

Modern Language Centre
Evening Programme
Mandarin Level 2

How long does the course last?

45 hours tuition

3 x ten-week term

1.5 hours per week

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with a general interest in **Mandarin** with the following:

- Level 1 of the MLC Evening Programme, or
- approximately 45-60 hours' tuition, or
- a pass at GCSE/O-level or equivalent acquired more than 4 years ago, or
- one of the following qualifications: A1 of the CEFR, entry level of the NQF, or Breakthrough level of the Asset Languages qualifications.

If in doubt, please check our placement tests.

What are the objectives of the course?

To develop existing language skills further and to achieve the equivalent of A1/A2 level of the CEFR, level 1 of the NQF, equivalent of GCSE/ O-level grade A, or Preliminary level of the Asset Languages qualifications.

By the end of term 3 you will be able to:

- understand general and detailed information and to communicate in standard speech on a range of everyday issues;
- read printed and handwritten script on a limited number of everyday topics;
- write simple texts using descriptive language accurately;
- develop intercultural competence.

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work according to a syllabus based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and be set optional homework tasks.

What course can I do next?

After completing all three terms of **Level 2**, students should join a **Level 3** class.

Course outline

Term 1 10x1.5 hrs

Topics

- Hotels and services
- Travel and transport
- Places and directions
- The weather

- Activities and progression

Functions

- Booking hotels and making requests for services
- Using public transportation
- Describing locations and giving directions
- Talking about the weather, comparing the temperatures
- Indicating action in progress

Grammar

- Particle 'le' – used in past event
- Verb + guò & verb + le – showing past experience
- Shì ...de structure – emphases
- A + lí + B + distance – structure for describing the distance between A and B
- A + zài + B (de) + location
- A (de) + location + shì/yǒu + B
- Comparisons

Term 2 10x1.5 hrs

Topics

- Health and body
- Compliments and well-wishes
- Communication etiquette
- Doubts, disbeliefs,
- Emotions

Functions

- Discussing health and seeing a doctor
- Making a compliment, praising someone and replying with modesty
- Expressing certainty and uncertainty
- Expressing surprise and worries
- Persuading and comforting people

Grammar

- S + part of the body + adj. – indication where the illness is
- S + (zhèng) zài + V – action in progress
- Particle 'le' – used for indicating the change of the state
- S + 太 + adj. + 了
- S + 什么时候 + V + O

Term 3 10x1.5 hrs

Topics

- Apologies
- Prices gone up
- Things done well
- Intention and plans

Functions

- Apologising and granting forgiveness
- Expressing your belief, disbelief and doubt
- Agreeing and disagreeing with somebody
- Making comments
- Expressing hopes and wishes

Grammar

- Adverbs and predicate verbs
- S + V + 得 + compliments
- S (V) + O + V + 得 + compliments
- S + V + 了 + duration (的) + O

- S + time + 才/就 + V (O) 了
- 要 ... 了 – immediate future event

Learning resources

Textbook and exercise book:

- Textbook: **Chinese Express: Talk Chinese** (with 2 CDS) Tan, M. & Wang, H., (2007) Cypress Book Co. UK Ltd.
- Textbook combined with exercise book: **Chinese in Steps 2** (with 2 CDS) Zhang. G., (2005) Cypress Book Co. UK Ltd

Students are expected to purchase their own textbook and exercise book. The teacher will supply additional material, both tailor-made and taken from other sources (textbooks, newspapers, and new media).

Recommended additional material:

- T. Yan, M. Zhang, (2007) **Confidence Chinese Volume 2**, Cypress Book Co, UK Ltd. ISBN 978-1-84570-022-5

Textbooks and additional material purchase details:

- **Cypress Book Co. (UK) Ltd**,
Unit 13, Park Royal Metro Centre, Britannia Way, London NW10 7PA;
Tel: 020 88382491; sals@cypress@cypreebooks.com; www.cyressbooks.com
- **Guanghwa Company Ltd**,
7 Newport Place, London, WC2H 7JR; Tel: 0207 437 3737; www.guanghwa.com

Independent study

Research indicates that successful language learners revise new material and review their progress on a regular basis. **The Open Learning Centre (OLC)**, situated in room K-1.072 on level minus one of the Strand Campus, houses a wide collection of learning material including text and grammar books, magazines and newspapers, CDs, DVDs, satellite television, CD-ROMs and self-access e-learning language programmes.

For details on OLC opening times please see our website: www.kcl.ac.uk/mlc/olc

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