

# Chinese Civilization (CHIN 303)

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## Course Description:

A broad survey of Chinese civilization and society with emphasis on values, thoughts, institutions, and art through selective topics that link various periods in China's past with the present. By the end of this course, student will have a better knowledge and comprehension of Chinese history and society and will be able to define the conceptions through which the Chinese have identified their cultural heritage.

The class will be taught in both Chinese and English.

## General policy

1. If you miss more than 20% of the classes (including those with valid excuses), you will receive an "F" due to absences. Please keep your instructor advised of why you are missing class.
2. Tardiness and sleeping during the class time will **not** be tolerated. Chronic sleepers will be awakened. Students who cannot stay conscious and repeatedly ignore the rule may be dismissed from class by the instructor. Be prepared, be ready, and be awake!
3. No make-up tests or quizzes unless a student provides an acceptable reason 24 hours before the scheduled exam. **Students must take the final exam on the day it was scheduled by the administration.** Failing to do so will result a grade "F".
4. If you made an appointment with the instructor to meet, please make sure to show up on time. If you have an emergency, and not be able to make the appointment, **please inform the instructor ahead of time via either email or phone.**
5. No cell phone is allowed during the class time. All cell phones need to be appropriately kept either in your pocket or in your bag. If you don't have a watch to track the time, please DO NOT use your cell phone to do so.

**6. Translation Programs:** Use of online translators, translation software, etc. is cheating and will not be tolerated. This includes using an online dictionary to translate even a single phrase from English into Chinese.

**7. Cheating/Plagiarism:** All work submitted must be your own. Use of online translation programs is cheating. Using Chinese phrases and expressions you have learned from the textbook is not plagiarism, **as long as you are personalizing** the information.

*\*\*The instructor reserves the right to alter this syllabus at any time in order to accommodate better the learning needs of the students. By remaining enrolled in this class, the student agrees to read carefully and subsequently accepts the instructor's policies as outlined in this document.\*\**

## Course Schedule

**Week One** 概述 Introduction

8/25 Th.

**Week Two** 文明曙光 Twilight of Civilization

8/30 T

9/1 Th

**Week Three** 青铜时代 Bronze Time

9/6 T

9/8 Th.

**Week Four** 礼乐颂歌 Rites, Music, Songs, and Odes

9/13 T

9/15 Th.

**Week Five** 理性光辉 Light of rationalism

9/20 T

9/22 Th.

**Week Six** 长城内外 The Great Wall

9/27 T

9/29 Th.

**Week Seven** 璀璨文化 Lustrous and Brilliant Culture

10/4 T

10/6 Th.

**Week Eight**

10/11 T 厚德载物 Hold the world with great virtue

10/13 Th.

**Week Nine** 星河灿烂 Ancient Science in China

10/18 T

10/20 Th.

**Week Ten** 天工物华 Chinese Ancient Technology

10/25 T

10/27 Th.

**Week Eleven** 和合大地 Harmony in the Land

11/1 T

11/3 Th.

**Week Twelve** 百年屈辱 One hundred years of humiliation

11/8 T No Class

11/10 Th.

**Week Thirteen** 革命时代 Revolutionary Era

11/15 T

11/17 Th.

**Week Fourteen (11/21 – 11/25) Fall Break**

**Week Fifteen** 改革开放 Reform and Opening

11/29 T

12/1 Th.

**Week Sixteen:**

12/6 T Final Presentation.

**Final Exam: TBA**