

Title:	Mandarin 1
Course duration:	20 weekly sessions of two hours
Minimum entry requirements:	<p>The course is designed strictly for beginners with no knowledge of the language.</p> <p>Commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · attend at least 70% of the classes · study outside the classroom for at least two hours per week · complete homework · buy the course book
Course aims:	<p>To enable students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · reach level A1 of the Common European Framework · cope with a selection of basic and predictable everyday life situations in a target language speaking environment. · establish the skills required for further study of Mandarin.
Learning outcomes:	<p>On completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · demonstrate an awareness of cultural and social diversity and etiquette of the target language speaking countries · demonstrate an insight into the business etiquette of the target speaking countries · understand the basic structures and vocabulary of the target language, in a limited context · obtain information and understand spoken messages in a limited context · deal orally with a limited selection of basic and predictable activities · obtain information from essential signs and notices <p>write simple messages, emails, formal and informal letters</p>

Main topics of study:

Selected topics from a variety of areas.

Course content:

Selected topics from a variety of areas, e.g. greetings, introducing yourself (e.g. nationality, occupation); giving your phone number; introducing other people; talking about family and friends, ordering food and drinks and offering them to other, expressing likes and dislikes; talking about yesterday, describing future plans, cultural and business etiquette.

Chinese characters (simplified) will gradually be introduced

Assessment:

Students are given the opportunity to complete a test and portfolio in order to obtain a certificate.

Brunel Certificate of achievement:

On successful completion of the progress test, portfolio and a minimum attendance of 70%, students will be awarded the Brunel Certificate of Achievement.

Course book (must be purchased):