

Getting Started with Chinese

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Language

English

Course description and objectives

The course runs both in the 1st and 2nd semester. It 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 students of the Master of Science Programs at Bocconi University and is part of the Enhancing Experience activities that are worth 2 credits (subject to 75% attendance and to passing the final test).

Prerequisites

A minimum entry level of Chinese is not required.

Duration

24 hours

Teaching Mode

Distance learning. Lessons will take place **exclusively** in **synchronous remote mode**.

The **final test** on the last day of class, however, can **only** be taken **in physical presence**. Online mode will not be provided.

Calendar

| Lecture | Date | Time | Room |
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| 1 | Thu 08/02/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 2 | Fri 09/02/2024 | 14.45 - 16.15 | Virtual room |
| 3 | Fri 09/02/2024 | 16.30 - 18.00 | Virtual room |
| 4 | Thu 15/02/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 5 | Fri 16/02/2024 | 14.45 - 16.15 | Virtual room |
| 6 | Fri 16/02/2024 | 16.30 - 18.00 | Virtual room |
| 7 | Wed 21/02/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 8 | Thu 22/02/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 9 | Wed 28/02/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 10 | Thu 29/02/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 11 | Wed 06/03/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | Virtual room |
| 12 | Thu 07/03/2024 | 18:15 - 19:45 | N31 (Velodromo) |

Syllabus of the course

| Lessons | Content |
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| 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> |

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| 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.