

**Department of World Languages and Cultures**  
**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
**Chinese 214: Intermediate Chinese I**

**Course Description**

CHI 214 covers the second part of Integrated Chinese, Level I. Part II. It starts from Lesson 16 and ends with Lesson 20. The functional-based lessons continue to build up your competency in Chinese and prepare you to communicate effectively in additional real-life situations. To achieve maximum result, you are expected to actively participate in all learning activities such as listening, speaking, reading and writing. Completion of this course will not only increase your proficiency in the Chinese language, but also enrich your knowledge about the Chinese culture.

**Required Books**

Liu, Yuehua et al. *Integrated Chinese Level I, Part II*. Textbook (Simplified Characters). Third Edition. Boston, MA: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-88727-670-5.

Liu, Yuehua et al. *Integrated Chinese Level I, Part II*. Workbook (Simplified Characters). Third Edition. Boston, MA: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-88727-674-3.

**Recommended**

Liu, Yuehua et al. *Integrated Chinese Level I, Part II*. Character Workbook (Simplified and Traditional Characters). Third Edition. Boston, MA: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-88727-676-7.

Liu, Yuehua et al. *Integrated Chinese Level I, Part II*. Audio CD/MP3 Audio (Download). Third Edition. Boston, MA: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2009. ISBN: 9780887276774/ D9780887276774.

Textbook, Workbook, Character Workbook and CDs can be rented or purchased at the UNLV Bookstore and will be used in both CHI 213 and CHI 214.

The [UNLV Bookstore](#) is dedicated to ensuring students' access to affordable course materials.

**Technology Support Contact Information**

For general technology support and WebCampus support:

[Office of Information Technology \(OIT\)](#), UNLV

(702)895-0777

**Language Placement Exam**

Department of World Languages and Cultures

BEH 342

(702) 895-3431

[Placement exam](#)

## **Language and Multimedia Computer Lab**

Language Resource Center

FDH 240

(702)895-1930

### **Learning Outcomes**

CHI 214 will contribute to the attainment of the University Undergraduate Learning Outcomes (UULOs) and the Department of World Languages and Cultures (WLC) Student Learning Outcomes in the areas of communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities. On satisfying the requirements for this course, students are expected to be at the Intermediate Mid-level on the ACTFL (American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages) scale. More specifically, students will:

- Comprehend dialogues and passages read or spoken by Chinese natives at normal speed with familiar vocabulary.
- Discuss more topics of general interest and daily routines (e.g., dating, renting an apartment, sports, travel, transportation, etc.).
- Comprehend short written dialogues and reading passages with familiar vocabulary.
- Improve accuracy and fluency of pronunciation, improve proficiency of writing, and be able to write longer narratives.

### **Course Outline**

We will complete the five lessons on November 23, 2021. Daily lesson plans are subject to adjustments depending on how well and how fast you master the material being taught. Extra learning material may be presented when necessary.

### **Grading Scale**

A = 100-93

A- = 92-90

B+ = 89-87

B = 86-84

B- = 83-80

C+ = 79-77

C = 76-74

C- = 73-70

D+ = 69-67

D = 66-64

D- = 63-60

F = 59 & below

### **Final Grades**

Final grades will consist of the following categories: attendance (10%); participa-

tion (10%); homework assignments (20%); unit quizzes (10%); midterm examination (15%); final examination (25%) and a final presentation (10%).

### **Attendance**

It is imperative that everyone attend all classes on time. If you need to be absent to observe religious holidays, please notify me no later than Sep 7, 2021. Written notes from credible sources are accepted for excusable absences. Please be aware that two absences without compelling reasons will lead to deduction of half a letter grade from your final grade.

### **Participation**

Active participation is one of the key factors in improving language skills and achieving desirable outcomes. You are encouraged to get involved in all forms of classroom learning activities. Lack of participation in independent, group and class work will affect your final grade.

### **Homework**

All homework assignments must be done independently. You are required to hand in your homework on due dates specified on the class schedule. You will get 90% of credits for late but completed assignments. You will get full credit for make-up homework due to illnesses or other emergent situations. You are responsible for providing written proof of your emergencies from credible sources. Incomplete assignments will affect your final grade.

### **UNLV Sponsored Activity**

Students who represent UNLV at any official extracurricular activity shall have the opportunity to make up assignments, but the student must provide official written notification to the instructor *no less than one week prior to the first class to be missed*.

### **Quizzes and Examinations:**

There will be ungraded in-class quizzes for practice purposes throughout the semester. There will be a unit quiz upon completion of each lesson. All unit quizzes will be graded. The quizzes are designed to evaluate how well you have mastered the material and create smooth transitions to new material. Make up quizzes and assignments are allowed for those with justifiable absences such as illnesses, accidents, family emergencies and religious observances. One midterm examination and one final examination will be given during the semester. Midterm examination is scheduled on October 12, 2021. Final examination will take place on December 7, 2021. Everyone is expected to be punctual for all the quizzes and examinations

### **Oral Presentations**

You will work in pairs for oral presentations on December 2, 2021. Select a topic about which you feel confident and comfortable to talk in front of the class. You

are welcome to discuss your script with me one week in advance. A solo presentation will need to last two minutes or more and a pair presentation will need to last more than four minutes.

