

Mississippi College Department of Modern Languages

Chinese 440 (II) Special Topic on Chinese Society and Cinema (3 Credits) Spring 2011

Syllabus (Prerequisite: CHI 101/102/201/202/440 (I))

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Office Hour: M/W 3:00p.m~4:00p.m. T/Th/F 2:00p.m. ~3:30p.m.

Useful Resources: <http://www.mc.edu/faculty/an>

<http://www.nciku.com>

Classroom: Jen 105

Required Texts: The Routledge Advanced Chinese Multimedia Course: Crossing Cultural Boundaries (English and Mandarin Chinese Edition) Kunshan Carolyn Lee (Author), Hsin-Hsin Liang (Author),

Students are required to write the homework with pencil.

Course Description

This course is an advanced course designed for students who already have knowledge of basic Chinese learned either through taking Intermediate Chinese or through some other study programs (such as study aboard or ADP Chinese courses) . The purpose of this course is to facilitate oral practice, allow students to communicate in real-life situations, and have the basic translation skills. The course will cover wide range of materials, in terms of vocabulary, grammar, listening and writing skills. Students will learn to read and write Chinese texts with minimal help of pinyin and will learn to translate texts (English to Chinese and Chinese to English) based on more complicated Chinese grammar and Chinese culture awareness. This advanced course will enable students to be proficient in Chinese for living and business. **The movie sand texts are all authentic staff sited from modern China.**

In Class Performance:

The key to effective learning of Chinese is to master listening and speaking first, followed by reading and writing. Students will be required to recap the movie or text, and do the exercises on a selected topic every week. Compulsory speaking in Chinese is required in class. Students are also required to prepare presentation topics and take part in the organized discussions in class.

Unit Tests: There will be 5 unit tests, one per unit. Each unit test will count as 4 percent of your course grade.

Written Homework: The homework due day is in the same style with Intermediate Chinese. Assignments for one unit will count as 4 percent of your course grade. Group-study on homework is permissible and encouraged, but once a student has begun putting an answer down in writing, no consultation with other students is permitted.

Term Assignment: Each student is required to write in Chinese a short composition (minimum 1 double-spaced page; maximum 3 double-spaced pages) and read it to the class towards the end of the semester. The assignment will count as 10 percent of your course grade.

Evaluation: The grading scale is the following:

10% - Participation

30%- Unit Test

20%- Homework

10%- Term Assignment

30%- Final Test

90%-100% = A

78%-89.9% = B

68%-77.9% = C

58%-67.9% = D

Below 58% = Fail

Office Conversation

You are encouraged to visit Jennings 106 during the Chinese instructor's office hours and stay at least 10 minutes to practice speaking. During the spring semester, you are required to finish at least 40 minutes of conversation. You will earn 0.5 percentage points of extra credit per visit more than the required 40 minutes. You will NOT earn any extra credit if you ask for help on homework. Visits must be validated by instructor's signature and dated for extra credit.

Chinese Culture Event

You will also be required to participate at least one of the two Chinese movie night during the 2011 spring semester. And you will also get 1percentage point of extra credit by attending the Chinese culture events on MC campus, such as Spring Festival (Lunar New Year), Chinese Movie Appreciation.

