reform Movement  
Boxer Rebellion

Xinhai Rebellion and the Founding of the Republic of China  
May Fourth Movement  
New Culture Movement  
Long March  
Yan'an Conference on Literature and Arts  
War of Resistance Against Japan  
Founding of the PRC

**Unit IV: Contemporary History of China (1949-till date)**

Major Political, Social, and Economic Trends  
First Five Year Plan  
Socialist Construction of the State  
Collectivization of Agriculture  
Agrarian Reform Policy  
Hundred Flowers' Campaign  
Anti-Rightist Movement  
Great Leap Forward  
Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution  
Reform and Opening up Policy

**Suggested Readings:**

- Veeck, Gregory. "China's Geography: Globalization and the Dynamics of Political, Economic, and Social Change" in *Changing Regions in Global Context: New Perspectives in Regional Geography Series*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Second Edition, 2011.
- *National Geographic Atlas of China*, National Geographic, 2009.
- Gifford, Rob. *China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power*, Random House Trade Paperbacks, 2008.
- Schurmann, Franz & Schell, Orville (eds.). *Imperial China and Republican China*, 2 Volumes: China Readings, 1970.
- Dawson, Raymond. *Imperial China*. Pelican Books, 1976.
- Chen Jerome. *Mao Tse-Tung and the Chinese Revolution, 1915 – 1949*, Oxford University Press. 1971.
- Hsu, Y. Immanuel. *The Rise of Modern China*, Oxford University Press, 1989.

**CHI-UG-C201: Elementary Chinese II**

**Unit I: Listening and Conversing**

Interpretation of Simple Chinese Words and Phrases  
Interpretation of Simple Chinese Sentences  
Simple Conversation in Chinese  
Dictation

**Unit II: Reading II**

Simple Passages in Chinese  
Select Texts  
Basic Grammatical Constructions

### **Unit III: Writing II**

Origin of Chinese Characters  
Character Writing  
Translation from English to Chinese and vice versa  
Short Passages on Issues of Everyday Concern

### **Unit IV: Comprehension II**

Comprehension and Translation of Simple Passages  
Grammatical Particles  
Sentence Patterns

### **Suggested Readings:**

- *Elementary Chinese Readers, Part III and Part IV*. 基础汉语课本, 修订本. Sinolingua, Beijing, China, 2008.
- *Modern Chinese Beginner's Course, Part II & III*. 初级汉语课本, 修订本. Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China.
- Matthews, Alison & Matthews, Lawrence. *Tuttle Learning Chinese Characters*, Tuttle Publishing, 2007.
- Paul Pimsleur. *Pimsleur Chinese: Comprehensive Mandarin Chinese I*, 2000.
- Paul Pimsleur. *Pimsleur Chinese: Comprehensive Mandarin Chinese II*, 2000.
- Goodman, Harold. *The Michael Thomas Method: Speak Mandarin Chinese for Beginners*, McGraw Hill, Bilingual Edition, 2008.
- Kang, Yuhua and Li, Siping. *Conversational Chinese 301* (汉语会话 301句). Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 1998.

## **CHI-UG-C202: Introduction to China II**

### **Unit I: Introduction to the Concepts and Theories of Philosophy**

Introduction to Major Areas of Philosophy: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, Logic  
Concepts in Ethics  
Concepts in Epistemology  
Concepts in Logic  
Concepts in Metaphysics

### **Unit II: Confucianism, Neo-Confucianism, Daoism, Neo-Daoism**

History of Ancient Chinese Humanist Thought  
Ancient Confucianism, the Four Books and the Five Classics  
Medieval Confucianism, the Book of Changes, Naturalism  
Neo-Confucianism, Chou Tun-I, Shao Yung, Ch'eng I  
Daoism and Neo-Daoism, Huai-Nan-Tzu  
Buddhism in the Han, Tang, Song, Ming, and Qing Dynasty

### **Unit III: Intellectual Thoughts and Movements in China**

Lin Xexu and the Opium War

Hong Xiuquan and the Taiping Rebellion  
Li Hongzhang and the Self-Strengthening Movement  
Sun Yatsen and the Xinhai Revolution  
Hu Shi and Democracy  
Marxism, Leninism, and Mao Zedong Thought

