Chinese Mandarin Course 2041: Standard

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Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

This course covers Integrated Chinese Volume 4, Lessons 16 to 18 and is taught over ten weekly sessions of two hours per week.

Aims

This course aims to:

• Introduce 120 vocabulary items
• cover more topics such as: environmental protection and energy conservation, money management and investing
• pay ongoing attention to pronunciation and grammar which remains a crucial part of improving your language skills
• improve your conversational skills, comprehension of spoken passages, ability to read and write passages through various activities, and increase your language acquisition in a real-world context
• 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 around 120 vocabulary items and recognise about 130 Chinese characters
• describe a scene in which people are busily engaged in all kinds of activities
• talks about indicators of a clean environment
• list some green energy sources
• give examples of environmentally friendly practices
• discuss if you’re a saver or a spender
• identify ways to invest money
• talk about ways to purchase a big-ticket item
• describe your spending habits
• describe in basic terms the rise and fall of the stock market
• name some of the most important dynasties in Chinese history
• describe briefly the historical significance of some major Chinese dynasties
• talk in basic terms about some of China’s most important historical figures.

Content

This course covers the following topics:

• environmental protection and energy conservation – describe a scene in which people are busily engaged in all kinds of activities, talk about indicators of a clean environment, list some green energy sources, give examples of practices that are environmentally friendly
• money management and investing – describe if you’re a saver or a spender, identify ways to invest money, talk about ways to purchase a big-ticket item, describe your spending habits, describe in basic terms the ups and downs of the stock market
• history – name some of the most important dynasties in history, describe briefly the historical significance of some major dynasties, talk in basic terms about some of China’s important historical figures
- Words & phrases: 想起 (来) (to recall) vs. 想出来 (to come up with); 环境保护 (environmental protection); 可不是吗 (Is not that so? How true!); 造成 (to cause, to give rise to); 从…做起 (to start with); 不堪设想 ([of consequences] too ghastly to contemplate, unimaginable, extremely bad or dangerous); 引起 (to give rise to, to lead to); 算是 (to count as, to be considered as); 合 (to combine, to join); 终于 (at last, in the end, finally, eventually); 接着 (to follow, to continue); 突然 (sudden, unexpected); 参观 (to visit, to look around) vs. 游览 (to go sightseeing, to tour, excursion); 千千万万 (thousands upon thousands); 在…基础上 (on the basis of…, based on…); 在…方面 (in term of, in the area of)
- forms & accuracy: …吧，…吧; 有益于; 一向 vs. 一直
- adj. + 于, summary of the 把 construction
- adjectives that can be reduplicated like verbs, reduplication of verbs
  - V1的 V1, V2的V2; V着V着

**Intended audience**
Suitable for B2 level students, those who have completed Chinese Mandarin 2032 or who have completed 280 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 4 Textbook, 4th Edition (Simplified & Traditional)
- Integrated Chinese, Volume 4 Workbook, 4th Edition (Simplified & Traditional)
- Integrated Chinese, Volume 4 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.

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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.