

# Georgia Institute of Technology

## School of Modern Languages

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### CHINESE 3691: CHINESE FOR CURRENT EVENTS LBAT 2020 SYLLABUS

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Class hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am -11:45 am

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#### DESCRIPTION:

**Objectives.** As the second of the three courses during the six-week summer study program in Shanghai (China LBAT), this is an intensive, 3 week, 3 credit, 3<sup>rd</sup> year level proficiency based language course to simultaneously develop 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 his/her knowledge of vocabulary (approximately 600-700 vocabulary written in characters), grammar and sentence structures.

Students will complete 8 lessons of the *Integrated Chinese, Level 2, Part 2 (Third Edition)*. Topics include celebrating Chinese festivals, changes in major cities in China, travel to Yunnan by train, life and wellness, gender equality, environment protection and energy conservation, money management and investing, and Chinese history.

One-on-one individual sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons will provide more individualized help tailored to each student's needs. Students will work with tutors on pronunciation, grammar, text, conversation skills, and etc.

Our curriculum is designed to integrate in-class learning with activities outside the classroom. Three mandatory cultural or business site visits, usually on Fridays, are included. Two cultural courses in Martial Arts and Tai Chi (Taijiquan) are offered to our students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. In addition, students are highly encouraged to interact with local people in order to foster 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:

## GRADING:

### 1. Attendance and Class Participation/Discussion (9%)

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 Dictations (32%)

One vocabulary dictation will be held for each lesson; 8 in total, each 4 points.

### 3. Tests and Exams (36%)

Test will be given in each week; 3 in total, each 12 points.

### 3. Homework (15%)

Homework will be given roughly for each lesson; 5 in total, each 3 points.

### 4. Final Oral Presentation (10%)

Students will prepare a final oral presentation of a topic chosen from the text. 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 T-square by Friday June 24.

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

## SCHEDULE

This schedule and syllabus is subject to change depending on class progress.

LBAT Week	Date	Day	In-Class Activities	Assignments
#	5/10	Sunday		Preview L11, and prepare dictation
1	5/11	Monday	Lesson 11 “Chinese Festival” 中国的节日	Preview L11, and prepare dictation

		Go over the syllabus Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation		
5/12	Tuesday	Lesson 12 “Changes in China” 中国的变化 Dictation 11 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation	Preview L12, and prepare dictation	
5/13	Wed.	Lesson 13 “Travel” 旅游 Dictation 12 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation	Review and prepare the test	
5/14	Thurs.	Review of L11-13 Dictation 13 Drills and further practice Test Activities	Preview L14, and prepare dictation	
2	5/18	Monday	Lesson 14 “Life and Wellness” 生活与健康 Dictation 14 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation	Preview L15, and prepare dictation
5/19	Tuesday	Lesson 15 “Gender Equality” 男女平等 Dictation 15 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion	Preview L16, and prepare dictation	

		Student Presentation		
5/20	Wed.	Lesson 16 “Environment Protection and Energy Conservation” 环境保护与节约能源 Dictation 16 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation	Review and prepare the test	
5/21	Thurs.	Review 14-16 drills and further practice activities test	Preview L17, and prepare dictation	
3	5/25	Monday	Lesson 17 “Money Management and Investing” 理财与投资 Dictation 17 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation	Preview L18, and prepare dictation
5/26	Tuesday	Lesson 18 “Chinese History” 中国历史 Dictation 18 Vocab and grammar drills Go over the text Conversation practice Discussion Student Presentation	Prepare the final test	
5/27	Wed.	Final Written Exam/Test 3	Prepare the final presentation	
5/28	Thurs.	Final Oral Presentation		