**Unit IV: Social Institutions in China**

Institution of Family  
Institution of Marriage  
Institution of Education

**Suggested Readings:**

- Chan, Wing Tsit. *A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing, 2001.
- Liu, Jeeloo. *An Introduction to Chinese Philosophy: From Ancient Philosophy to Chinese Buddhism*, Wiley Blackwell, 2006.
- Ivanhoe, Philip. J. *Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing, 2011.
- *The Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, The Metaphysics Lab, Centre for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University.
- Goldman, Merle. Leo, Ou-fan Lee. (eds.). *An Intellectual History of Modern China*, Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- Chow, Tse-Tung. *The May Fourth Movement: Intellectual Revolution in Modern China*, Harvard University Press, 1960.
- Gold, Thomas. Guthrie, Doug. "Social Connections in China: Institution, Culture, and the Changing Nature of Guanxi", *Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences Series*, Cambridge University Press, 2002.

**CHI-UG-C301: Intermediate Chinese I**

**Unit I: Select Readings I (Literary Chinese)**

Popular Myths and Legends  
Selected Poems from the *Shijing* (Book of Odes)  
Qu Yuan and his Li Sao  
Prose and Poetry of the Han Dynasty

**Unit II: Conversation Chinese I**

Advanced Skill in Conversation  
Extempore  
Debate  
Discussion

**Unit III: Composition and Grammar**

Parts of Speech  
Phrases  
Sentence Elements  
Aspects of Action  
Essay Writing  
Simple Sentence

Complex Sentence  
Sentence with Special Verb Predicates  
Eight Ways of Expressing Comparison

**Unit IV: *Huashuo Zhongguo I* (Talking About China in Chinese)**

Chinese Legends and Proverbs  
Chinese Geography  
Chinese History  
Chinese Politics

**Suggested Readings:**

- *40 Lessons for Basic Chinese Course Volume 1* (基础汉语四十课上册), China International Book Trading Corporation, 2005.
- *Boya Chinese Lower Intermediate 1*, 博雅汉语准中级加速篇, Peking University Press, 2005.
- *Boya Chinese Lower Intermediate 2*, 博雅汉语准中级加速篇, Peking University Press, 2005
- Liu, Xun. *New Practical Chinese Reader: Textbook Volume 1*, Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2004.
- Bridge: 桥梁使用汉语中级教程 (上), Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2010
- Yang, Huiyuan. *Hanyu Tingli Shuohua Jiaoxue Fa* (Teaching Methods of Chinese Oral Expressions and Comprehension), Beijing Language and Culture University, 1996
- Kang, Yuhua and Li, Siping. *Conversational Chinese 301* (汉语会话 301 句). Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 1998.
- *Chinese Myths and Fables* 中国神话寓言, Beijing Normal University, Teaching and Research Cell, 1984.
- Rong, Du. *About China: Speaking Chinese, Huashuo Zhongguo*, Sinolingua, 1990.

**CHI-UG-C401: Intermediate Chinese II**

**Unit I: Select Readings II (Literary Chinese)**

Poetry of the Tang Dynasty:  
Li Bai  
Du Fu  
Meng Haoran  
Wang Wei  
Bai Juyi  
Prose of the Tang Dynasty:  
Han Yu  
Short Stories of the Tang Dynasty:  
Wang Du

**Unit II: Conversation Chinese II**

Fluent Conversation

Group Discussion  
Panel Discussion

**Unit III: Writing Skills/Official Correspondence for Business Chinese**

Essay Writing  
Official Letter Writing  
Drafting Business Contracts

**Unit IV: *Huashuo Zhongguo II* (Talking About China in Chinese)**

Chinese Economy  
Chinese Society  
Chinese Education  
Chinese Culture (Festivals, Cuisine)

**Suggested Readings:**

- *40 Lessons for Basic Chinese Course Volume 2* (基础汉语四十课下册), China International Book Trading Corporation, 2005.
- *Boya Chinese Upper Intermediate 1*, 博雅汉语准中级加速篇, Peking University Press, 2005.
- *Boya Chinese Upper Intermediate 2*, 博雅汉语准中级加速篇, Peking University Press, 2005.
- Liu, Xun. *New Practical Chinese Reader: Textbook Volume 2*, Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2004.
- *Bridge: 桥梁使用汉语中级教程 (下)*, Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2010.
- Lin, Helen, T. *Hua shuo zhongguo: Zhongji Hanyu Kouyu*, Chinese Language Library, Waiwen Chubanshe, 1985.
- *Chinese Folktales*, 中国民间故事, Beijing Normal University, Teaching and Research Cell, 1984.
- *Traditional Festivals of China*, 中国传统节日, Beijing Normal University, Teaching and Research Cell, 1984.

