Chinese Mandarin Course 3042: Standard

Outcomes
By the end of this course, you are expected to be able to:

• discuss around 140 vocabulary items and recognize around 300 characters
• try to use proper words and phrases to describe the charts which show China’s population information, summarize the main features
• discuss the pros and cons of different ways of elderly care
• compare the autumn years of the people mentioned in the reading and listening materials
• list artificial intelligence technologies which applied in our daily life
• introduce a smart appliance
• express personal views on the influence brought by AI
• gain a further understanding of Chinese Spring Festival and Chinese folk customs
• search information about Chinese folk customs from libraries or the Internet and communicate in class
• deliver a presentation on folk customs of one’s own country
• communicate one’s favorite sport with others, list the reasons why you like the game
• make descriptions on football game in terms of its origin, rules, development in different countries and the famous players
• state one’s own opinions towards football game

If you want to learn to speak Chinese, our Chinese classes are ideal for adult learners to enjoy a practical and social experience while you learn Chinese language and culture. Learn Chinese the smart way with Chinese courses at Confucius Institute.

Designed for enthusiastic learners, this course will introduce you to short essays involving comparatively abstract ideas, critical thinking and self-reflection. The content explores people’s socio-cultural beliefs in relation to life and nature, expands learner’s Chinese cultural or historical stories and their efforts in pursuing physical and psychological well-being.

At the advanced level, equivalence between the Proficiency Test, namely Hányǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshi (HSK, Chinese: 汉语水平考试), is favorably considered. Learning materials will integrate language content and HSK testing formats so you are aware of your proficiency. You are also encouraged and should be confident in taking the HSK Level 5 exam after completing advanced courses.

Aims
This course aims to:

• continue to develop your language skills at an advanced level through various class learning activities
• train you to think and express abstract ideas and be aware of the general philosophy of life
• introduce contemporary Chinese society and culture
• help prepare you for the HSK Level 5 language proficiency test.

Content
Covers (Expressway to Chinese Advanced book2) Unit 3 to Unit 6. It runs 2 hours per week over 10 weeks, making a total of 20 hours of instruction time. Schedule and content coverage are as follows (subject to change):
Week 1-Week 3 谁照顾谁？
Learning points
空巢
分居
孤单
而已
敬老院
迫不得已
体谅
陪伴
得意
自理
孝
另类
状况
围着......转
股市
行情
琴棋书画
布局
设施
呈......趋势

Week 4 - Week 6 人工智能
Learning points
家务
忙碌
污渍
智能
自动驾驶
许可 v.s 允许
预计
围棋
程序
原理
排名
销量
开发
诗
创作
分辨
超越
领域

Week 7 – Week 8 鞭炮和年味
Learning points
烟花（爆竹）
兴高采烈
Week 9 - Week 10 我爱足球

Learning points
勤快
赌
爆冷门
含糊
对决
进攻
防守
决赛
拼搏
退役
起源
魅力
相当
普及
夭折
锦标赛

Delivery style
Delivered as a series of interactive workshops where active participation is encouraged.

Prerequisites
To enroll, you should have gathered one of the following learning experiences:
completed Chinese Mandarin Course 3041: Standard
recognize about 1610 characters and know about 1620 vocabulary words and collocations associated with
these characters
studied and had face-to-face instruction for around 450 to 480 hours.
The above criteria serve as a rough guide. Second language development varies largely at this stage, so 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
《速通汉语: 高级·2》（Expressway to Chinese Advanced 2）/ 吴中伟，许金生，胡文化主编；吴中伟编著。北京：北京语言大学出版社，2020.8 ISBN 978-7-5619-5700-4
The prescribed textbooks are available through the University of Sydney’s Confucius Institute or can be purchased on Amazon.
**Responsibility of the learner**

You should spend time outside the classroom to review materials which have been taught. 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 your teacher may assign homework. You should complete this as diligently as possible to enhance learning results.

Depending on the time available, your teacher may conduct a small assessment in the last week. You should consider this as an opportunity for review.

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact: confucius.institute@sydney.edu.au

**Please note**

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