Chinese 150 Syllabus: Fall 2017

Students are expected to enroll in the course ASAP at Canvas Chinese 150 course site: http://chns150.coursepress.yale.edu

General Information on Course:
Chinese 150 is an advanced class for third year students. It is a continuation of Chinese 140. Students who sign up for the course are expected to be able to handle standard conversations necessary for survival in the target culture; including conversations about personal information like family, home, daily activities, interests and personal preferences; and communication of physical and social needs, such as food, shopping, travel and lodging. Students who have already acquired a good oral fluency outside of language classes are advised to take Chinese 152.

Chinese 150 meets for 5 days a week, 50 minutes per session. Besides the class time, students are expected to spend 1-2 hours every day, preparing for class, doing homework, and reviewing for tests. Instruction is exclusively in Chinese. Students are expected to speak in Chinese during class time. In-class activities include quizzes, drills, and organized oral exercises such as discussions and presentations.

Objectives:
Finishing Chinese 150, students are expected to perform most informal and some formal language tasks with ease, confidence and competence. Students are comfortable discussing a variety of topics beyond day to day survival; in addition they can also discuss certain topics abstractly, especially those relating to their particular interests. They are able to accurately communicate detailed narratives and opinions. They can provide a structured argument to support their opinions, and correctly use quantifiers and hypotheticals.

After 150, students are expected to be able to write about a variety of topics in detail. They can handle most social and informal business correspondence. They can write extensively about topics relating to particular interests and special areas of competence. They have good control of a full range of grammatical structures and a fairly wide general vocabulary.

Textbooks & Class materials:
1. 《中国面对面》Volume 1, available at Yale bookstore; $46.95
2. Pre-class listening materials:
   http://chns150.coursepress.yale.edu/course-resources/listening-homework/

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Requirements & Activities:

1. We will spend roughly 4-5 class hours on one lesson. Students are expected to finish pre-class listening homework each week before the lesson is taught. The listening homework is specially designed to help you learn a language in a natural way and learn new words more efficiently. Please try to figure out the new words from the context before looking them up. You can access pre-class listening homework via the course website anywhere on campus.

2. For each new lesson, students are expected to preview the text and study new words. There will be one dictation and two pre-class quizzes for each lesson covering the new vocabulary and the content of the text. The dictation is a sentence dictation on the new words from the listening homework.

3. Students are required to write 5 essays over the course of the semester. Each essay should be no less than 500 characters if you write or 600 characters if you type. **Please leave space for instructors’ correction.** Students are required to submit the corrected version of each essay along with a voice recording.

4. There will be two presentations in the semester depending on the enrollment. You can present any topic that you want to share with your classmates. You are required to go through your presentations with your TA before you do in class.

5. There will be two oral tests in the semester. The oral tests will be held at the language lab. Each oral test is based on the content of lessons learned. Students are expected to answer 3 questions randomly chosen from the questions assigned beforehand. Please see the course website for oral test information.

Weekly Individual Tutorial:
From week 3, students are required to meet with their TA weekly for around 30 minutes individual tutoring. You are expected to prepare your oral tests and presentation with TA. Please see course website for location, schedule and policy.
**Attendance Requirement:**

Chinese 150 is an intensive course. Good attendance is expected from all students. A student is allowed to use up to 3 classes of un-excused absence in the semester (but you still must hand in all the assigned work when due). Beyond that, 1/2 point will be deducted for each absence hour. Students who are absent from seven class meetings for which they are unable to provide acceptable excuses will be referred to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing for cut restriction. Excessive absence (seven class meetings, including the allowed three) will lead to an automatic drop from the course. Frequent tardiness will affect your attendance score. Two times late of more than 10 minutes will be counted as one absence.

**Makeup and Late Homework Policy:**

Students are required to hand in homework and take all dictations, quizzes, tests, and exams as scheduled. Except with a dean's excuse, all other make-ups and late homework will be docked 20%. No make-ups are allowed beyond a week. With a dean's excuse, a make-up should be done as soon as the student is available for class.

*Except dictation, no make-ups are allowed for Pre-class Quizzes. It is the students', not the instructors’ responsibility to ask for a make-up.*

**Evaluation Methods:**

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**Extra credits:**

- Full attendance (extra 0.5% towards your final grade)