二年级 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese – LEVEL 2

Texts 教材 / jiàocái

1. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese (IMC), T. Richard Chi (available at the Middlebury College Bookstore)
2. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese Workbook (IMCWB), T. Richard Chi (available at the Middlebury College Bookstore)
3. Supplementary texts, to be posted on the course website.

Classrooms 教室 / jiàoshì
Check the weekly “section chart (分班表; fēn bān biǎo)” to find out which lecture section and which drill section you are in. The sections you will be in change from week to week.

Period 1 (Lecture session 1): 8:00 – 8:50 am
Grammar and vocabulary practice. A daily quiz (小考 / xiǎo kǎo) will be given at the beginning of the class.

The daily quiz has 3 parts:
(1) Dictation of two phrases/ short sentences from the lesson text.

(2) One sentence in characters that you need to transcribe into Pinyin with tone marks; both the traditional and simplified versions will be provided.

(3) Three True or False questions based on the lesson text.

Period 2 (Lecture session 2): 9:00 – 9:50 am
More grammar and vocabulary practice and authentic material reading comprehension.

Period 3 (Drill session 1): 10:10 – 11:00 am
Intense fast-paced vocabulary and grammar practice.

Period 4 (Drill session 2): 11:10 am – 12:00 pm
More intense fast-paced grammar practice, and task-based activities and/or discussion

One-on-one sessions 一對一 / 一对一 / yīduìyī
The one-on-one session is an extension of the morning classes, and will focus on open-ended free discussion rather than highly controlled vocabulary and grammar practice. Each student will have a 20-minute one-on-one session everyday from Monday to Thursday. On Mondays, the one-on-one sessions will be used for weekly oral tests. You will have a different instructor from day to day. Check the weekly one-on-one session chart for time and location.
Office hours 答疑時間 / 答疑时间 / 大义时间
There will be 3 teachers available. Have your grammar and vocabulary questions and/or other questions answered, or practice pronunciation with a teacher. Please limit your time to **15 minutes** if there are other students waiting. **Please do NOT go to the office hours at the last minute.** The office hours will end at 9:30 pm to allow the teachers on duty enough time to get ready for the following day’s classes.

Course Introduction 課程介紹 / 课程介绍 / kèchéng jièshào

Objectives 目標 / 目标 / mùbiāo

The language pledge is vital for the success of the program. Please honor your pledge and speak Chinese only at all times.

CHNS 3201-3204 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese aims to help the learners to:

1) Manage/survive most of the simple daily conversation in Chinese;
2) Understand fundamental principles of the Chinese textual discourse and the 4 text types for both oral and written composition: description, narration, comparison and contrast, and explanation;
3) Begin to understand simple 書面語 / 书面语 / shū miàn yǔ (“written Chinese”), a key marker for the formal register of the Chinese language;
4) Understand some philosophical ideas underlying some Chinese cultural phenomena;
5) Develop language-learning strategies, and learn the skills to be an independent and resourceful life-long learner of Mandarin Chinese.

Course web site 課程網站 / 课程网站 / kèchéng wǎngzhàn

URL: [http://sites.middlebury.edu/chineselvel2/](http://sites.middlebury.edu/chineselvel2/)

Before accessing the course website: get your Middlebury NetID
Visit [https://bat.middlebury.edu/activate/](https://bat.middlebury.edu/activate/) to activate your Middlebury account (if you are connected to the Midd network via a network cable on campus, simply type go/activate in the address bar). You will be prompted to enter your Midd ID # and your BannerWeb Personal Identification Number (PIN). For “Midd ID”, enter the 8-digit number on your Middlebury College photo ID card. Your initial BannerWeb Personal Identification Number (PIN) is the 6-digit “MMDDYY” combination of your date of birth. Your Middlebury E-Mail username will also be your Middlebury NetID, which will allow you access to all public computers on campus in the libraries or computer/language labs.

Check the course web site regularly
The weekly schedules, all lecture notes, supplementary lesson text, lesson text recordings, weekly section charts, one-on-one charts, etc. will be posted on the course website. You will need to **print out the lecture notes** (講義 / 讲义 / jiǎng yì) **yourselves before class** for
preview purposes and for note-taking in class.

You can print at the Main Library or at a computer/language lab (in Sunderland, Axxin, etc.). Each summer school student has a free-printing quota of 500 pages. You can check your count once you log in to Papercut: http://papercut.middlebury.edu. When on campus, you just need to type go/papercut in the address bar to get to the web page.

