EAC 301: Advanced Chinese 1

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Class time: 4:15-5:35, M and W
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课程简介  Brief Course Description: This course is designed for students who have completed EAC 202 or its equivalent. The purpose of the class is to enhance student skills in four areas of modern Chinese: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This will be accomplished through intensive study of various texts and materials, all of which concern topics related to contemporary Chinese culture and society.

必读课本  Required textbook: Chih-p’ing Chou et al, All Things Considered: An Advanced Reader of Modern Chinese (事事关心: 现代汉语高级读本). Revised edition; Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011 (ISBN: 978-0-691-15310-0). Be sure you purchase the 2011 revised edition of this textbook (previous editions will not function in this class). Copies of this textbook are readily available through various online book sources. Copies of All Things Considered have not been ordered at the UAlbany Barnes and Noble Bookstore. FYI: We will continue using All Things Considered again during the 2018 spring semester.

补充资料  Supplementary materials: Over the course of this semester and next, various supplementary materials (exercises, readings, and so on) will be distributed in class by the instructor. There will be no charge for these materials.

简化字和繁体字  Simplified-form Chinese characters vs. traditional-form characters: Almost all of the written material that appears in All Things Considered is presented in both simplified- and traditional-form characters. It is your choice as to which form you prefer to study and learn. In written assignments and exams you may use either form, but do NOT mix the two. Be consistent! Use one form or the other.

打分规则  Grading: Your final grade in the course will be determined as follows: Class attendance/performance 30%; Homeworks and various written exercises 30%; Exams 20%; Final Exam 20% (the final will include oral report to the class and a written exam).

出席与补考  Attendance and exam makeups: There is no attendance policy for this class. Attendance will not be taken. Class performance, however, will weigh heavily on the final grade (30%). Regardless of your exam scores or average, you cannot earn a high final grade unless you attend class regularly and perform well. The best way to perform well is to be well prepared for every class.
Makeups for missed exams and assignments will be given only if I receive an official communication from the Center for Undergraduate Education saying you are excused from class. If possible, consult with 何老师 before the absence. Late homework and other assignments will be corrected, but you will receive no credit (there are no exceptions to this rule).

预习和工作量 Class preparation and workload:
• Students are expected to be fully prepared for each class meeting. This means you must read carefully through the assigned material and be fully ready to read aloud and discuss the contents of the lesson during our class meeting. To do this well you must be familiar with the new sentence patterns and new vocabulary before class.
• You must keep up on your Chinese characters.
• Each exam will typically cover two lessons.
• There will be at least one written homework for each lesson.
• In addition to the homeworks, over the course of the semester there will be various additional written assignments and exercises.

课堂规范 Classroom etiquette: Here are the rules: (1) all students must bring a copy of the textbook (All Things Considered) to class; if you come to class without the textbook, you will be asked to leave; (2) no eating in class at anytime; (3) no hats or feet on the chairs; (4) cell phones must be turned off; (5) absolutely no preparation for other courses, exams, quizzes, and so on, during class meetings.

学术道德 Academic integrity: The discovery of any cheating (including plagiarism or shared work of any kind) on an exam, quiz, homework, or any other assignment will result in (1) immediate expulsion from the course with a failing grade; and (2) a report to appropriate UAlbany officials.

How to do well in this course: (1) always speak Chinese in class; (2) attend class regularly and arrive on time; (3) actively participate in classroom activities (this means raise your hand and volunteer to answer questions); (4) work daily on improving your listening comprehension and speaking; (5) submit all assignments on time.

How to get a low grade in this course: (1) speak English in class; (2) consistently show up late for class; (3) come to class without your textbook; (4) cut class a lot; (5) never participate in class activities.

Class Schedule

All reading assignments below refer to lessons in All Things Considered (ATC), revised edition (2011).
M 28 Aug: Lesson 1 (刚到中国): Please note: you are responsible for all the material (including all the characters!) in each lesson we cover in ATC. Work on the vocabulary first; then
go through the sentence pattern notes (词语例句); next tackle the dialog (课文; read through it several times, and always aloud); and finally, read through and prepare answers to the various practice exercises 练习) at the end of the chapter. **Lesson 1 homework due.**

**W 30 Aug:**  Lesson 2 (租自行车). **Lesson 2 homework due.**

**M 4 Sept:**  No class (Labor Day)

**W 6 Sept:**  Review of Lessons 1 and 2.

**M 11 Sept:**  **Exam on Lessons 1 and 2.**

**W 13 Sept:**  Lesson 3 (出了车祸). **Lesson 3 homework due.**

**M 18 Sept:**  Lesson 4 (旗袍和筷子). **Lesson 4 homework due.**

**W 20 Sept:**  No class (Rosh Hashanah)

**M 25 Sept:**  Review of Lessons 3 and 4.

**W 27 Sept:**  **Exam on Lessons 3 and 4.**

**M 2 Oct:**  **Exam on Lessons 3 and 4.**

**W 4 Oct:**  Lesson 5 (一次性产品). **Lesson 5 homework due.**

**M 9 Oct:**  Lesson 6 (防盗和防火). **Lesson 6 homework due.**

**W 11 Oct:**  Review of Lessons 5 and 6.

**M 16 Oct:**  **Exam on Lessons 5 and 6.**

**W 18 Oct:**  No class (I need to be out of town)

**M 23 Oct:**  Lesson 7 (我不给乞丐钱). **Lesson 7 homework due.**

**W 25 Oct:**  Lesson 8 (打官司). **Lesson 8 homework due.**

**M 30 Oct:**  Review of Lessons 7 and 8.

**W 1 Nov:**  **Exam on Lessons 7 and 8.**

**M 6 Nov:**  Lesson 9 (电子邮件). **Lesson 9 homework due.**

**W 8 Nov:**  Lesson 10 (鲜花插在粪粪上). **Lesson 10 homework due.**

**M 13 Nov:**  Review of Lessons 9 and 10.

**W 15 Nov:**  **Exam on Lessons 9 and 10.**

**M 20 Nov:**  Assignment to be announced.

**W 22 Nov:**  No class (Thanksgiving).

**M 27 Nov:**  Lesson 11 (总统有了女朋). **Lesson 11 homework due.**

**W 29 Nov:**  Lesson 11 (continued)
W 6 Dec: Oral reports to the class (details of this assignment will be announced later in the semester)
M 11 Dec: Assignment to be announced.

Details concerning the last exam of the semester will be announced in class.