PAAS 413: Effective Communication in Chinese

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Course description:

PAAS-413 aims to advance learners’ ability to communicate in Chinese, particularly their descriptive and comparative skills. Through activities such as interviews, discussions, role-plays, and presentations, students will learn to use the essential vocabulary, grammatical patterns, and discourse styles for describing, introducing and comparing objects, people, and places in detail and in an organized manner. Attention will also be paid to the cultural aspects of communication and language use in Chinese. All in-class activities and after-class assignments will be conducted in the target language.

Proposed assessments (subject to change):

- Attendance: 10%
- Class performance & participation: 10%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Review exams: 20%
- Writing assignments: 10%
- Reading log: 10%
- Individual projects: 30%

Textbook:

- Supplementary materials will be posted on CourseSpaces.