## **Classroom Rules**

Mutual respect between students and instructors can create a favorable classroom environment. Behaviors such as talking, eating and drinking are considered disrespectful and not allowed during class. It is important that you refrain from using computers, cell phones and other communication devices during class. Please do not record any classroom lectures without my consent. Those who bring children to class should make sure that no disruptions occur throughout the entire class period.

## **Special Concerns**

1. As intermediate Chinese language learners, you will face more challenges and are therefore encouraged to surf more frequently online for resources in addition to what is offered in the classroom. These resources can provide excellent opportunities for practice and reinforcement. Here is a list of websites you may find useful:

- [NCIKU, http://www.nciku.com](http://www.nciku.com)
- [Pinyin Practice, www.pinyinpractice.com;](http://www.pinyinpractice.com)
- [Free, online Mandarin audio courses, http://www.Chinese-tools.com/learn/Chinese;](http://www.Chinese-tools.com/learn/Chinese)
- [Free Mandarin lessons, https://www.openculture.com/free\\_mandarin\\_Chinese\\_Lessons](https://www.openculture.com/free_mandarin_Chinese_Lessons)

2. I will hold my office hours online each Friday. You are welcome to log onto WebEx during my office hours. I will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have related to your Chinese studies.

## **University Policies**

### **Public Health Directives**

[Face coverings are mandatory for all faculty and students in the classroom.](#) Students must follow all active UNLV public health directives while enrolled in this class. UNLV public health directives are found at [Health Requirements for Returning to Campus, https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus/health-requirements](https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus/health-requirements). Students who do not comply with these directives may be asked to leave the classroom. Refusal to follow the guidelines may result in further disciplinary action according to the [UNLV Student Conduct Code, https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page\\_files/27/StudentConduct-Code.pdf](https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/27/StudentConduct-Code.pdf), including being administratively withdrawn from the course.

### **Academic Misconduct**

Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the University community. We all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility, and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, and are encouraged to always take the ethical path whenever faced with choices. Students enrolling at UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's educational mission. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another person, from the Internet or any other source without proper citation of the source(s). See the Student Conduct Code, <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct>.

### **Auditing a Course**

Auditing a course allows a student to continue attending the lectures and/or laboratories and discussion sessions associated with the course, but the student will not earn a grade for any component of the course. Students who audit a course receive the same educational experience as students taking the course for a grade, but will be excused from exams, assessments, and other evaluative measures that serve the primary purpose of assigning a grade.

### **Classroom Conduct**

Students have a responsibility to conduct themselves in class and in the libraries in ways that do not interfere with the rights of other students to learn, or of instructors to teach. Use of devices such as cellular phones and pagers, or other potentially disruptive activities are only permitted with the prior explicit consent of the instructor. Students are specifically prohibited to record classes without instructor authorization, including online/remote classes (either audio only, or video and audio). The instructor may rescind permission at any time during the class. If a student does not comply with established requirements or obstructs the functioning of the class, the instructor may initiate an administrative withdrawal of the student from the course.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic forced some instruction to be delivered remotely starting in Spring 2020, numerous students have asked instructors to record their synchronous classes, so that they can access them at their convenience. Instructors who agree to record their classes (audio only, or video and audio) should inform students in advance. Recorded lectures may not be broadly released to anyone, but made available exclusively to those students enrolled in the class during the particular academic term. Recorded lectures must be stored securely, and are subject to the Nevada System of Higher Education's Records Retention Policy, meaning that the recordings can only be deleted 120 days after the end of class (i.e., after grades are posted). Once this requirement is met, the recordings should be deleted. Class recordings are protected from disclosure, as they are deemed part of an educational record under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

## **Copyright**

The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves with, and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you, nor assume any responsibility for student or employee violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional [copyright policy information](https://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright) is available at <https://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright>.

## **Disability Resource Center (DRC)**

The [UNLV Disability Resource Center](https://www.unlv.edu/drc) (Student Services Complex, SSC-A, Room 143, <https://www.unlv.edu/drc>, telephone 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. Students who believe that they may need academic accommodations due to a permanent disability, temporary or permanent medical need, or academic support due to pregnancy are encouraged to contact the DRC as early as possible in the academic term. A Disabilities Specialist will discuss what options may be available to you. Students who are already registered with the DRC should request their accommodations online each semester, and make an appointment to discuss their accommodations with their instructors.

## **Final Examinations**

The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur on the date and at the time specified in the Final Exam schedule. The Final Exam schedule is typically available at the start of the semester, and the classroom locations are available approximately one month before the end of the semester. See the [Final Exam Schedule](https://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars), <https://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

## **Identity Verification in Online Courses**

All UNLV students must use their Campus-issued ACE ID and password to log in to WebCampus-Canvas.

