

Royal Holloway - Languages for All

Chinese (Mandarin) for Beginners I Course

Duration: 2 terms, 10 weeks per term, 40 hours of tuition.

Materials: Ding Anqi, Lily Jing, et al. *Discover China* (Student's Book I & Workbook I). Publisher: Macmillan

The course books are not a compulsory purchase, and an online version and audio of the books are available. Additional materials will also be provided by the tutor in the class.

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Mandarin Chinese is the most widely spoken language today. So, it's not surprising that many people are looking to learn this language as an important route into commerce, politics or international relations. However, the study of this great language opens up a much broader world and a rich cultural heritage.

<h3>Overview of Course Contents</h3>	<h3>Course Objective and Target</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Chinese language• Greetings/Countries/Nationalities• Occupations/Families/Hobbies• Locations/Transportation/Shopping/Holidays• Making everyday conversation• Expressing opinions on selected topics• Recounting events in the past• Describing people, places and things• Discussing plans for the future• Role-playing cultural scenarios• Revision and consolidation	<p>This course is aimed at students with no prior experience of Chinese. It focuses on communication, grammar and practises all four skills: writing, reading, listening and speaking.</p> <p><i>Discover China</i> takes a fresh approach and enables learners to make rapid improvements in the use of Chinese in day-to-day situations. By the end of this course students should be able to communicate with simple sentences, read and write 200-300 Chinese characters. They should also have a general understanding of Chinese culture.</p> <p>The students have the opportunity to take HSK 1/2 or equivalent at RHUL or other colleges of the University of London.</p>