



Chinese Mandarin Course 3011: Standard This course is equivalent to HSK Level 4 Preparation 1.

Join us for this Advanced Chinese Mandarin course. Designed for enthusiastic learners, this course will introduce you to short essays involving comparatively abstract ideas, critical thinking and self-reflection. Course content explores peoples' sociocultural beliefs in relation to life and nature, as well as various measures to maintain physical and psychological well-being.

At this level, the equivalent of a proficiency test, namely Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì (HSK, Chinese: 汉语水平考试), is favourably considered. Course learning materials integrate language content and HSK testing formats, so that you can identify your level of proficiency. Participants are encouraged to, and should feel confident in taking the HSK Level 4 exam after completing Chinese Mandarin course levels 3011, 3012, 3021 and 3022.

Aims

This course aims to:

- develop your language skills at an advanced level through various class learning activities
- equip you to think and express abstract ideas and to be aware of general philosophy of life
- prepare you for HSK Level 4 language proficiency examinations.

Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- discuss around 160 vocabulary items and recognise around 180 characters
- introduce one's criteria of spouse selection
- describe one's love experience
- tell a romantic love story
- describe a friendship with a good friend
- discuss what true friendship means
- state one's criteria of friends' selection
- retell a job interview experience
- discuss how to make a successful interview
- introduce one's working experience
- describe one's profession
- introduce one's criteria of job selection
- state your shopping habits and criteria of clothes selection
- retell an unforgettable shopping experience
- gain insights into Chinese people's perspectives on love, friendship and consummation.

Content

Covers 《HSK 标准教程 4 上》 Lesson 1 to Lesson 5. It runs 2 hours per week over 10 weeks, making a total of 20 hours of instruction time. The details of the schedule and coverage are as follows (subject to change):

Week 1 情感 - Week 2 情感

第一课 简单的爱情

Learning points

- 不仅.....也 / 还 / 而且.....
- 从来
- 刚

- 即使.....也.....
- (在).....上
- 中国的情人节——七夕节

Week 3 情感 - Week 4 情感

第二课 真正的朋友

Learning points

- 正好
- 差不多
- 尽管
- 却
- 而
- 在家靠父母，出门靠朋友

Week 5 工作 - Week 6 工作

第三课 经理对我印象不错

Learning points

- 挺
- 本来
- 另外
- 首先.....其次
- 不管
- 中山装和旗袍

Week 7 工作 - Week 8 工作

第四课 不要太急着赚钱

Learning points

- 以为
- 原来
- 并
- 按照
- 甚至
- 授人以鱼不如授人以渔

Week 9 消费 - Week 10 消费

第五课 不买贵的，只买对的

- 肯定
- 再说
- 实际
- 对.....来说
- 尤其
- 中国人的购物习惯

Delivery style

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

Prerequisites

To enrol, you should have gathered one of the following learning experiences:

- completed our Chinese Mandarin 2042: Standard
- recognise about 800 characters and know 1200 vocabulary words and collocations associated with these characters
- studied and had face-to-face instruction of around 300 to 320 hours.

The above criteria serves as a rough guide. You are welcome to discuss your learning history and language proficiency with teachers from the Confucius Institute to identify a suitable class to attend.

Prescribed text

- HSK 标准教程 4 上 (HSK BIAOZHUN JIAOCHENG 4 SHANG, HSK Standard Course 4A – Textbook) / 姜丽萍主编；董政，张军编。北京：北京语言大学出版社。ISBN 978-7-5619-3903-1
- HSK 标准教程 4 上练习册 (HSK BIAOZHUN JIAOCHENG 4 SHANG LIANXICE, HSK Standard Course 4A – Workbook) / 姜丽萍主编；董政，张军编。北京：北京语言大学出版社。ISBN 978-7-5619-4117-1

The prescribed textbooks are available through BookDepository.com.

Responsibility of the learner

- You should spend time outside the classroom on reviewing the taught materials. An average of 2 hours per week practicing characters, vocabulary and grammar is expected in order to obtain a satisfactory learning outcome.
- From time to time, the teacher may assign homework. You should try and complete it as diligently as possible to enhance learning results.
- Depending on the time available, the teacher may implement a small assessment in the last week. You should not fret about the assessment but consider it as a good opportunity for review.

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact:

- [Confucius Institute](http://ConfuciusInstitute.com)

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.