

Mandarin Chinese

(offered by the Department of Classics and World Languages)
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Introduction

Mandarin Chinese courses will offer you a world of discovery. This subject is intended for students who know little or no Mandarin Chinese at all, as well as for those who have already acquired different levels of proficiency. It aims to enable the students to gain knowledge of the language skills (listen, speak, read and write) from elementary to advanced levels and develop an appreciation and an understanding of Chinese culture.

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General Information

- Access to an audio cassette recorder/CD is essential as students have to listen to and record on audio cassettes/CDs.
- Only in exceptional circumstances may students be permitted by the Chair of the Department of Classics and World Languages to register for Mandarin Chinese on second level without completing first-level modules in Mandarin Chinese.
- Mandarin Chinese may be taken, as a major or ancillary subject by students in the Colleges of Human Sciences, and Economic and Management Sciences. It may be taken as an ancillary subject in the Colleges of Law, and Science, Engineering and Technology.
- Mandarin may also be taken for non-degree purposes up to and including third level and, under certain conditions, the modules may be converted into credits towards a degree.
- Credit for a degree is granted for either MNR100 or MAN101 and 102.

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Admission Requirements

See also A9 in Part 5 of the Calendar.

FIRST-LEVEL MODULES

- MAN101R – None
- MAN102S – Simultaneous registration for MAN101R or a basic knowledge of Mandarin Chinese but do not meet the admission requirements to second-level modules.

SECOND-LEVEL MODULES

- MAN102S
or
- passed a departmental test

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Mandarin Chinese as a Major Subject

Compulsory modules for a major subject combination:

First level: MAN101R, 102S

Second level: MAN201U, 202V

Third level: MAN205Y, 3701, 301X, 3033, 3044

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Transitional Arrangements

- Students who passed MNR100 prior to 2001 must register for the second-level modules
- Students who failed MNR100 prior to 2001 must register for MAN101 and 102

Course passed	Modules which may not be taken	Outstanding modules
MNR100	MAN101R, 102S	–
MNR201	MAN201U, 202V	MAN205Y
MNR202	MAN205Y	MAN201U, 202V
MEL821 (Option 3)	MAN801/MAN3701	MAN205, 301, 303, 304
MEL822 (Option 3)	MAN303	MAN205, 3701, 301, 304
MEL823 (Option 3)	MAN205	MAN3701, 301, 303, 304
MEL824 (Option 3)	MAN301	MAN205, 3701, 303, 304
MAN801	MAN3701	MAN205, 301, 303, 304

For advice students are asked to contact the Department.

FIRST-LEVEL MODULES (NQF LEVEL 5)

MAN101R Rumen Hanyu: introduction to Mandarin Chinese (S1 and S2)*

Purpose: to enable students to develop aptitudes in the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) of Mandarin from novice-low to novice-mid level (emphasis on first three skills) and to gain some aspects of Chinese culture.

MAN102S Shiyong Hanyu: practical Mandarin Chinese (S1 and S2)*

Co-requisite: MAN101R

Advice: This module aims to improve students' abilities in conversation and grammar, practise reading simple texts, and gain a basic knowledge of modern Chinese culture.

Purpose: to enable students to develop aptitudes in the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) of Mandarin further from novice-mid to novice-high level (emphasis on first three skills).

SECOND-LEVEL MODULES (NQF LEVEL 6)

Prerequisite: MAN102

MAN201U Shenghuo Hanyu: living Mandarin Chinese (S1 and S2)

Purpose: to enable students to hold a social conversation on familiar and predictable topics with an acquaintance or business person.

MAN202V Huoyong Hanyu: applied Mandarin Chinese (S1 and S2)

Co-requisite: MAN201U

Purpose: to teach more advanced grammar and vocabulary necessary for giving effective instruction and obtaining clear information, both in social and work-related contexts.

THIRD-LEVEL MODULES (NQF LEVEL 7)

MAN205Y Zhongguo Chengyu: Chinese wisdom tales, idioms and proverbs (S1 and S2)

Prerequisite: MAN202V

Purpose: to prepare students for further literary studies through the study of Chinese wisdom tales, idioms and proverbs in daily newspapers and literary sources.

MAN3701 Introduction to Chinese culture, customs and traditions (S1 and S2)

Purpose: to introduce students to the main aspects of Chinese Culture and the general Chinese history which, in particular, provides the historical context within which the main cultural trends emerged or developed. It is taught through the medium of English. Students will read the main political, social and cultural history of the Chinese people, including the more tangible aspects such as Chinese customs, etiquette and festivals, and thereby get a firm grip on the basic knowledge of Chinese history and culture.

MAN301X Gaoji Hanyu: advanced Mandarin Chinese (S1 and S2)

Prerequisite: MAN205Y

Purpose: to consolidate the skills and knowledge that students have learnt and to enable them to take part in conversations on a wide range of topics.

MAN3033 Zhongguo Wenxuan: selected readings of modern Chinese literature (S1 and S2)

Co-requisite: MAN301X

Purpose: to develop students' ability to read and appreciate modern Chinese literary works which represent different major literary styles.

MAN3044 Shangyong Zhongwen: business Chinese (S1 and S2) (examination: 1 x 2 hour paper)*

Co-requisite: MAN3033

Purpose: to develop students' understanding and acquisition of business Chinese through the provision of various models of business conversation in various business situations.