Chinese Mandarin Course 2012: Standard

Chinese. Learn Chinese with us.

Level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

This course covers Integrated Chinese Volume 3, Lessons 3 to 5 and is taught over ten weekly sessions of two hours per week.

Aims

This course aims to:
- introduce 110 vocabulary items
- cover more topics such as: at a restaurant, go shopping, choose subjects
- continue to build listening, speaking, reading and writing skills by extending your communicative competence through various activities
- improve your conversational skills, ability to comprehend spoken passages, read and write passages based on your vocabulary and increase your knowledge and appreciation of the culture
- provide you with a solid foundation in language and culture which is necessary for further study at the intermediate and advanced levels.

Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:
- discuss 110 vocabulary items and recognise around 130 Chinese characters
- name four principal regional Chinese cuisine
- order food and drinks in Chinese
- talk about what flavors you like or dislike
- make your dietary restrictions or preferences known
- describe your own shopping preferences and criteria
- disagree with others tactfully
- state your major area of study/academic department and some required general courses you may have taken
- explain whether your family members have an influence on your choice of major or career path
- share tips on how to save money for your education.

Content

This course covers the following topics:

- at a restaurant – name four principal regional cuisines, order food and drinks, talk about what flavours you like or dislike, make your dietary restrictions or preferences known
- go shopping – name basic items of clothing, bedding and bath items; describe your shopping preferences and criteria; disagree with others tactfully; present your arguments with rhetorical questions
- choose subjects – state your major area of study/academic department and some required general courses you have taken, talk about what you plan to do after graduating, explore what will enhance your future job opportunities, explain whether your family members have an influence on your choice of major and career path, share tips on how to save money for your education
• words & phrases: 正好 (coincidentally), 特别是 (especially), 麻烦 ([may I] trouble [you], troublesome), 这(就)要看…(了) (that depends on…), 比如(说) (for example), 什么的 (… etc.), 大小, 长短, 宽窄 (size, length, width…), 打折 (to discount, to sell at a discount), (要)不然 (otherwise), 非…不可 (have to, must), 标准 (criterion, standard), 在乎 (to mind, to care), 只是 or 就是, 受不了 (unable to bear) , 肯定 (definitely), 跟…打交道 (to deal with…), 这样 (in this way), 不过 (but)

• forms & accuracy: 不如, 无论…, 都…, 可是/但是…, 对…来说, 另外, 要么…, 要么…

• the emphatic 是, conjunction 于是, adverb 难道, preposition 至于

• 一 + V.; 又 adj/verb, 又 adj/verb; adj / v. + 是 + adj / v

• topic-comment sentence structure

• resultative complements

• 再, 又 and 还 compared.

Intended audience
Suitable for B1 level students, those who have completed Chinese Mandarin 2011 or who have completed 180 hours of recent face-to-face tuition.

Delivery style
Delivered in the form of an interactive workshop where active participation is encouraged.

Prescribed text
• Integrated Chinese, Volume 3 Textbook, 4th Edition (Simplified & Traditional)
• Integrated Chinese, Volume 3 Workbook, 4th Edition (Simplified & Traditional)
• Integrated Chinese, Volume 3 Character Workbook, 4th Edition (Simplified & Traditional)

Both simplified and traditional character versions of the textbook and the two workbooks are available, however the simplified version will be taught in the classroom. You can also opt for the electronic version of materials. While the Textbook is required, the Workbook and Character Workbook are optional, but recommended.

In addition to purchasing online, you may also be able to source textbooks from our preferred textbook suppliers. Textbooks should only be purchased after confirmation is received from us. This usually occurs up to five days prior to commencement.

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Please note that in some cases, our suggested supplier may not stock your prescribed text. Please check stock availability prior to signing up for any membership.

Please note
Selected courses that teach spoken language may include use of language immersion (course instruction in the selected language) as part of the training strategy.