**Grading 成績 / 成绩 / chéngjì**

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The violation of the language pledge adversely affects your grade. The following policy will be **strictly enforced**:
- first violation = 4 points deducted
- second violation = 6 more points deducted

**Tests, Exams & Quizzes -- 60% (考試 / 考试 / kǎoshì)**

| 7 Weekly tests | 25%     |
| 5 Weekly oral exams | 15%     |
| Mid-term oral exam | 5%      |
| Final oral exam | 5%      |
| Daily quizzes | 10% (The 3 lowest scores will be dropped.) |

**Writing, listening and speaking assignments -- 30%**

| Written assignments: grammar, vocabulary, listening or reading comprehension | 20% |
| Compositions / presentations | 10% |

**Class performance -- 10%**

| Class performance | 8% (Performance rated everyday) |
| One-on-one sessions | 2% (Performance rated everyday) |
There are **NO make-ups** for daily quizzes if you are late for classes unless arrangements have been made **in advance**. The 3 lowest daily quiz scores will be dropped.

Absences will be excused when accompanied by a doctor’s note or permission from Bai Laoshi, the Chinese School Director. **You will need to get Bai Laoshi’s permission in advance if you must miss classes or leave campus for up to 3 days due to personal or business reasons.** Assignments handed in **within 24 hours** of the deadline will receive **half credit**. If handed in **more than 24 hours** after the deadline, your homework will be corrected but will receive **no credit**. Make sure you hand in any late homework directly to the instructor whom you should have handed it in to.

**Required coursework 課程要求 / 课程要求 / kèchéng yāoqiú**

1. Listen to the text recording on the Course website, learn the new vocabulary and preview the lecture notes and the text for the following day’s daily quiz. To locate the recordings and the lecture notes, log in to the Course website. Click on “學習材料 / 学习材料 (xuéxí cáiliào) Study Materials.” Then click on the appropriate lesson in the drop-down menu. To download the mp3 files, you can right-click the link (PC) or use Ctrl+click (Mac), then choose “save as” to save them on your computer.

2. Print out and handwrite the written assignments and turn them in to your **drill-session** teacher **the following day**. All written assignments are also located in the drop-down menu for “學習材料 / 学习材料 (xuéxí cáiliào) Study Materials” on the course website.

3. Actively participate in all kinds of classroom activities.

4. Attend the 20-minute one-on-one conversation sessions in the afternoon. Speak as much as possible upon solicitation and actively try out new words and patterns.

5. **Recording assignment:** Passages extracted from lesson text is posted on the course website (“學習材料 / 学习材料→ 錄音作業 / 录音作业”). You can do your own recording with your laptop or smartphone. Bring it to your “one-on-one” session and play the file. The instructor will give you feedback and help you improve your pronunciation. Make sure you practice the recording assignment several times before doing the recording.

6. **Weekly oral tests:** held on Mondays during the one-on-one sessions, starting the Monday of week Two. The topics can be found on the course website(考試/考试→口試/口试).
7. **Weekly compositions**: hand-written only. Turn it in to your instructor before the written test on Monday. You will get a graded composition with corrections and comments. You are encouraged to go to the office hours and consult an instructor. The topics can be found on the course website.

**IV. Other**

**Learning tips for preview** (預習 / 預習 / yùxí):

**Step 1:** Listen to the recording of the text and try to get main ideas of the lesson. (2-3 times, about 15 minutes)

**Step 2:** Read the lesson text while repeatedly listening to the recording. Try to guess those unfamiliar words from the context. (2-3 times, 15 minutes)

**Step 3:** Study the new vocabulary in the lecture note and learn how to write the characters. (1 hour)

**Step 4:** Study the **sentence patterns and examples** in the lecture notes. Look up the unfamiliar words in the lesson text. (1 hour)

**Step 5:** **Read the text aloud** for a few times and then do the lesson recording assignment (course website: “學習材料 / 学习材料 → 錄音做業 / 录音作业”) This will greatly help you understand the content of the texts as well as learning new vocabulary and sentence patterns.

**Tips for classroom learning** (課堂學習 / 课堂学习 / kètáng xuéxí):

1. Come to class well prepared and well rested.
2. Actively participate in all kinds of practice and activities.
3. Jot down your grammar and vocabulary questions, and save them for **after class**.

**3. Tips for reviewing** (複習 / 复习 / fùxí):

1. Go over all grammar notes. Be sure you understand the meaning, form and function of the sentence patterns.
2. While listening to the texts, read along aloud to reinforce your memory.

**Getting your tests, homework, etc., back**

All graded daily quizzes, tests, written assignments, oral exam feedback sheets, and compositions will be put in the **Forest East Lounge** before office hours on the same day. However, assignments due on **Friday** will be returned to you by 8:30pm on **Saturday**. Look for the **Level II filing crate** and the **hanging folder with your Chinese name on it**. Check your folder regularly.
**3rd and 6th Week One-on-One progress conferences**

Save **all** your vocabulary quizzes, written assignments and tests. You will need to show the portfolio to your instructors when you meet with them to review your improvement and learning strategies on Tuesday afternoon in the 3rd and 6th weeks during the one-on-one sessions.

**Special advising groups**

Each student will be assigned an advisor from week 2 on. During lunchtime on Tuesdays, sit with your advisor to discuss issues and/or concerns of yours.
## Calendar (subject to minor modifications)

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| **Week 1** | **Morning:** School Orientation  
*Place:* Dana Auditorium  
*Level 2 Orientation*  
*Place:* MBH 220  
**Dinner:** Signing language pledge at Ross dining hall  
*Office hours start today (8:00 – 9:30pm)* | **IMC Lesson 1:** Hotel reservation  
*打电话给旅馆订房间*  
*打電話给旅馆订房间*  
**Afternoon one-on-one sessions start today. Each student has a 20-minute session.* | **IMC Lesson 2:** Inviting friends to dinner  
*打电话请朋友吃饭*  
*打电话请朋友吃饭* | **IMC Lesson 3:** Renting a room  
*租房子* | **IMC Lesson 4:** Renting a room  
*租房子* |
| **Week 2** | **Weekly written test 1 (7:50-9:40am)**  
**Weekly oral test 1 during one-on-one session**  
**Composition 1 due** | **IMC Lesson 5:** Describing one’s hometown  
*描述家乡*  
*描述家乡* | **IMC Lesson 6:** Describing one’s background  
*描述一个人的背景*  
*描述一个人的背景* | **IMC Lesson 7:** Discussing life style  
*討論生活方式*  
*討論生活方式* | **IMC Lesson 8:** Sales  
*大减价*  
*大减价* |
| **Week 3** | **Weekly written test 2**  
**Weekly oral test 2**  
**Composition 2 due** | **IMC Lesson 9:** What do Chinese eat?  
*中国人吃什麽*  
*中国人吃什么* | **IMC Lesson 10:** Chinese food  
*中國食物/中国食物* | **IMC Lesson 11:** How to cook Chinese food  
*中國菜怎麼做*  
*中國菜怎么做* | **Supplementary text:** The Chinese table manner  
*我們先走了，你們慢慢吃*  
*我们先走了，你们慢慢吃*  
*15-minute course evaluations* |
| **Week 4** | **Weekly written test 3**  
**Weekly oral test 3**  
**Composition 3 due** | **IMC Lesson 13:** Getting ready for a trip to China  
*為去中国旅行做准备* | **IMC Lesson 14:** Traveling in China  
*在中国旅行* | **Supplementary text:** Reading  
*複習課/复习课*  
*fuxi*  
*Handout: summary of week 1 to week 4 Level 2 grammar* | **Morning: Review Class**  
*複習課/复习课*  
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<td>IMC Lesson 15: Seeing a doctor 看病</td>
<td>IMC Lesson 16: How medical insurance works in the US 醫藥保險/医药保险</td>
<td>Supplementary text: “Educated people” 讀書人/读书人</td>
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<td><strong>Weekly written test 5</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Weekly oral test 4</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Composition 4 due</strong></td>
<td>Supplementary text: “Living up to parents’ expectations” 望子成龍/望子成龙</td>
<td>IMC Lesson 19: Asking directions 问路/问路</td>
<td>Supplementary text: “Changes in China” 中国的變化/中国的変化</td>
<td>IMC Lesson 17: Discussing the Presidential Election held in that year 討論總統大選/讨论总统大选 <strong>Saturday night: China Night Talent Show</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Weekly written test 6</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Weekly oral test 5</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Composition 5 due</strong></td>
<td>IMC Lesson 18: In 1988, Who was elected President of the USA 一九八八年，誰當選了美國總統？</td>
<td>Supplementary text: Gender equality 男女平等</td>
<td>Supplementary text: Color and psychology 颜色与心理</td>
<td>Morning: 1. Film screening: <em>Love</em> 愛&lt;br&gt;2. Small-group film discussion</td>
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<td>Supplementary text: “Environmental Protection” 環境保護與節約能源&lt;br&gt;<strong>Afternoon: Chinese School exit spoken OR reading proficiency test</strong></td>
<td>Supplementary text: A letter - I found a job! 8:30&lt;br&gt;一封信：我找到工作了</td>
<td>Morning: Review class &amp; course evaluation&lt;br&gt;Handout: summary of week 5 to week 8 grammar</td>
<td>Morning: <strong>weekly written test 7</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Evening: Chinese School final banquet (semi-formal; at Ross)</strong></td>
<td>Morning: <strong>Final oral test</strong>&lt;br&gt;Noon: may leave campus&lt;br&gt;Evening: Commencement at Mead Chapel (ALL language schools)</td>
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