



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: Mandarin Chinese Intermediate 2 (HSK3.2)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help learners consolidate early HSK 3 content and progress towards mid-level HSK 3 competence. The course will further develop reading, listening, speaking and writing skills for everyday communication and simple work-related or social contexts. By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the main points of short, straightforward texts and audio materials on familiar topics such as daily life, travel, health, work and leisure.
- Read simple articles, short reports or messages and identify key information with increasing accuracy.
- Write short emails, notes and descriptions using linked sentences and a growing range of vocabulary.
- Give short, prepared presentations on familiar themes and follow the main ideas of a simple presentation delivered at a moderate pace.
- Communicate in routine and slightly less predictable situations, expressing opinions, preferences and simple reasons with greater confidence and fluency.

Participants will continue to develop their skills through task-oriented sessions and will receive informal formative feedback during contact hours.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises and group interaction to develop effective language-learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent and confident users of the language.

Language-specific information:

Mandarin Chinese boasts an incredible 1,085,000,000 speakers within China, though it is also spoken around the world. It is the second most spoken language in the world, but the first in terms of native speakers. As the main language used in China, it acts as a lingua franca for people across the Chinese provinces. As a tonal language, very similar words in Mandarin can be differentiated through the use of specific tones. Mandarin Chinese has four tones: level, rising, departing and final. These tones can often seem daunting to new learners, but can be mastered with careful practice.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit-bearing weekly course is intended for Mandarin Chinese learners who

have completed **HSK 3.1** or equivalent.
Participants should be familiar with early HSK 3 vocabulary and grammar and ready to progress through the mid-HSK 3 syllabus.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/download>

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Continuation of (from HSK 3 mid-level lessons):

- **HSK Standard Course 3 – Textbook**,
Beijing Language & Culture University Press (2014)
- **HSK Standard Course 3 – Workbook**,
Beijing Language & Culture University Press (2014)

Any other materials and resources will be provided in class. Short video clips, films or TV programmes may be used to support listening and speaking development.

Please do not purchase the coursebook until the course is confirmed.