

# CET Syllabus of Record



**Program:** Intensive Chinese Language in Kunming

**Course Title:** Pre-Advanced Chinese (summer)

**Course Code:** KM/LANG 301

**Total Hours:** 160

**Recommended Credits:** 8

**Primary Discipline:** Chinese Language

**Language of Instruction:** Chinese

**Prerequisites/Requirements:** Students can say complete sentences and form paragraphs. Students can simply describe, narrate, compare, and use formal vocabulary. Placement is determined by onsite academic staff.

---

## Description

The course meets for a total of 20 hours per week, or 160 contact hours per semester. The course is made up of three sections: Grammar Presentation, Task-Based Discussion, and One-on-One conversation sessions. Language practica are also included.

*Grammar Presentation:* This class meets for two hours per day. Vocabulary development is a critical part of language training for students at the pre-advanced level because it allows them to further develop their abilities in understanding and expression. Consequently, this course emphasizes acquiring vocabulary not only from the text, but also associated synonyms, near-synonyms and antonyms. Additionally, students learn to use difficult grammatical terms and structures (including common proverbs, colloquialisms, etc). Grammar is taught not through bilingual explanations but through “professing instruction”—students understand new items by engaging with the instructor in interactive and meaningful communication. That communication includes all textual elements such as commonly encountered phrases and word groups, key vocabulary, complements, attributives, adverbs, complex predicates and measure words.

One particular emphasis of this class is the formal written language, *shumianyu*. Students not only learn to understand *shumianyu* as it is seen in texts meant for native speakers, but also begin to adopt some phrases and structures into their own writing. Regular essay writing is required.

*Drill and Task-Based Discussion:* This class meets for two hours per day and reinforces material covered in grammar class. This is a task-based class that includes two sections. The drill section focuses on the structured practice of skills acquired in grammar class and includes practice exercises designed to help students to grasp the real function and correct but natural usage of new words, patterns and structures. Emphasis is placed on efficiently achieving full comprehension and accurate mastery. To that end, when completing these exercises, students are required to not only use appropriate pronunciation, tones, vocabulary and sentence patterns, but also maintain a minimum speed of fluency. The discussion section is an extension of this drill. The instructor selects several topics related to the content covered. During

**CET Academic Programs | 1155 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 300 | Washington, DC 20036**  
[www.cetacademicprograms.com](http://www.cetacademicprograms.com) | 1.800.225.4262 | [cet@cetacademicprograms.com](mailto:cet@cetacademicprograms.com)

## CET Syllabus of Record

discussion, the teacher pays attention to not only appropriate use of vocabulary and grammar, but also length and complexity of sentences and paragraphs. Emphasis is placed on students' ability to use the upper-level words and structures they have learned to build a cogent argument suitable for discussion with native speakers.

*One-on-One:* This class meets for 30 minutes each afternoon and involves a comprehensive review of that morning's material. Carefully-designed open-ended questions are used to help students further develop their range of language and spontaneity and fluency in speech.

All classes are conducted in a Mandarin-only learning environment and place special emphasis on the functional nature of language.

### Objectives

By the end of the course students are able to:

- Learn about contemporary social topics in China such as social change, consumption structure, cultural customs, the Internet Era, economic globalization, environmental protection, education, employment, etc.
- Master advanced vocabulary and expressions related to various topics.
- Be able to express abstract topics throughout the semester.

### Course Requirements

This is a high-intensity course. Course requirements include:

- Prepare before class. (prepare new words, texts, and finish all assigned homework).
- Actively answer questions and participate in class discussion.
- Attend class on time. If a student is late for class three times, it will count as being absent for one class period.
- Class attendance is mandatory, if there is a medical emergency or some other urgent issue please tell the instructor and the CET office.
- Students are not permitted to eat in class but drinking water is allowed.
- Homework should be handed in on time. If the homework is late within the week it was assigned the highest score that can be received is 80%.
- Homework turned in later than the week it was assigned is not accepted.

### Methods of Evaluation

Attendance	10%
Participation in Class	10%
Participation in one on one	10%
Daily Quizzes	10%
Composition	5%
Preview and Homework	10%
Weekly Tests	15%

## CET Syllabus of Record

Mid-Term Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%

### Primary Texts

《新的中国》 *A New China* 周质平等编著, Princeton University Press.

《新视角》 *Xin Shijiao* 高级汉语教程 (上) 庄稼婴 张增增 编著, Peking University Press.

### Supplementary Texts

N/A