

PAAS 318: Intermediate Chinese

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Course description:

Welcome to this third-year intensive Chinese language course (Woohoo, you have already made such an achievement and have gone this far!). This course enhances your ability to communicate in Chinese. Through a communicative approach, you will lay a solid foundation in modern Chinese grammar and further develop your reading, writing, and oral communication skills. You will be able to (1) understand paragraph-length utterances pertaining to a wide range of topics related to daily life (including lodging/living quarter, dining, shopping, the Internet, work, travel, etc.), (2) handle a wide range of tasks and social situations related to the topic areas mentioned above, and participate in casual conversations, (3) identify key facts and some details in descriptive materials about daily life and understand some authentic texts that serve a functional purpose, such as signs, public announcements, and short instructions, and (4) compare notes and simple letters, summaries of biographical information such as work and school experience, and other multi-paragraph pieces of writing.

Proposed assignments:

Weekly written and oral assignments	32%
Group skit	8%
Five quizzes	20%
Presentation	10%
Midterm exam	15%
Final exam	15%

Note: A minimum grade of **B (73%)** is required to proceed to PAAS412/413.

Textbooks:

Yuehua Liu, et al. 中文听说读写 Integrated Chinese 2 & 3 Boston: Cheng & Tsui, Third edition, 2013.
(textbook & workbook *required*)