

Chinese 215: Chinese Practicum I

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Meeting time: M-F: 9am – 10:50am and 1:00pm – 2:50pm

Meeting place: TBD

Office hours: TBD

Prerequisites: Chinese 212 with a passing grade of B or Academic director consent required

Learning Objectives:

This course focuses on increasing students' cultural awareness and four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). Special attention will be devoted to students' ability to handle Level 1+/2 authentic materials. After completing this course, a student should:

- Be able to initiate and maintain predictable face-to-face conversations on familiar topics.
- Be able to handle some casual but extensive conversations on family and self.
- Have vocabulary that extends beyond immediate survival needs and have the control of basic grammatical relations.
- Be able to produce speech that is understandable to natives used to dealing with foreigners.
- Be able to satisfy most travel and accommodation needs and a limited range of social demands.
- Be aware of basic Chinese cultural nuances.

Description:

Chinese 215 is a language intensive, total immersion training course in Taiwan. This is NOT a two-month vacation or a relaxing travel study program in Taiwan. It is designed for students who have reached Intermediate Mid (or higher) based on the ACTFL scale. The purpose of this course is to increase students' Chinese proficiency levels and their Chinese cultural awareness. Students will have four classes a day, five days a week for eight weeks. In addition, students are required to sign a language pledge and to live with a Chinese roommate who will provide one hour of language tutoring every day. Students are also required to conduct language tasks outside of the classroom on most Sundays. Students are expected to attend each class with thorough preparation before each class, to participate in class discussion actively, and to complete all required assignments and tutoring fully.

Required course materials: 《當代中文課程課本 4》，聯經出版公司

Grading and Requirements:

- **Homework and Assignments (15%)**

Homework will be assigned throughout the two months and will be based on the materials covered in class. All reading assignments will be checked in class and written homework should be handed in **on time at the beginning of class**. Each assignment will be graded on a 10-point basis. **No late homework will be accepted! Any incomplete assignment will be checked but will receive no credits.** If you miss a class, you must turn in all your assignments within the **3-day grace period** after you return to class or else you will not receive any credits.

- **Quizzes (10%)**

There will be **in-class quizzes every day**, mainly based on new vocabulary and grammatical points. It is students' responsibility to keep track of the quizzes as listed in the course schedule. No make-up quizzes will be given unless students have a **documented excuse** (e.g., a medical excuse) **and** follow the policy for make-up quizzes and tests.

- **Tests (10%)**

There will be several major exams. They are comprehensive tests that will cover all the materials learned up to that point. **Absolutely no make-up tests will be given unless students have a documented excuse** (e.g., a medical excuse) **and** follow the policy for make-up quizzes and tests.

- **Presentations (10%)**

These in-class presentations are done individually. The topic of each presentation is based on the lesson just learned. Grades are based on pronunciation, fluency, grammatical constructions, and the content. More instructions will be given after the program begins.

- **Tutoring (5%)**

Each student is required to have **60 minutes** of mandatory tutoring with his/her Chinese roommate daily. After each tutoring session, students will be graded on their performance that day on a 10-point scale. If a student misses his/her tutoring without a **documented excuse** (e.g., a medical excuse) or is late for more than 5 minutes, he/she will receive 0 points for that session.

- **Class Participation (25%)**

The instructor expects **active participation** from students in class and encourages them to ask questions and share outside knowledge at all times during class. After each class, students will be graded on their performance that day on a 10-point scale.

- **Language Practice Tasks (10%)**

There will be seven language practice tasks that students have to perform/conduct in the real world. Students are expected to complete each task fully and present the results in class. After each task, students will be graded on their performance based on a 10-point scale.

- **Cultural activities (5%)**

These are **mandatory** group activities. The program expects **active participation** from students. After each activity, students will be graded on their performance based on a 10-point scale. Attendance policy applies to each event. See the policy below.

