

## **Syllabus: Fall 2016**

### **Chinese 162a: Advanced Modern Chinese I for Advanced Learners**

Students are expected to sign in with the course online site as soon as possible at

Chns162a course site is: <http://classesv2.yale.edu>  
<http://classes.yale.edu/chns130/media/153>

### **General Information**

Chinese 162a (formerly Ch152a) is a next-step course for students who have finished Chinese 152/153(formerly 133) and who want to continue their Chinese study. The course is intended for students with strong speaking and listening skills. In terms of reading and writing, the course will start with largely similar textbooks as in Chinese 150a, but will proceed faster. In terms of listening and speaking, profuse authentic audio and video materials will be used both in the form of listening and speaking assignments. Training in speaking will emphasize standardization of dialect, so that students will speak with a consciousness of standard mandarin pronunciation and tones. Chinese 162a will represent the highest level of listening and oral training at Yale. It is also the high end of all Chinese training for advanced beginners at Yale, although students finishing Chinese 162a can still take special subject courses like Chinese 164a/165b.

Chinese 162a meets 3 days a week, 50 minutes per session. Students are expected to spend, besides the class time, 3-5 hours a week, preparing for class, reviewing for tests, and doing homework. Section size is limited to a maximum 12 students. Instructional language is exclusively Chinese. In class activities include discussion, oral presentation, debates, and skits.

### **Objectives**

Chinese 162a is designed for advanced beginners who will develop listening ability in authentic materials taken directly from Chinese radio, movies, and TV broadcast. In speaking, students will reach threshold fluency on subjects beyond daily subjects, such as political issues, academic matters, and matters of specialized interests. Through reading and writing on a wide range of modern and contemporary Chinese life, including political events, culture, academic subjects, media, and controversial issues, students will shift from studying adapted texts to authentic texts.

**Textbook:** 《中国万象——生活·文化·社会》上册 (Reading China: A Panorama of Life, Culture, and Society Volume I), printed in Lulu, \$39.95

Available at Yale Book Store or [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)

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**Class Hours :** Section 1: 10:30 -11:20;  
Section 9: 25-10:15

**Room:**

### **Activities:**

- ✓ Lectures and Drills
- ✓ Dictation after lesson
- ✓ Discussion and Presentation
- ✓ Pre-class quiz
- ✓ Homework every lesson
- ✓ Read the text out loud every lesson
- ✓ Composition and writing analysis
- ✓ Test every three lessons
- ✓ Final paper
- ✓ Final exam

### **Attendance requirement:**

Attendance: Good attendance is expected from all students. Dean's excuse is required for missed homework or tests. However, a student is allowed to use up to 2 hours of un-excused absence in the semester (but you still must hand in all the assigned work when due). Beyond that, 1/2 point will be deducted for each absence hour. Excessive absence (roughly 6 accumulated hours, besides the allowed 2) will lead to an automatic drop from the course. Students with full attendance record will be awarded 0.5 point to be added to the final grade.

### **Homework, Assignments, Pre-class quizzes, On-line chatting, Tests:**

**Pre-class quiz:** Every time you start a new lesson, you will do a quiz in class. The quiz will test your knowledge of the new vocabulary. For example, you will be given a character or words in characters, then you will be asked to provide pinyin and meaning in English. The quiz will also test your knowledge of the text. For example, you will have a number of questions and you provide a correct answer in multi-choice format.

**Home work Policies:** Students are required to hand in homework and take all tests as scheduled. Unless having a dean's excuse, all other make-ups will be lowed 3 points if taken within two days or 10 points within a week. No make-ups are allowed beyond a week. With Dean's excuse, a make-up should be done as soon as the student is available for class. Assignment and exercises required due before class will not be accepted after class.

### **For the semester, there will be the following tests and final exam:**

- 2 tests
- Final paper
- Final exam

### **Evaluation methods:**

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| • Attendance        | 10% |
| • Participation     | 3%  |
| • Pre-class quizzes | 5%  |
| • Dictation         | 10% |

- Read the text out loud 5%
- Composition (could be in typing) 10%
- Homework 12% (Vocabulary 2%, Listening 5%, Reading 5%)
- Presentation 10%
- Tests 30%
- Final paper 5%