

Getting Started with Chinese

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Language

English

Course description and objectives

The course is aimed at beginners and is intended to provide the basics of the spoken standard Chinese language (Putonghua).

Native speakers cannot attend the course.

Audience

The course is open to Master of Science students at Bocconi University and is part of the Enhancing Experience activities. Upon successful completion of the course (attendance of at least 75% of the scheduled hours and passing the final exam), students will get 2 credits and an Open Badge, sharable across the web (LinkedIn) or personal CV.).

Prerequisites

A minimum entry level of Chinese is not required.

Duration

24 hours

Teaching Mode

This course will be delivered exclusively in **synchronous, in-person sessions**. Remote participation will not be offered.

The **final test** of the course will take place on the **last day of the course**.

Calendar

Lecture	Date	Time	Room
1	Fri 27/03/2026	14.45 - 16.15	N38 (L. Del Vecchio)
2	Fri 27/03/2026	16.30 - 18.00	N38 (L. Del Vecchio)
3	Wed 01/04/2026	18.15 - 19.45	N36 (L. Del Vecchio)
4	Fri 03/04/2026	14.45 - 16.15	N36 (L. Del Vecchio)
5	Fri 03/04/2026	16.30 - 18.00	N36 (L. Del Vecchio)
6	Wed 15/04/2026	18.15 - 19.45	N36 (L. Del Vecchio)
7	Fri 17/04/2026	14.45 - 16.15	N29 (L. Del Vecchio)
8	Fri 17/04/2026	16.30 - 18.00	N29 (L. Del Vecchio)
9	Wed 29/04/2026	18.15 - 19.45	N36 (L. Del Vecchio)
10	Wed 06/05/2026	18.15 - 19.45	N36 (L. Del Vecchio)
11	Fri 08/05/2026	14.45 - 16.15	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)
12	Fri 08/05/2026	16.30 - 18.00	N37 (L. Del Vecchio)

Syllabus of the course

Lessons	Content
Lessons 1 - 2	<p>Introduction: Chinese characters and phonetic transcription (pinyin and tones)</p> <p>Greetings (How do you do?)</p>
Lessons 3 - 5	<p>Practice of pronunciation, notes on pinyin spelling</p> <p>Using computer keyboard to write Chinese characters</p> <p>Greetings (How is your health? Are you busy with work?)</p> <p>Grammar: questions with “吗”</p>

Lessons	Content
Lessons 6 - 8	Order of strokes in Chinese character writing; Making an acquaintance (self-introduction) Grammar: questions with interrogative pronouns
Lessons 9 -10	Introduction of Chinese culture Making an acquaintance (What is your name?) Grammar: the sentence with an adjectival predicate
Lessons 11 -12	Introduction of Chinese culture Making an acquaintance (Let me introduce...) Grammar: the sentence with a verbal predicate

Bibliography

Set textbook:

- Yuhua K., Siping L., *Conversational Chinese 301*, 3rd edition, Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2006.

Available seats

This activity is limited to **110** participants and reserved to students of the **Master of Science Programs**.

Registrations cannot be carried out once this number has been reached or after closing of the registration period.