Course Description: This course is designed for students studying modern Chinese as a second language and who have completed EAC 301 or its equivalent. The purpose of the class is to enhance student skills in four areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. This will be accomplished through intensive study of various materials concerning topics related to contemporary Chinese culture and society.

Required textbooks: (1) All Things Considered (事事关心): Advanced Reader of Modern Chinese, edited by Chih-p’ing Chou et al. Princeton: Princeton University Press, revised edition, 2011; ISBN 13: 978-0-691-15310-1 (paperback); and (2) Cultural Chinese: Readings in Art, Literature, and History (文化中文: 艺术, 文学, 历史), Zu-yan Chen and Hong Zhang. Washington D.C., Georgetown University Press, 2012; ISBN: 978-1-58901-882-2 (paperback). If you took AEAC 301 last semester, you should already have a copy of All Things Considered. If you were not in the 301 class last fall, then you will need to buy a copy (used copies are available on-line). Be sure to purchase the 2011 revised edition. Please hold off on buying a copy of Cultural Chinese until you hear from me on the first day of class. I am trying to get copies at a greatly reduced cost.

Grading: Your final grade in the course will be determined as follows: Preparation and in-class oral performance (25%); Homeworks (25%); Exams (25%); Final Exam (25%).

Makeups: Makeups for missed homework, exams, and quizzes will only be given when documentation is provided to the instructor by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Late homework assignments will be corrected but you will receive no credit (there are no exceptions to this rule).

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. At the start of each class there will usually be a brief review of the material covered during the previous class. All students must be
prepared (with books closed) to summarize the material covered in the previous class. There will be one written homework for each lesson. In addition to the homeworks, over the course of the semester there will be additional written assignments (to be announced).

课堂规范 Classroom etiquette: Here are the rules: (1) all students must bring a copy of the textbook (All Things Considered or Cultural Chinese) to every class meeting; if you come to class without the textbook, you will be asked to leave; (2) no eating in class at anytime (do not bring your lunch!); (3) no hats or feet on the chairs; (4) cell phones must be turned off; (5) absolutely no preparation for other courses, exams, quizzes, etc. during our 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 oral and written communication skills I modern Chinese; (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 (Abbreviations: ATC = All Things Considered; CC = Cultural Chinese).

M 28 Jan: 寂寞的孩子 (continued). ATC Lesson 14 homework due.
W 30 Jan: ATC, Lesson 16, pp. 178-184: 浙江好学生杀母事件引起社会各界反思
M 4 Feb: 浙江好学生杀母事件引起社会各界反思 (continued). ATC Lesson 16 homework due.
W 6 Feb: Review: ATC Lessons 14 and 16.
M 11 Feb: Exam: ATC Lessons 14 and 16.
W 13 Feb: CC, Lesson 1, pp. 3-4 (《兰亭序》与《多宝塔》). Before you read these selections, master the dynasty names listed on p. 9 of CC.
M 18 Feb: CC, Lesson 1, p. 7, 9 (十八缸水 and 小知识: 主要朝代). Homework on CC, Lesson 1 due.
W 20 Feb: CC, Lesson 2, p. 21 (《墨梅图》与《墨竹图》)
W 27 Feb: Review of CC, 《兰亭序》，《多宝塔》，十八缸水，主要朝代。

M 4 Mar: Review of CC: 《墨梅图》，《墨竹图》，《赋诗送贼》，《文房四宝》。


M 11 Mar: ATC, Lesson 17, pp. 200-202 (中国大学生对性的态度). **ATC, Lesson 17 homework due.**

W 13 Mar: ATC, Lesson 19, pp. 224-228 (考试的“枪手”问题). **ATC, Lesson 19 homework due**

M 18 Mar: Spring Break. No class.

W 20 Mar: Spring Break. No class.


W 27 Mar: Exam on ATC, Lessons 17 and 19.

M 1 Apr: CC, Lesson 2 (continued), p. 33. Read carefully though the passages 《清明山河图》 and 《富春山居图》。

W 3 Apr: CC, Lesson 3, 37-38 (《枫桥夜泊》 and 《回乡偶书》).

M 8 Apr: CC, Lesson 3, p. 40 (推敲若吟) and p. 41 (寒山钟声). **Homework on CC, Lesson 2, p. 33; Lesson 3, pp. 37-38, 40, due.**

W 10 Apr: Review of material in CC, Lessons 2 and 3 (only the material covered since 1 Apr).

M 15 Apr: Exam on CC, Lessons 2 and 3 (only on the material covered since 1 Apr)

W 17 Apr: Read: Passages from the Lúnyū 论语, or Analects of Confucius (to be distributed before class).

M 22 Apr: Geography Review: countries bordering China; China’s provinces; major cities; some provincial capitals; major rivers; famous mountains

W 24 Apr: Geography Exam.

M 29 Apr: Review of readings from the Lúnyū 论语.

W 1 May: Assignment to be announced.

M 6 May: Assignment to be announced.

W 8 May: Assignment to be announced.

**Final Exam:** Details about the final exam will be announced in class.