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by appointment only for Thursday afternoons, between 3:40 pm and 5:40 pm.

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You will be able to understand orally simple sentences, short dialogues and stories relevant to everyday life situations, such as appropriate greetings, self-introduction, weather, seasons, shopping, hobbies, regular and routine activities related scheduling and locations—

Written and/or listening-oral assignments will be given on a weekly basis, and there will be a total of 20 assignments for the academic year (10 in the fall and 10 in the winter). Specific information and instructions on each assignment will be accessible in where you go to , then click on the folder named " ."

• Class attendance (5% of the final grade)

Unexcused absence from class will lead to grade deduction of 1% in your final grade for each time of missing class. Missing class without acceptable reasons supported by valid documents for more than five times will result in grade deduction of 5% in your final grade.

- Preparation before new lessons and active participation in class activities (5% of the final grade)
- Oral presentations (10% of the final grade)

Each student will be required to prepare and give an oral presentation in Chinese each semester, and topics for your presentations are free. Yet, given the limited Chinese vocabulary you will have acquired by the time, students usually talk about themselves, their families and friends, as well as their interest, hobbies and study. The criteria for evaluating your presentations are your pronunciation and tone patterns, fluency and smoothness of your speech, appropriateness in your choice of words and expressions.

• <u>Listening & Oral Tests (10% of the final grade)</u>

There will be a semester-end listening-oral test in Chinese for each semester. The dates for the tests will be available in Class Schedule for Fall semester and Class Schedule for Winter semester, respectively. Instruction on how to prepare for the tests will be accessible on myCourses.

• Midterm written exams (24% of the final grade)

There will be two midterm written exams in the Fall semester, and two midterm written exams in the Winter semester. Each exam will account for 8% of the final grade. Each of the four midterm exams will cover the contents of a few lessons that have been studied before the exam date. Students are required to answer the exam questions in hand-written Chinese characters. For exam dates, please refer to the class schedule.

• Final Assessment (written exam) (26% of the final grade)

The final written exam will be scheduled by the university's Exam Office in April.

It is a comprehensive exam to test your knowledge of Chinese in reading comprehension and ability in expressing yourselves in Chinese writing.

No extensions will be given for assignments. Late assignments are subject to a penalty of 1% per day for each submission, up to a total grade reduction of 10% in your final grade, calculation of the number of days of delay include weekends. No assignments are accepted after one week past the due date. Exceptions are only made in extraordinary circumstances (illness, family emergency), if arrangements are made in advance of the due date, and appropriate documentation (e.g., a medical note or a funeral notice) is provided to the instructor.

No makeup dictations will be granted, except for acceptable reasons such as serious illness, and such claim must be supported by proper documentation such as a letter form your doctor.

Appeals or requests for a re-read of written assignments, quizzes and exams must be made within one week after the graded materials have been returned or otherwise made available for the students to view.

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