

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

**CHINESE PROGRAMME
CHIN 401 ADVANCED CHINESE LANGUAGE**

TRIMESTER 1 2013
4 March to 3 July 2013

Please read through this material very carefully in the first week of the course, and refer to it regularly.

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 4 March to 7 June 2013

Easter break: 28 March to 3 April 2013

Mid-trimester break: 22–28 April 2013

Study week: 10–14 June 2013

Examination/Assessment Period: 14 June to 3 July 2013

Please note students should be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period.

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds>

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Class times and locations

Meeting time:

Tuesday 11.00am – 1.50pm vZ510

Teaching/learning summary

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 proses 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.

Learning objectives

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.

Communication of additional information

Information on any timetable changes will be announced in lectures and posted on the Chinese Programme Notice Board on Level 7 of the von Zedlitz Building and Blackboard. You are advised to check Blackboard and the notice board regularly.

Course prescription

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Expected workload

Faculty workload guidelines suggest that students should devote 12 hours a week to this paper for its duration in order to maintain satisfactory progress.

Readings

3 sets of reading materials will be handed out.

Assessment requirements

This course will be internally assessed in the following manner:

- 3 written assignments

Assignment 1 (due 26 March)	10%
Assignment 2 (due 30 April)	15%
Assignment 3 (due 21 May)	15%
- Oral presentation (28 May)
topic will be advised in advance 15%
- Class discussion (throughout the course) 10%
- Final written test (4 June) 35%

Mandatory course requirements

It is mandatory for a student to submit at least 2 out of 3 written assignments, and sit all tests. Students must attend at least 80% of all classes offered.

Class representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students. Class representatives will attend a meeting with the Head of School to discuss how your courses are going and to raise any concerns or suggestions that they may have. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the [VUWSA website](#).

Penalties

The late submission of assignments must be negotiated with the co-ordinator concerned before the due date and, depending on the circumstances, may be penalised (e.g. 5% per day).

Academic Integrity and plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is

presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism>

Where to find more detailed information

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study.

Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.

Most statutes and policies are available at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy, except qualification statutes, which are available via the *Calendar* webpage at

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the Academic Office website, at

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcademic.