

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

CI300 Chinese Business Language and Culture

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| Term | June 28, 2021 - July 23, 2021 | Credits: | 4 units |
| Class Hours | Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day | | |
| Discussion Sessions | 2.5 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s) | | |
| Total Contact Hours | 66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total) | | |
| Required Texts (with ISBN) | Jack E. Appleman (2008). 10 Steps to Successful Business Writing, Association for Talent Development. ISBN: 978-1-56286-481-1 Jianming Wang (2019). Business Negotiation, China Machine Press. ISBN:978-7-11148-054-9 | | |
| Prerequisite | Native Chinese speakers or HSK 4 or above, or having studied Chinese language for at least 2 years with distinctive achievements | | |

The course might be moved to online delivery due to COVID-19 pandemic. Students will be notified once the decision is made.



Course Overview

This course aims to provide integrated learning experience to students who are interested in using Chinese language and experiencing Chinese culture in business settings. Apart from developing Chinese basic business language knowledge and skills, students will have the opportunity to study some of the most interesting and distinct business practice and cultural phenomena including Chinese business customs, practice, rules and etiquette.

Course Goals

- Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
- command basic language skills including reading, writing, speaking and listening required for business communications
- use basic Chinese for general business and social communication purposes;
- develop conversations on general business topics
- identify common language and cultural issues that may occur in a business dialogue
- have a basic understanding of business culture in China

Grading Policy

| Workshop Assignments | 10% |
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| Participation | 10% |
| Group Research Project | 40% |
| Group Debate | 40% |

Grading Scale is as follows

| Number grade | Letter grade | GPA |
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| 90-100 | A | 4 |
| 85-89 | A- | 3.7 |
| 80-84 | B+ | 3.3 |
| 75-79 | В | 3 |
| 70-74 | В- | 2.7 |
| 67-69 | C+ | 2.3 |
| 65-66 | С | 2 |
| 62-64 | C- | 1.7 |
| 60-61 | D | 1 |
| ≤59 | F (Failure) | 0 |



Class Schedule

| Date | Lecture | Readings |
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| Day 1 | Introduction | No reading |
| Day 2 | Social Communications | Guan: pp.2-43; Lewis,R. translated by Shijie Guan (2002). When Cultures Collide: Managing Successfully Across Cultures, Xinhua Publishing House (in Chinese), pp42- 52. |
| Day 3 | Business Communications (1) | Guan: pp.44-63; Lewis:pp.53-68 |
| Day 4 | Business Communications (2) | Guan: pp.64-84; Lewis:pp.69-75 |
| Day 5 | On a Business Trip | Guan: pp.85-130; Lewis:pp.76-85 |
| Day 6 | Business Negotiation (1) | Guan: pp.131-147; Lewis:pp.10-16 |
| Day 7 | Group Project Investigation | No reading |
| Day 8 | Business Negotiation (2) | Guan: pp.147-159; Lewis:pp.3-9 |
| Day 9 | Business Negotiation (3) | Guan: pp.160-172; Lewis:pp.96-117 |
| Day 10 | Around the Office | Guan: pp.173-209; Lewis:pp.118-134 |
| Day 11 | Having a Meeting(1) | Guan: pp.214-230; Lewis:pp.88-95 |
| Day 12 | Having a Meeting(2) | Guan: pp.231-255; Lewis:pp.86-88 |
| Day 13 | Human Resources (1) | Guan: pp.256-276; Hofstede, G. (2001). Culture's Consequences. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage, 2001. |
| Day 14 | Human Resources (2) | Guan: pp.277-304; Kohls, L. R.(2001). Survival Kit for Overseas Living. Yarmouth, ME: Intercultural Press, pp83-100. |



| Day 15 | Marketing (1) | Guan: pp.305-327; Appleman, J. E (2017).10 steps tp successful Business Writing. ASTD, pp 5-10. |
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| Day 16 | Marketing (2) | Guan: pp.328-352; Appleman. pp 10-16 |
| Day 17 | Freight Transport Service | Guan: pp.353-401;. Appleman. pp 17-26 |
| Day 18 | Investigation and Investment (1) | Guan: pp.402-418; Appleman. pp 27-36. |
| Day 19 | Investigation and Investment (2) | Guan: pp.419-437; Appleman. pp 37-45 |
| Day 20 | Quality control and assessment | |