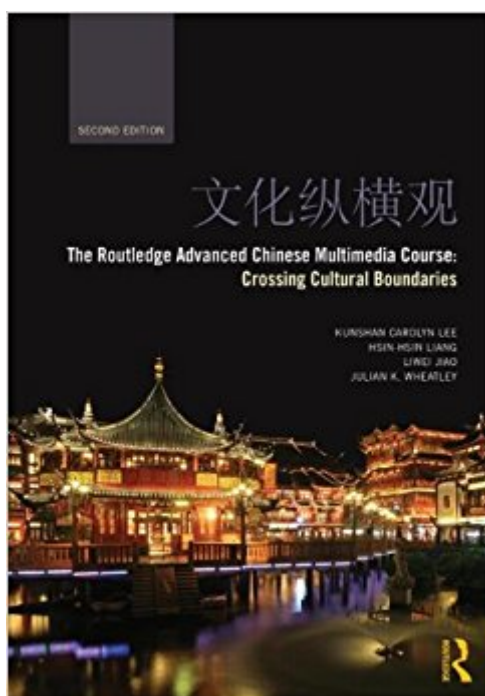


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Synopsis

The Routledge Advanced Chinese Multimedia Course: Crossing Cultural Boundaries is an innovative multimedia course for advanced students of Chinese. Written by a team of highly experienced instructors, the book offers advanced learners the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge of Chinese through a wide range of activities designed to build up both excellent language skills and cultural literacy. Divided into four thematic units covering popular culture, social change, cultural traditions, and politics and history, with each unit presenting three individual lessons, the volume provides students with a structured course which efficiently supports the transition from an intermediate to an advanced level. The many different texts featured throughout the lessons present interesting and accurate information about contemporary China and introduce students to useful vocabulary, speech patterns, and idiosyncratic language usage. Key features include

- Lively and detailed discussions of grammatical points and sentence patterns
- Engaging exercises for developing grammatical concepts and insight into the character writing system
- Systematic review of earlier material to ensure consolidation of learning
- Coverage of diverse and culturally relevant topics such as online dating, changing views of marriage, food culture, Confucianism and democracy in China.
- Extensive cultural and historical notes providing background to the subjects presented
- Complementary CDs to enhance listening skills.

Free companion website (<http://duke.edu/web/chinesesoc/>) offering a wealth of video content forming the basis of many of the listening activities linked to topics within the book. Extensively revised and updated throughout, this new edition includes new material and activities on synonyms and substantial improvements to the "composition", "Focus on characters" and "Language practicum" sections. The improved Instructor's Resource Manual, which includes activity tips, additional exercises, answer keys and the traditional character texts, is available at <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415841337/>

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The Routledge Advanced Chinese Multimedia Course is an excellent textbook for advanced Chinese. I began teaching myself Chinese about 7 months ago, and this is one of the textbooks I have used. After comparing this textbook to other Advanced Chinese textbooks, I have concluded that this book is outstanding. I enjoyed the reading comprehension passages, whose themes I found very interesting and relevant. The grammar and vocabulary sections were also of a high standard. This book surpassed my expectations, and as such I am giving it five stars. The accompanying videos are fascinating, though the speed of some of the speakers was a little too advanced. All in all, this is a fine book. It is very obvious from reading this book that the authors know how to teach material in a manner that is ideal for the student's comprehension. I am very happy that I got this textbook, and I have benefited greatly from its lucid content.

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