Chinese Mandarin Course 2042: Standard

**Chinese. Learn Chinese with us.**

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

This course covers *Integrated Chinese Volume 4*, Lessons 18 to 20 and is taught over ten weekly sessions of two hours per week.

**Aims**

This course aims to:
- Introduce 120 vocabulary items
- Cover topics such as: history, interviewing for a job, foreigners in China
- 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 150 Chinese characters
- 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
- Say one or two sentences to describe signs of nervousness
- Explain in basic terms why China has been able to attract talent and foreign companies
- Describe in basic terms if you are good at managing time and coping with pressure
- Retell your job interview experience
- Congratulate someone on his or her accomplishments
- Welcome a visitor from afar with a welcoming party
- Bid someone farewell at a farewell party
- Pay homage to old-timers when joining a new community
- Ask for guidance and help when coming to a new place
- Describe your job role in detail
- Describe your life experience
- Describe the case or difficulty of adjusting to life in a different country.

**Content**

This course covers the following topics:
- 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
- Interviewing for a job – Say one or two sentences to describe signs of nervousness, explain in basic terms why China has been able to attract talent and foreign companies, describe in basic terms your time management methods, and congratulate someone on his or her accomplishments
• foreigners in China – welcome a visitor from after at a welcoming party, bid someone farewell at a farewell party, pay homage to old-timers when joining a new community, describe the ease or difficulty of adjusting to life in a different country

• words & phrases: 跟…有关 (related to, having to do with); 再也没/不 (no more, not anymore); 叫做 (to be called, to be known as); 好在 (fortunately, luckily); 善于 (be good at, be adept in); 往往 (more often than not) vs. 常常 (often); 接受 (to accept, to take on, to undertake); 而已 (and no more); 在…下 (under); 你说呢? (What do you say?; What do you think?)

• forms & accuracy: 之一, 其中, 越…越…

• adverb 又, conjunction 既然

• word order

• summary of 把 construction

**Intended audience**
Suitable for B2 level students, those who have completed Chinese Mandarin 2041 or who have completed 300 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.

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.