

CHIN 401 Advanced Chinese Language

School of Languages & Cultures

Trimester 1+2 2009

30 Points

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CLASS TIMES AND ROOMS

Lecture

Thursday: 2- 3 pm.

Room: vZ 712

TRIMESTER DATES

Classes begin 5th March and finish 15th October.

COURSE CONTENT & LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course will provide advanced level study of written and spoken Chinese, with particular reference to the language of the print and electronic media of China; advanced practical translation from and into Chinese; tuition in the use of a range of contemporary references tools.

The course includes the following components:

- a) *Reading* (handouts)
The material contains Chinese proeses and newspaper articles, aiming to enrich students' knowledge of modern China, Chinese culture and history while continuously improving their reading comprehension, and obtaining a reasonably broad range of vocabulary, useful phrases and expressions.
- b) *Listening and Speaking*
Both the print and electronic materials are used for listening comprehension and discussion.

Upon completion of the BA Honours programme in Chinese, graduates will:

- Have advanced level mastery of written and spoken Chinese;
- Have advanced level skills in translation from Chinese into English and be able to use a range of Sinological reference tools and dictionaries, both Chinese and Western, modern and traditional;
- Have acquired the skills of topic definition, information gathering, analysis and interpretation in the Sinological context and have developed an understanding of the traditional and contemporary methodologies in this field of studies;

- Have applied these various skills and methodologies to one or more specific aspects of Sinology.

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

This paper will be internally assessed in the following manner:

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| • 4 written assignments each worth 10% (see attached teaching plan for due dates) | 40 % |
| • 1 oral presentation topic and time will be advised in advance (see attached teaching plan) | 15% |
| • Class discussion | 10% |
| • 1 final written test | 35% |

(for the due dates see attached teaching plan)

EXPECTED WORKLOAD

This course has an 80% attendance requirement. Faculty workload guidelines suggest that students should devote 12 hours a week to this paper for its duration in order to maintain satisfactory progress.

PENALTIES

The late submission of assignments must be negotiated with the lecturer concerned before the due date and, depending on the circumstances, may be penalised.

GENERAL ADVICE

Contact Person:

Students with Disabilities

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