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Lecture: T TH Webster 219  
 10:00 -10:50 am (Section 1-4)  
 11:30 -12:30 pm (Section 5-8)

Drill: M W F Webster 103  
 10-10:50 am (Section 1&5)    11-11:50 am (Section 2 & 6)  
 01-01:50 pm (Section 3&7)    02-02:50 pm (Section 4 & 8)

### **Course Description**

Chinese 05 is designed for students who have successfully completed first year Chinese classes. This course continues introducing Chinese characters, grammar, as well as Chinese culture. The course reinforces the four skills through vigorous drills and practices with the emphasis still on speaking and listening.

### **Objectives**

This course aims to enable students to communicate effectively in Chinese and understand the Chinese culture and customs through the study of the language. Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to be able to:

- have a good command of the basic grammar, sentence patterns
- get the gist of simple Chinese texts
- sustain conversation in coherent paragraphs
- comprehend and write short essays on daily matters

### **Grading**

Assessment of student progress in both language development and cultural awareness will be based on class participation, homework, quizzes as well as oral presentations and written examinations.

Attendance and participation	20%
Homework	20%
Quiz	15%
Dictation	10%
Listening comprehension	5%
Mid-term examination	15%
Final examination	15%

100-94=A	93-90=A-	89-87=B+	86-84=B	83-80=B-	79-77=C+
76-74=C	73-70=C-	69-67=D+	66-64=D	63-60=D-	59-0=F

**Course materials**

- ***Integrated Chinese*** by Tao-Chung Yao et al. Level 2 Part 1, Third Edition, Simplified Character Edition. Boston: Cheng & Tsui, 2009 (textbook, character book and online workbook)
- Online workbook course code: FTK894
- Resource websites:  
[https://cms.amherst.edu/offices/it/teaching\\_research/resources/languages/chinese](https://cms.amherst.edu/offices/it/teaching_research/resources/languages/chinese)

**Class Format**

This class is committed to interactive methods of language teaching. Tuesday and Thursday classes are lectures for new dialogues or texts with a listening comprehension or a vocabulary dictation at the beginning of the class. Wednesday and Friday are drill sessions for sentence pattern, vocabulary exercises and supplementary readings. A review quiz will be given at the completion of each lesson on Monday.

<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Monday	Quiz	Preview new lesson
Tuesday	Lecture/ Listening	Listening Comprehension
Wednesday	Drills	Grammar Exercise/ Recording due
Thursday	Lecture/ Dictation	Reading
Friday	Drills	Review/Homework due

**Course policy**

- **Participation**

Students are required to attend each class and participate in discussion. Chinese is the language used mostly in Class. Participation is based on attending the full period as well as being active in all class activities. You are also encouraged to attend the Chinese Language Table on Fridays at noon (at least 3 times this semester).

- **Homework and tests**

Because of the heavy workload and the accelerated pace of the class, daily preparation is essential for successful completion of the course. Students are expected to complete the assigned homework by the day due. Late homework will lower the grade. Make-ups are given only in cases of medical or emergency and only when you notify the instructor ahead of time. One quiz and one dictation that have the lowest grade will be dropped when calculating the final grade.

- **Academic Honesty**

We believe you are an honest student. Cheating, plagiarism, forgery and knowingly furnishing false information in your academic work are grave matters that are subject to discipline.

**Course Schedule** (Subject to change)

Week	Date	Lessons
1.	Sept. 7 - 10	Reviews
2.	Sept. 13 - 17	Lesson 1
3.	Sept. 20 - 24	Lesson 2
4.	Sept. 27 – Oct.1	Lesson 3
5.	Oct. 4 - 8	Lesson 4
6.	Oct. 13 - 15	Lesson 5 (L4 Quiz on Oct. 13)
7.	Oct. 18 - 22	Lesson 5 (L5 Quiz on Oct. 20) & Reviews
8.	Oct. 25 - 29	Mid-term & Lesson 6
9.	Nov. 1 - 5	Lesson 7
10.	Nov. 8 - 12	Lesson 8
11.	Nov. 15 - 19	Lesson 9 (No class on Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> )
12.	Nov. 20 - 28	Thanksgiving Recess
13.	Nov. 29 – Dec.3	Lesson 10
14.	Dec. 6 - 10	Reviews
15.	Dec. 13 - 15	Reviews & Oral presentation
16.	Dec. 18 - 22	Final Examination (TBA)

**Please feel free to ask me questions or talk about your ideas at any time.**