

COURSE OUTLINE
CHNS-202
Intermediate Mandarin Chinese II
4 Semester Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this second intermediate level course, students will be exposed to more higher-level text and develop a better comprehension of bilateral and weak verb forms. Students will practice more conversational exchanges and greatly expand their working vocabulary. (4 hours weekly)

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Understand the complexities of different verb types
2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of brief literary excerpts
3. Read and be familiar with a variety of paragraph-level text
4. Write a formal letter of request or complaint
5. Take notes while listening to someone speaking
6. Make a brief oral presentation on an aspect of target culture
7. Appreciate the Chinese language as an expression of its culture

Major Topics

- I. Practicing the use of verb tenses and moods
- II. Challenging students to converse more in the target language
- III. Mastering the finer grammatical points with useful exercises
- IV. Reading for content and looking for contextual clues
- V. Using idiomatic expressions in writing and speaking

Course Requirements

Course requirements will vary with the instructor and may include quizzes, projects, oral presentations and exams.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Science elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core.
This course is a core requirement for languages.