- **Language Pledge (5%)**

In signing the UM Chinese Language Flagship Program language pledge, students agree to use Chinese as the only language of communication while attending the UM Shanghai Program. **Failure to comply with this pledge may result in removal from the program without credit or scholarship.** Students may use English when they are faced with an emergency, when conversing with a member of the UM administration, when speaking with a health care professional, and when providing the 30-minute English tutoring to their Chinese roommates. It is important to maintain the spirit of the pledge and to respect other students' sincere effort to use Chinese as exclusively as possible in the program. Speaking English in the presence of other classmates during the class breaks between 9am to 3pm is a direct violation of the pledge and must be avoided at all times. When in doubt, consult the Academic director or the Resident director.

We understand that it is important for students to maintain contact with their families. We cannot say how much is necessary for each person, so we ask that you keep contacts which are not in Chinese to the absolute minimum that you feel you need.

- **Attendance (5%)**

Any student is only allowed **3 unexcused absences** on **non-test** days during the term, so use them wisely. For each additional absence, **1 point** will be deducted from this portion of the grade. Any official documentation for absences needs to be submitted to the instructor within **3 days** after the student returns to class or else the student's absence will be counted as an **unexcused absence** and the student may incur the **1 point penalty**. The class sign-in sheet is only available for the **first 5 minutes** of class, so if students do not arrive by then, they will not be able to sign in and will be counted as absent. **Leaving class early is not allowed** unless there is an emergency. In **rare** situations when students have to leave the class early, they need to obtain the instructor's permission **before** class begins. Otherwise, leaving early will count as an unexcused absence.

If a student receives 0 points for attendance (i.e. by missing 5 classes in addition to the 3 unexcused absences), the student's final grade will automatically be an F.

Grading Scale

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

Policy for make-up homework, quizzes, and tests

If a student misses a class, all make-up homework must be submitted within the **3-day grace period** after he/she returns to class or else no credit will be given. If the student has an official note for a missed quiz or test, he/she must take the quiz or test within **3 days** after returning to class. After the grace period, no make-up quizzes or tests are allowed even with an official note.

Mutual Respect

- **Cell phones and text messaging:** Please make sure your phone is turned off and put away **before** class starts. **Text messaging is not allowed in class.**
- **Be on time for class:** Please refrain from walking in and out of the classroom during the class unless it is **absolutely urgent or necessary.**
- **Laptops:** Students do not need a laptop during class. Please put away your laptop **before** class begins unless requested by instructor.
- **Academic dishonesty**

Students are encouraged to study together but must complete required assignments **individually**. Copying or allowing others to copy any required work is a violation of university policies and will result in **severe penalties**.

Plagiarism is a serious offense in which someone else's work is presented as one's own. There are many forms of plagiarism. Plagiarism takes place when published material is copied verbatim or paraphrased without appropriately citing the source of material; and it is not limited to copying the exact words from published material. Forms of plagiarism include, and are not limited to copying published material verbatim, paraphrasing the work of another without properly citing that work, keeping the content and/or structure of another's work and changing the words, and unfair use such as taking large portions of another's work without substantial addition of one's own ideas or commentary. (For more specific examples of plagiarism, please visit http://www.plagiarism.org/learning_center/types_of_plagiarism.html.) Students who have committed plagiarism can be punished with a failing grade on the particular assignment or for the course, and in cases of repeated plagiarism or severe plagiarism (e.g., submitting a copied piece of writing as original work), students may even be suspended or expelled. (Source: The University of Mississippi handbook, 2011-2012)

For students with disabilities

Instructors are available to discuss any appropriate academic accommodations that students may need. Before accommodations can be made, however, students may be required to submit documentation to the Office of Student Services.

University policy calls for reasonable accommodations to be provided to students with disabilities on an individualized and flexible basis as mandated in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students with disabilities who require an accommodation in order to complete any of the appeal or judiciary proceedings noted above should contact the University department handling the appeal or judiciary proceedings. Students may also contact the Office of Student Disability Services for assistance and referral. More information regarding the Office of Student Disability Services can be found at www.olemiss.edu/depts/sds/ or by visiting the Office of Student Disability Services located at 334 Martindale Student Services Center. (Source: The University of Mississippi handbook, 2011-2012)

In signing this page I hereby acknowledge that I have read this entire syllabus and that I understand the course's policies and requirements.

Signature: _____

Name in print (as shown on your Ole Miss ID): _____

Date: _____