

# CHINESE 3691: CHINESE FOR CURRENT EVENTS

## SUMMER 2026 SYLLABUS

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Class hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 16:00-18:10 (first two weeks online)

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Office hours are by appointment only in Summer 2026.

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### DESCRIPTION:

This is an intensive 3 credit, 3<sup>rd</sup> year level proficiency-based language course to simultaneously develop your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Mandarin Chinese. The in-class instruction will stress oral-aural facility, focusing on grammar and vocabulary drills, listening and conversation practices. The student is expected to continue expanding their knowledge of vocabulary (approximately 600-700 vocabulary written in characters), grammar and sentence structures.

Students will complete 7 lessons of the *Integrated Chinese, Book 4 (Fourth Edition)*. Topics include celebrating Chinese festivals, changes in major cities in China, travel to Yunnan by train, lifestyle and health, gender equality, money management and investing, and Chinese history.

Our curriculum is designed to integrate in-class learning with activities outside the classroom. Three mandatory cultural or business site visits are included. In addition, students are highly encouraged to interact with local people to enhance their understanding of Chinese culture and society and to apply language skills learned in the classroom. The city is your classroom; the community is your laboratory!

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### REQUIRED TEXTS:

Yao, Tao-chung & Yuehua Liu, et. al. [\*Integrated Chinese, Book 4, Textbook\*](#). 4th Edition (Simplified). Boston: Cheng & Tsui Co..

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### GRADING:

#### 1. Attendance and Class Participation/Discussion (20%)

You're expected to actively participate in a variety of class activities geared toward language acquisition including, but not limited to, drills, conversation practices, pair works, dialogues, discussions, debates, skit performances, etc.

#### 2. Vocabulary Quizzes (20%)

One vocabulary quiz for each lesson; 7 in total.

**3. Tests and Exams (30%)** 3 tests in total.

**4. Homework (20%)** Homework will be given for each lesson.

**5. Final Oral Presentation (10%)**

Students will prepare a final oral presentation on a topic of their choice. Students should draw on their own photographs taken during cultural and/or business site visits, as well as other activities outside of class. Students should endeavor to demonstrate their acquisition of vocabulary, sentence structures, and understanding of the Chinese cultures and societies during this program. You're required to upload your ppt and final script to the Canvas.

Ga. Tech Scale: 100—90 A; 89—80 B; 79—70 C; 69—60 D; 59—0 F.

**Note: minimum grade for “pass” if taking this class pass/fail is 70 (C).**

### CHIN 3691 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Summer 2026)

| Week      | Date | Content                                       | Note                                              |
|-----------|------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | 5/19 | Lesson 11 中国的节日                               |                                                   |
|           | 5/21 | Lesson 11 中国的节日                               |                                                   |
| <b>2</b>  | 5/26 | Lesson 11 中国的节日 & Lesson 12 中国的变化             | Lesson 11<br>quiz (online)<br>Lesson 11<br>HW due |
|           | 5/28 | Lesson 12 中国的变化                               |                                                   |
| <b>3</b>  | 6/2  | Lesson 12 中国的变化                               | Lesson 12<br>quiz<br>Lesson 12<br>HW due          |
|           | 6/4  | Review and Unit Test 1                        |                                                   |
| <b>4</b>  | 6/9  | Lesson 13 去云南旅游                               |                                                   |
|           | 6/11 | Lesson 13 去云南旅游                               | Lesson 13<br>quiz<br>Lesson 13<br>HW due          |
| <b>5</b>  | 6/16 | 端午节 Dragon Boat Festival 庆祝                   |                                                   |
|           | 6/18 |                                               |                                                   |
| <b>6</b>  | 6/23 | Review & Test 1 (Lessons 11-13)               |                                                   |
|           | 6/25 | Lesson 14 生活与健康                               | Lesson 14<br>quiz<br>Lesson 14<br>HW due          |
| <b>7</b>  | 6/30 | Lesson 14 生活与健康                               |                                                   |
|           | 7/2  | Lesson 15 男女平等                                |                                                   |
| <b>8</b>  | 7/7  | Lesson 15 男女平等                                | Lesson 15<br>quiz<br>Lesson 15<br>HW due          |
|           | 7/9  | Lesson 17 理财与投资                               |                                                   |
| <b>9</b>  | 7/14 | Lesson 17 理财与投资                               | Lesson 17<br>quiz<br>Lesson 17<br>HW due          |
|           | 7/16 | Lesson 18 中国历史                                |                                                   |
| <b>10</b> | 7/21 | Lesson 18 中国历史                                | Lesson 18<br>quiz<br>Lesson 18<br>HW due          |
|           | 7/23 | Review and Unit test 2 (Lessons 14-15, 17-18) |                                                   |
| <b>11</b> | 7/28 |                                               |                                                   |
|           |      | Final Presentation                            |                                                   |