**CHI-UG-C501: Advanced Chinese I**

**Unit I: Introduction to Classical Chinese I**

Select Readings from Classical Chinese Texts:

*Lunyü*  
*Mengzi*  
*Da Xue*  
*Zhong Yong*  
*Dao De Jing*  
*Bing Fa*

**Unit II: Translation Chinese I**

Art of Translation from Source Language to Target Language

Translation of News Items on Politics, Society, Economy (*Renmin Ribao, Guangming Ribao, The New York Times, The Times of India, The Washington Post*)

Translation of Articles from Scholarly Journals

### **Unit III: Advanced Conversation I**

Basic Business Interactions

Basic Academic Interactions (Presentation of Research Proposals in Chinese)

Discussions on Social and Political Issues of Contemporary Relevance

### **Unit IV: Select Readings I**

Modern Chinese Authors: Select Short Stories and Essays

Lu Xun (*Call to Arms, Dawn Blossoms Plucked at Dusk, Wandering*)

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Xu, Zongcai. *Gudai Hanyu Jiaocheng (Classical Chinese) Book 1*, Beijing Language & Culture University Press, 2001.
- Wang, Li. *Gudai Hanyu (Classical Chinese)*, Zhonghua Shuju, 1999 (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)
- Jiang, Xia. Xiao Yi et al (eds.), *Chuzhong Wenyanwen (Classical Chinese: Basic Intermediate Level)*, Huazhong Science & Engineering University Press, 1999.
- *Dangdai Zhongguo Huati-Baokan Yuyan Jiaocai (Contemporary Chinese issues- Teaching Guide to the Language of Journalistic Chinese)*, Beijing Language Institute Press, 1993.
- *Lu Xun Za Wen Xuan Ji*. Min zhu yu jian she chu ban she; Di yi ban, 1996.
- *Lu Xun Xuan Ji*. Xin hua shu dian zong dian Beijing fa xing suo jing xiao; Yi juan ben, 1991.

## **CHI-UG-C601: Advanced Chinese II**

### **Unit I: Introduction to Classical Chinese II**

19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Century Intellectuals in China: Select Essays

Lin Zexu

Kang Youwei

Liang Qichao

SunYatsen

Hu Shi

### **Unit II: Translation Chinese II**

Literary Articles

Book Reviews

Scholarly Essays

Newspaper Editorials

Newspaper Items on Science and Technology, Sports, Business, Trade and Commerce (Voice of America, BBC, *Meiguo Zhiyin*)

### **Unit III: Advanced Conversation II**

Advanced Business Interactions



Advanced Academic Interactions (Presentation of Research Findings in Chinese)  
Discussions on Social, Political, Economic, and Cultural Issues of Contemporary Relevance

**Unit IV: Select Readings II**

Modern Chinese Authors (Select Novels Any One)  
Lao She (*Tea House, Luotuo Xiangzi*)  
Mao Dun (*Midnight*)  
Ba Jin (*Family*)

**Suggested Readings:**

- Jiang Xia, Xiao Yi et al (eds.), *Gaozhong Wenyanwen (Classical Chinese: Higher Intermediate Level)*, Huazhong Science & Engineering University Press, 1999.
- Liu, Qiangong. *Baokan Yuedu Jiaocheng (Textbook in Journalistic Reading)*, Beijing Language University Press, 2006.
- Kang, Yuhua. *Conversational Chinese Volume 1- 2*, Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2007.
- Liu, Yuanman. *Hanyu Kouyu (Advanced Spoken Chinese: Volume 1)*, Peking University Press, 2004.
- *Lu Xun Xuanji (Selected Collections of Lu Xun's Work)*, Mandarin Chinese Edition, Xinhua Shudian (New China Bookstore), 1991.
- *Lu Xun Zawen Xuanji (Collection of Short Stories by Lu Xun)*, Mandarin Chinese Edition, Minzhu Yujianshe, 1994.

**CHI-UG-C602: Writing Assignment in Chinese  
Book Review and Film Review**