

# Non-European languages

## Preparation for the HSK 1 certificate

### Level A1

Target group	Students enrolled in Bocconi degree programs bachelor, master, integrated masters of arts in law, and PhD
Conditions of participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolment through yoU@B diary in the periods communicated in the agenda and specified on the website</li> </ul>
Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught in English</li> <li>One single class with limited number</li> <li>Semester course</li> <li>40 hours</li> <li>Offered in the second semester</li> </ul>
Minimum level	Not required
Objective	Basic knowledge of the language and preparation for the HSK 1 – equivalent to level A1 certification
Attendance Certificate	Positive attendance of 75% of lessons (recorded through the attendance procedure)
N.B.	Please note that the course is activated depending on a minimum number of students

## Introduction

The course, which lasts 40 hours, is aimed at beginners and intends to provide the basic elements of spoken and written language and preparation for the HSK level 1 equivalent to A1 certification.

The activity is proposed in the first and second semester of the academic year: the student receives information on the enrolment procedure and period through the yoU@B diary. At the end of this period, a message is sent with regards to admission / non-admission to the course.

A certificate of participation will be issued upon attending 75% of the hours of the course.

## Program

The program includes an introductory lesson, cultural lessons, a simulation of the HSK 1st level exam and the development of the units 1 to 7 of the textbook used, which can be summarized as follows:

- Grammatical and syntactic elements
- Analysis of Chinese characters (hanzi), phonetic transcription (pinyin)
- Writing and phonetics exercises
- Reading and understanding of appropriate text
- Conversations in Chinese language

Lessons	Content
Weeks 1 and 2	Introduction: Chinese characters and phonetic transcription the simple sentence: verbal, adjectival and nominal predicates
Weeks 3 to 7	Basic fundamentals of grammar and syntax: simple questioning, nominative specifications, substitute questions, determination, verb "to be", prepositional groups, completion of date and number formation up to 99
Weeks 8 and 9	Cultural aspects and customs
Week 10	Simulation of the HSK level 1 exam

## Calendar

Date	Time	Room
Thursday 6 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 11 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 13 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 18 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 20 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 25 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 27 February 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 3 March 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 5 March 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 10 March 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 12 March 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 31 March 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 2 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 7 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 9 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 21 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 23 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 28 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Thursday 30 April 2020	18:00-19:30	21
Tuesday 5 May 2020	18:00-19:30	21

## Assigned Textbook

Kang Yuhua & Lai Siping, *Conversational Chinese 301*, 3rd edition, Beijing language and culture university press, 2006

## Recommended Readings

- Bulfoni C., Sun X.L., *Fondamenti di lingua cinese*, Egea, Milano, 2<sup>a</sup> edizione, 2012
- Liu Xun, *New Practical Chinese Reader: Textbook 1*, 2nd Edition, Beijing language and culture university press, 2015
- Liu Xun, *New Practical Chinese Reader: workbook 1*, 2nd Edition, Beijing language and culture university press, 2010

## Dictionary

*Oxford Chinese Dictionary English-Chinese / Chinese-English*, Oxford University Press; 1st edition, 2010

## Conditions for issuing the attendance certificate

In order to obtain the certificate of participation in the course, it is required to have positive participation in the course, confirmed by the teacher based on **the active attendance of at least 75% of the lessons**.

All students enrolled in the course will receive a message via the agenda informing them whether they will receive or not receive the certificate of participation.

The certificate can be collected from the Language Centre Administrative Office, two weeks after the end of the course.