UNLV students enrolled in online or hybrid courses are expected to read and adhere to the [Student Academic Misconduct Policy](https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/misconduct/policy), <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/misconduct/policy>, which states that “acting or attempting to act as a substitute for another, or using or attempting to use a substitute, in any academic evaluation or assignment” is a form of academic misconduct. Intentionally sharing ACE login credentials with another person may be considered an attempt to use a substitute, and could result in investigation and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Academic Misconduct Policy.

UNLV students enrolled in online courses are also expected to read and adhere to the [Acceptable Use of Computing and Information Technology Resources Policy](#),

<https://www.it.unlv.edu/policies/acceptable-use-computing-and-information-technology-resources-policy>, which prohibits sharing university accounts with other persons without authorization.

To the greatest extent possible, all graded assignments and assessments in UNLV online courses should be hosted in WebCampus-Canvas or another UNLV-managed platform that requires ACE login credentials for access.

### **Incomplete Grades**

The grade of “I” (Incomplete) may be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session, but cannot complete the last part of the course for reason(s) beyond the student’s control and acceptable to the instructor, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. For undergraduate courses, the incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester. Graduate students receiving “I” grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the period indicated, a grade of “F” will be recorded, and the student’s GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete grade do not register for the course, but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the “I” grade.

### **Library Resources**

Librarians are available to consult with students on research needs, including developing research topics, finding information, and evaluating sources. To make an appointment with a subject expert for this class, please visit the [Libraries’ Research Consultation](https://guides.library.unlv.edu/appointments/librarian) website, <https://guides.library.unlv.edu/appointments/librarian>. You can also [ask the library staff](https://ask.library.unlv.edu/) questions via chat and text message at <https://ask.library.unlv.edu/>.

### **Missed Classwork**

Any student missing class, quizzes, examinations, or any other class or laboratory work because of observance of religious holidays will be given an opportunity during that semester to make up the missed work. The make-up opportunity will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for Fall and Spring courses (except for modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for Summer and modular courses, of their intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit the Missed Classwork policy, under Registration Policies, on the [Academic Policies](https://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=32&navoid=8271&hl=) webpage, <https://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=32&navoid=8271&hl=>.

In accordance with the policy approved by the Faculty Senate regarding missed class time and assignments, students who represent UNLV in any official extracurricular activity will also have the opportunity to make up assignments, provided that the student submits official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es).

The spirit and intent of the policy for missed classwork is to offer fair and equitable assessment opportunities to all students, including those representing the University in extracurricular activities. Instructors should consider, for example, that in courses which offer a “Drop one” option for the lowest assignment, quiz, or exam, assigning the student a grade of zero for an excused absence for extracurricular activity is both contrary to the intent of the Faculty Senate’s policy, and an infringement on the student’s right to complete all work for the course.

This policy will not apply in the event that completing the assignment or administering the examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the University that could be reasonably avoided. There should be a good faith effort by both the instructor and the student to agree to a reasonable resolution. When disagreements regarding this policy arise, decisions can be appealed to the Department Chair/School Director, College/School Dean, and/or the Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee.

For purposes of definition, extracurricular activities may include, but are not limited to academic recruitment activities, competitive intercollegiate athletics, fine arts activities, liberal arts competitions, science and engineering competitions, and any other event or activity sanctioned by a College/School Dean, and/or by the Executive Vice President and Provost.

### **Rebelmail**

Rebelmail is UNLV’s official email system for students and by University policy, instructors and staff should only send emails to students’ Rebelmail accounts. Rebelmail is one of the primary ways in which students receive official University communications, information about deadlines, major Campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the University. Sending emails within WebCampus-Canvas is also acceptable.

### **Tutoring and Coaching**

The Academic Success Center (ASC), at the Claude I. Howard Building, provides tutoring, academic success coaching, and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, please visit the [ASC website](https://www.unlv.edu/asc), <https://www.unlv.edu/asc>, or call 702-895-3177. The ASC is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of SSC A, Room 254. Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor



of the Lied Library, and on the second floor of the College of Engineering building (TBE A 207).

### **UNLV Writing Center**

One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, <https://writingcenter.unlv.edu/>, located in the Central Desert Complex, Building 3, Room 301 (CDC 3-301). Walk-in consultations are sometimes available, but students with appointments receive priority assistance. Students may make appointments in person or by calling the Center, telephone 702-895-3908. Students are requested to bring to their appointments their Rebel ID Card, a copy of the instructions for their assignment, and two copies of any writing they have completed on their assignment.

### **Diversity Statement**

As an institution of higher learning, UNLV represents a rich diversity of human beings among its faculty, staff, and students, and is committed to aspiring to maintain a Campus environment that values that diversity. Accordingly, the University supports understanding and appreciation of all members of its community, regardless of race, sex, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, genetic information, veteran status, or political affiliation. Please see University Statements and Compliance, <https://www.unlv.edu/about/statements-compliance>.

A successful learning experience requires mutual respect and trust between the students and the instructor. Accordingly, the instructor asks that students be willing to listen to one another's points of view, acknowledging that there may be disagreements, keep discussion and comments on topic, and use first person, positive language when expressing their perspectives.