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C Chinese Studies 4

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School of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

CHIN 1210

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This intermediate-level Chinese unit continues to develop students' Chinese language ability to a higher level of proficiency in the four areas of study: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. It also develops students' intercultural communication awareness and knowledge of Chinese society and culture. In addition to in-class activities, listening, writing and reading skills will be further developed through the use of a wide variety of online resources, and the classes and online resources are offered in an interactive way to provide feedback for students to learn Chinese on/off campus.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Develop comprehensive intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Chinese language.

ULO2: Identify, describe and evaluate a broad range of aspects of Chinese-speaking cultures and societies.

ULO3: Identify, evaluate and deploy a broad range of grammatical structures of Chinese

at intermediate level.

ULO4: Create meaningful intercultural encounters by applying relevant language conventions.

ULO5: Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both Chinese and in English.

General Assessment Information

LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (including essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

The granting of extensions is subject to the university's Special Consideration Policy. Extensions will not be granted by unit conveners or tutors, but must be lodged through Special Consideration: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/special-consideration>

GRADE APPEAL POLICY

Macquarie University operates a Grade Appeal Policy: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/appeals/grade-appeal>

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
<u>Weekly Quizzes</u>	10%	No	10 am on Monday every week except Week 1, 8 and 9	Individual	No	Observed
<u>Oral tasks</u>	20%	No	3pm on 18th Sep	Individual and Group	No	Observed
<u>Written Assignments</u>	20%	No	9 am on 24th Aug and 9 am on 19th Oct		No	Open AI

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<u>Quizzes and written tests</u>	40%	No	9 pm on 13th Sep and 9pm on 8th Nov	Individual	No	Observed
<u>Participation and preparation</u>	10%	No	Ongoing	Individual	No	Open AI

Weekly Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 5 hours

Due: **10 am on Monday every week except Week 1, 8 and 9**

Weighting: **10%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

This task assesses the continuous progress of students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop comprehensive intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Chinese language.

Oral tasks

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **3pm on 18th Sep**

Weighting: **20%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual and Group

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

This task assesses the oral language proficiency of the students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop comprehensive intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Chinese language.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy a broad range of grammatical structures of Chinese at intermediate level.
- Create meaningful intercultural encounters by applying relevant language conventions.
- Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both Chinese and in

English.

Written Assignments

Assessment Type ¹: Written Submission

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **9 am on 24th Aug and 9 am on 19th Oct**

Weighting: **20%**

Groupwork/Individual:

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open AI

This task assesses the written language proficiency of the students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop comprehensive intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Chinese language.
- Identify, describe and evaluate a broad range of aspects of Chinese-speaking cultures and societies.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy a broad range of grammatical structures of Chinese at intermediate level.
- Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both Chinese and in English.

Quizzes and written tests

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **9 pm on 13th Sep and 9pm on 8th Nov**

Weighting: **40%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

This task assesses the mastery of the content learned and application of various skills gained in the unit.

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- Identify, evaluate and deploy a broad range of grammatical structures of Chinese at intermediate level.
- Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both Chinese and in

English.

Participation and preparation

Assessment Type ¹: Reflection task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open AI

This task assesses student active engagement in the learning process, including preparation, revision, completion of assigned homework, and learning activity discussion.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop comprehensive intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Chinese language.
- Create meaningful intercultural encounters by applying relevant language conventions.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- [Academic Success](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

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CLASSES

- Practicals: Monday 11- 1 PM (25WW C228 Language Learning).
- Tutorials: Please refer to your timetable for tutorial allocations.

UNIT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- You should spend an average of 12 hours per week on this unit. This includes watching or

attending lectures prior to seminars or tutorials, reading weekly required materials as detailed in iLearn/Leganto, participating in iLearn discussion forums and preparing assessments.

- Internal students are expected to attend all seminar or tutorial sessions, and external students are expected to make significant contributions to the on-line discussion forums/activities.
- In most cases students are required to attempt and submit all major assessment tasks in order to pass the unit.

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

- Computer and internet access are essential for this unit. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement. · This unit has an online presence. Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>
- Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.
- Information about IT used at Macquarie University is available at http://students.mq.edu.au/it_services/

Unit Schedule

See ilearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of

Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault

- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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