

INSTITUTE OF MODERN LANGUAGES

CHINESE (MANDARIN) SHORT COURSE FOR BEGINNERS COURSE OUTLINE

Prior Knowledge and Skills

This course is for learners with no knowledge of Chinese Mandarin.

Course Aim

At the completion of this course, learners will be able to

- Communicate Chinese Mandarin in a range of simple everyday situations such as self-introduction, shopping, asking direction.
- Comprehend simple dialogue in Chinese Mandarin.
- Have a general understanding of Chinese culture, people and their way of life.
- Read and write some simple Chinese characters such as numbers, basic greetings.
- Enhance their appreciation of cultural diversity.

Course Details

Set textbook:

Feixia, Y. & Lamping, A. Latest ed. *Talk Mandarin Chinese* Book and CD pack. BBC Active.

- IML strongly recommends the use of dictionaries, which exist in a variety of printed, online and electronic formats. Tutors may recommend a dictionary at the commencement of the course.
- Each topic includes relevant social and cultural information.
- Additional tasks and resources will be provided in class.
- The IML library located on level 1 in the Joyce Ackroyd Building also has books, magazines, kits, CDs, DVDs and videos for loan to IML students.

Assessment

There is no assessment for this course.

Revision

Language is learned best with maximum contact and usage. Home exercises will be designed for revision and consolidation of each course segment. Revision is most effective when undertaken regularly in short sessions.

Further Study Options

Learners who wish to pursue further studies of this language can enrol in any of the IML Chinese (Mandarin) Level 1 Courses.

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COURSE CONTENT

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings • Identifying register • Introducing oneself • Asking about / Giving personal details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Script, Pin Yin, pronunciation and tones • Pronouns: 我, 你, 他 • Verbs: 是 • Basic vocabulary: 好, 很, 早上, 午, 晚, 安, 叫, 名字, 请, 谢谢, 对不起 • Question words: 吗, 呢
Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting • Asking /Telling dates and birthday • Asking /Telling time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal numbers 0 - 100 • Vocabulary: 日, 月, 今天, 昨天, 明天, 星期, 几, 号, 点, 了, 生日 • Possessive particle: 的 • Characters: 一 ~ 十 • Special word: 两 • Introduction to the usage of measure words
What's the weather like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing different weather conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather vocabulary: 气, 春, 夏, 秋, 冬 • 下雨, 下雪, 刮风, 不冷不热 • The usage of question phrase: 怎麼樣
Where do you come from?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying / Enquiring about nationality / language(s) spoken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The usage of question word: 哪里 • Learn different country names • Adding the word 人 for nationality • Adding 文 or 语 for language
Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying different place names. • Asking for / Giving / Following directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs: 要, 想, 去 • Question phrase: 怎麼去? • Place names: 洗手间, 厕所, 火车站, 北京, 西安, 天安门广场, 长城, 紫禁城, 机场, 饭店, 饭馆, 出租车, 上海 ...etc
Shopping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing need • Expressing quantity • Asking for / Telling prices • Asking for / Making payment • Asking for goods and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the difference of 多少&几. • Vocabulary: 钱, 香蕉, 衬衫, 裙子, 这, 那, 帽子, T 恤衫, 裤子, 珍珠项链, 鞋子 • The measure word: 个 • The phrase: 这个 ... & 那个
At the restaurant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying food and drinks • Asking for goods and services • Identifying Chinese table etiquette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary: 茶, 咖啡, 薯条, 汉堡包, 冰淇淋, 红酒, 绿茶, 冰啤酒, 炒饭, 面, 辣, 素 ... etc. • Verbs: 吃, 喝, 点菜, 买单