Chinese Mandarin Course 2022: Standard

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Level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
This course covers Integrated Chinese Volume 3, Lessons 8 to 10 and is taught over ten weekly sessions of two hours per week.

Aims
This course aims to:
- introduce 124 vocabulary items
- cover more topics such as: working, education, geography of China
- 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 culture
- provide you with a solid foundation in language and culture, necessary for further study at the intermediate and advanced levels.

Outcomes
By the end of this course, you should be able to:
- discuss 124 vocabulary items and recognise around 150 Chinese characters
- talk about how you balance your personal budget
- name some possible reasons to work part-time while in school
- discuss the pros and cons of working part-time whilst in school
- describe what you dislike and what bothers you
- present your opinion and indicate agreement or disagreement
- talk about parents’ aspirations for their children
- comment on and describe your childhood
- give a brief introduction on the geographic features of China
- compare some basic geographic aspects of China and Australia
- plan a trip to China
- explain the reasons that you may be interested in or deterred from visiting a tourist site.

Content
This course covers the following topics:
- working – review your monthly income and spending patterns, talk about how you balance your personal budget, name some possible reasons to work part-time while in school, discuss the pros and cons of working part-time while in school, describe what you dislike or what bothers you
- education – comment if you had a stress-free childhood, name some typical classes offered in after-school programs, indicate agreement or disagreement, present your opinions, talk about parents’ aspirations for their children
- geography of China – locate major cities, provinces and rivers on the map; give a brief introduction to the geographic features of China; compare some basic geographic aspects of China
and the United States; describes features that may attract you to or deter you from visiting a tourist site; plan a trip to China

- words & phrases: 压力 (pressure), 受到 (to receive), 减轻 (to lessen), 适合 (to suit) and 合适 (suitable), 影响 (to influence or affect), 取得 (to obtain), 说到 (speaking of), 嫌 (to dislike), 不是 A 就是 B (if it’s not A, it’s B, wither A or B), 多 (How…it is), 一直 (all along, continuously), 好 (not)容易 (with a lot of difficulty), 像…一样 (as if), 可以说 (you could say), 这么说 (so that means), 最好 (had better, it’s best), 为了 (in order to) and 因为 (because), 一下子 (in an instant), 多 (mostly), 呢 (indicating a pause in speech)

- forms & accuracy: 不是 A 而是 B, 最 adj 不过了

- the dynamic particle 了; conjunction 而; adverb 可, 才, 并

- 来 connecting two verb phrases, 起来 indicating the beginning of an action, 过 indicating experience

- directional complements suggesting result, rhetorical questions, descriptive complements, adjectives as predicates.

Intended audience
Suitable for B1 level students, those who have completed Chinese Mandarin 2021 or who have completed 220 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
Selected courses that teach spoken language may include use of language immersion (course instruction in the selected language) as part of the training strategy.