

Queen Mary Summer School 2020

SUM403E Chinese Language and Culture Level 1

Confucius Institute (School of Language, Linguistics and Film)

Course outline

Date: 29 June - 17 July 2020

Level: 4

Credits: 15 (Queen Mary credits)

Course leader: TBC

Assessment: 150 - 300 word coursework (50%) and oral assessment (50%)

Course description:

This course is suitable for beginners in Mandarin Chinese.

Students are exposed to listening and reading items to develop their understanding, and they are involved in speaking and writing activities designed to develop their fluency and accuracy in both media. The overall desired outcome is for learners to deal comfortably, confidently and competently at a basic level with the language required to cope effectively with a range of circumstances and situations.

In order to do this, the course is based on a syllabus framework which reflects the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) descriptors at A1 level. These descriptors describe levels of language proficiency in such a way as to be easily understood by the layperson and specialist alike. The syllabus is liberally supplemented with authentic and original recorded and textual material, designed to enhance the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing against a backdrop of a carefully designed and progressive grammar syllabus.

By the end of the course, students will be able to read simple texts in Chinese Mandarin, they will also be able to understand simple spoken texts and have a basic general discussion about a variety of topics.

Learning outcomes:

This course aims to help students to develop a sound foundation of knowledge of the Mandarin Chinese language at CEFR A1 level alongside an ability to approach communication in the language in a confident and competent manner.

Approximate cost:

The tuition fees for the **Chinese Language and Culture Level 1** course are **£1,700**.

There may be additional costs for field trips, such as entry to exhibitions, which will be in the region of £10-20. All reading material is provided digitally so you are not required to purchase any books.

Assessments:

The course assessments are not compulsory, however, if you wish to transfer credit for this course to your home university it is essential to complete the assignments.

150-300 word coursework (50%)

Oral assessment and presentation (in-class test, 10 minutes) (50%)

Preparation:

Before you arrive on campus, it is advised that you familiarise yourself with the course content before it begins. You will be given instructions for accessing our Virtual Learning Environment (QMplus) before you arrive on campus.

Teaching:

The course is taught in two two-hour sessions per day (10.00 - 12.00 and 13.00 - 15.00), held Monday to Thursday each week.

Course content:

Session 1	Chapter One: Hello! Part A
Session 2	Chapter One: Hello! Part B
Session 3	Chapter Two: My name is Wang Jin Part A
Session 4	Chapter Two: My name is Wang Jin Part B
Session 5	Chapter Three: Mr Wang is British Part A
Session 6	Chapter Three: Mr Wang is British Part B
Session 7	Chapter Four: What is the date today? Part A
Session 8	Chapter Four: What is the date today? Part B
Session 9	Chapter Five: He writes Chinese characters every evening Part A
Session 10	Chapter Five: He writes Chinese character every evening Part B
Session 11	Chapter Six: I can speak a little Chinese Part A
Session 12	Chapter Six: I can speak a little Chinese Part B

Suggested reading:

Zhang, G. X., Li, L. and Suen, L., Chinese in Steps 1 Vol. 1 ((Part I), (Cypress Books, 2011)
 Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu, Integrated Chinese (Level1 Part1) textbook, (Cheng & Tsui, 2018)
 Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu, Integrated Chinese (Level1 Part1) workbook, (Cheng & Tsui, 2018)
 Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu, Integrated Chinese (Level1 Part1) character workbook, (Cheng & Tsui, 2018)
 Qi Shaoyan, Zhang Jie, Discover China Student's Book One, (Macmillan Education, 2011)
 Wu Zhongwei, Contemporary Chinese Textbook 1, (Sinolingua Co., Ltd., 2015)
 Liu Xun, New Practical Chinese Reader 1, (Beijing Language Culture University Press, 2010)

Dictionaries

Oxford Beginner's Chinese Dictionary (2000) Oxford; OUP

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