

LANG 1415 Intermediate Reading and Writing for Non-Chinese Language Background Students

1. Course information

LANG 1415 Intermediate Reading and Writing for Non-Chinese Language Background Students is a three-credit, one semester core course designed for students with a non-Chinese language background who have learned Chinese for less than 100 tuition hours. Students attend up to three hours of class and complete up to six-hours of out-of-class work, per week. This course focuses on enhancing students' reading and writing skills.

Note: Students who would like to enroll in a Chinese course should refer to the [Guidelines for Chinese Course Selection](#) and follow the procedure.

2. Enrolment requirement

Pre-requisites: N/A

Exclusion(s):

LANG 1412, LANG 1413, LANG 1416, LANG 1421, LANG 1422, LANG 1423, LANG 1117, LANG 1123 (prior to 2022-23), LANG 1124 (prior to 2022-23), LANG 1125 (prior to 2022-23), LANG 1126 (prior to 2022-23), LANG 1127 (prior to 2022-23)

3. Course objectives, intended learning outcomes (ILOs), and competencies

Course objectives

This course aims to enhance students' ability to recognize and write Chinese characters, and to help develop their understanding of written Chinese and writing competence in using Chinese in daily life and social situations. After successfully completing the course, students will be able to recognize and write commonly used Chinese characters, understand narrative, expository and basic argumentative texts, and write short passages for daily life and social purposes. The course is taught in Putonghua supplemented with English.

Course intended learning outcomes (CILOs) and competencies

<u>Broad Competencies</u>	<u>Sub-Competencies</u>	CILOs You can:
Communication	Language accuracy and form	1. Recognize and write commonly used characters. 2. Understand information from narrative, expository and basic argumentative texts. 3. Compose grammatically correct sentences in standard written Chinese. 4. Write short narrative or practical essays for daily life and social purposes.
	Language meaning	
	Language use	
Social Responsibility	Collaboration	5. Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively and effectively in group activities.
	Cultural awareness	6. Demonstrate an understanding of Chinese culture and the awareness of cultural diversity.
Personal Development	Lifelong Learning	7. Apply learning strategies including goal setting, evaluating learning strategies and resources, self-reflection to become an effective learner.

Core areas for learning (CAs)

<p>(Language Form and Accuracy) Written Language (WL) – including selecting language appropriate for the audience, context, and purpose; expressing ideas appropriately with range and complexity in vocabulary and sentence structures; recognizing errors; proofreading and editing skills.</p> <p>(Language Meaning) Substance (SU) and Coherence (CO) – including strategies for elaborating, substantiating, and organizing ideas logically in writing.</p> <p>(Lifelong Learning) Being an Effective Learner (EL) – including proactive practices such as goal setting, identifying language strengths and weaknesses, evaluating learning strategies and resources, self-reflection, and acting on feedback.</p>
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4. Teaching and learning

Classes are to be conducted as tutorials. Students are expected to come prepared with their online tasks completed and actively engage in all course-related learning activities including individual tasks and group discussions in class and outside of the

classroom. All assignments/assessments will receive feedback within 10 working days. Policy Options for GenAI in Assessments: No restrictions on use of generative AI for an assessment task. Academic Integrity & Honor Code apply to this option.

5. Course Assessment

Student performance will be graded as A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, and F.

Students who pass the course will gain three credits.

Assessment		Weighting	CILOs	CAs
Coursework and Engagement	● Pre-class & post-class assignments (15%)	20%	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	N/A
	● Engagement (5%)			
Mid-term assessment	Written test (Reading and writing)	15%	1, 2, 3, 6	N/A
	Writing	15%	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	WL
Final assessment	Written test (Reading and writing)	20%	1, 2, 3, 6	N/A
	Writing	20%	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	WL, SU, CO
Reflective Task	Students will reflect on their learning experience.	10%	7	EL

6. Course Topics

Week	Topics
1 – 4	Chinese characters review and daily conversations
	Daily routines
	Home visits, and Chinese New Year
4 – 7	Weather, seasons, and clothes to wear
	Transport, distance, and directions
8	Mid-term Assessment
9 – 13	Hotel accommodation, check-in, and room facilities
	Museums, history, and cultural relics
	Seeing the doctor, illness, and healthy lifestyles
14	Final assessment