



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Advanced Mandarin B						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
CHI	3002	44814	2, 2005	ONC	2.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA003
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	091513

STAFFING

Examiner: Yan Zhao

Moderator: Peter Wicks

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: CHI3001

SYNOPSIS

Mandarin Chinese is one of the official and working languages of the United Nations and is spoken by a very large population in the world. The Chinese were among the first migrants to settle in Australia and their language has been used for a long time in various community fields in Australia. Mandarin has been selected by the Education Department as one of the foreign languages to be taught in educational institutions at primary and secondary levels. Mandarin Chinese is also offered in most universities in Australia and abroad. The ever increasing diplomatic, trade and cultural relations between Australia and China have created a need for more and more people trained in Mandarin Chinese to promote wide-ranging exchanges between the two countries. In China about 80% of the population speaks Mandarin and it is the official language in Modern China. Mandarin is also spoken in other countries and regions such as Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will have:

1. based upon what has been achieved in S1, further consolidated oral/aural/reading/writing skills and competence in Mandarin Chinese;
2. a better knowledge of the Chinese language and various aspects of Chinese culture and society such as Chinese calligraphy, Chinese food and tea culture, religions in China, economic reforms and environmental issues, news reports, etc;
3. learnt some 450 additional characters and phrases;
4. improved usage of spoken and written forms of the language;
5. improved translation skills.

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Beijing Language Institute 1996, *Chinese-English Dictionary*, The Commercial Press, Beijing.
Li, Hsiao-chi 1995, *A new perspective: context, function and structure in teaching Chinese (Book III)*, Beijing University Press, Beijing.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Supplementary reading from newspapers and magazines.

Li Dejin, Cheng Meizhen 1988, *A Practical Chinese Grammar for Foreigners*, Sinolingua, Beijing.

Tian Showhe 1992, *A Guide to Proper Usage of Spoken Chinese*, 2nd edn, The Chinese University Press, Hong Kong.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	2.00
Lectures	33.00
Private Study	260.00
Tutorials	32.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
CLASS PERFORMANCE & HOME WORK	100.00	10.00	19 Jul 2005 (see note 1)
TERM TEST	100.00	20.00	19 Jul 2005 (see note 2)
LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST	100.00	10.00	19 Jul 2005 (see note 3)
ORAL/WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT 1	100.00	10.00	12 Aug 2005
ORAL/WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT 2	100.00	10.00	09 Sep 2005
ORAL/WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT 3	100.00	10.00	21 Oct 2005
2 HOUR FINAL EXAMINATION	100.00	30.00	END S2 (see note 4)

NOTES

1. Marks for class performance and homework will be assessed on a regular basis according to evidence of preparation and class participation.
2. Students will be advised of the date of the term test early in the semester.
3. Students will be advised of the date of the listening comprehension test early in the semester.
4. Students will be advised of the official exam date after the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
In order to achieve course objectives, attendance at and participation in all learning activities are strongly advised. These are important factors in the development of oral and aural skills and as such will be monitored regularly and cumulatively. Students absent from classes are responsible for obtaining and completing all work and homework covered during their absence and for informing themselves of announcements regarding course-related activities and administrative matters.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade, a student must: (i) sit all oral/aural tests (including the final test) and submit all assignments at the time indicated in order to be eligible for a pass in the course. (ii) achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

- 6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a CLOSED EXAMINATION, and candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any deferred or supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).