UVA in Shanghai
Intensive Chinese Language Program

Chinese Language Summer Program in Shanghai
June 16 – August 13, 2016
(9 weeks – 8 UVA credits)

Three levels of Chinese language courses will be offered.

*Second Year Chinese level:

CHIN 2010 (4 credits) and CHIN 2020 (4 credits): Intermediate Chinese    Total 8 credits

Prerequisite: CHIN 1020 or equivalent to UVA CHIN 1020

The textbook is *A New China: Intermediate Reader of Modern Chinese* (Chou, et al., Princeton University Press, 2011). These courses enable the students to be comfortable with the topics not only of the personal issues, but of some societal issues concerning modern China and the world. They will be able to speak and write what they think in long paragraphs up to 300 characters. They should be able to make comparison with their life in their native country and in Shanghai and have the sensitivity to understand the differences. At the end of the program, students are required to give a 5-7 minute PPT oral presentation in Chinese of their choice regarding one aspect of Chinese economic, political and societal issues. The classes are taken place in lectures, drills and activities to enhance the overall language skills.

*Third Year Chinese level:

CHIN 3010/5010 (3 credits) and CHIN 3020/5020 (3 credits) : Readings in Modern Chinese and
CHIN 4993: Independent Study in Chinese (2 credits) Total 8 credits.

Prerequisite: CHIN 2020 or equivalent to UVA CHIN 2020

The textbook is *All Things Considered: Advanced Reader of Modern Chinese* (Chou et al., Princeton University Press, 2011), and the selected reading material. These courses further enhance students’ Chinese proficiency by providing amply opportunities to express their thoughts in speaking and writing. The course serves as a transition for students to learn the difference between informal style of Chinese to formal style Chinese, and thus feel comfortable
at expressing themselves in speaking and writing with appropriate style in a given context. Discussion topics in the class and in the one-on-one sessions will include many more non-personal level issues. At the end of the program, students are required to write a 3-page research paper in Chinese and give a 7-10 minute PPT oral presentation.

*Fourth Year Chinese level:

CHIN 4010/7010 (3 credits) and CHIN 4020/7020 (3 credits): Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese and

CHIN 4993: Independent Study in Chinese (2 credits) Total 8 credits.

Prerequisite: CHIN 3020/5020 or equivalent to UVA CHIN 3020/5020.

The textbook is *Anything Goes: An Advanced Reader of Modern Chinese* (Chou et al., Princeton University Press, 2011), and the selected reading material and the on-line audio/video material.

The continuation of CHIN3020, this course is to help students continue to attain proficiency in all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing at the fourth year level. Formal style and usage will be taught more frequently than in Third Year Chinese courses. Coherence and accuracy in writing and speaking in formal style will be stressed in this course and will be required in assignments. In addition to what is in the textbook, more authentic materials such as newspaper clippings and online videos are integrated with in class and assignments. Students will be required to search the Web to update and supplement our information on contemporary China in width and depth. At the end of the program, students are required to write a 5-page research paper in Chinese and give a 10-15 minute PPT oral presentation in Chinese.

****Courses are subject to cancellation if there are fewer than 4 students enrolled.

**Daily and Weekly Schedule:**

The students will receive detailed weekly schedule every Friday prior to the week starts. Here is the general schedule. Classes will meet five days a week.

**From Monday to Wednesday** a new lesson will be introduced each day.

**Thursday** is devoted to weekly review, the oral exam and language practicum.

**Friday** is to take the weekly written test. The test is about 60-75 minutes long.
8:00am-9:30am: In-class section of the weekly test
9:30am and on: students are free to enjoy the weekend

*Language practicum
Groups of three students each accompanied by a teacher will conduct an assigned task, such as visiting a school or conducting interviews with local people

**Chinese table**
After the language practicum on Thursday, the teacher will take his/her group to have lunch together. This lunch is a mandatory “language table”.

**Extra curriculum**
In the afternoons during weekdays, students can also participate in extracurricular activities such as Taichi, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese cooking, etc. We arrange these activities based on students’ preference and the availability of teachers. The students will pay the teachers when they meet at the first class hour.

**Office hours**
During 8:00pm-10:00pm in the evenings Sunday through Thursday, one instructor at each level will hold office hours in the classrooms to help students with their course work.

**Saturday and Sunday**
Among the eight weekends in the program, half of them will be for the arranged group activities and outings and the other half will be free. Students are encouraged to explore Shanghai and the nearby cities with your teachers and friends.