

### Overview

Having continued to build on your reading, listening, speaking, writing and grammar expertise at GCSE level, A-level Mandarin will enable you to master these skills and communicate with people across the world. Learning Mandarin at A-level not only means you will be able to converse more fluently in Chinese but also gives you deep knowledge and understanding of the history and culture of a wide range of Chinese-speaking countries, in Chinese communities across the world. Building on the topics studied at KS4, A-level Mandarin will give you the opportunity to explore a wide range of themes and develop skills from across the A-level spectrum: sociology, media, history, politics, literature, business and more.

*Awarding Organisation:*  
Cambridge Pre-U

*Minimum course requirements:*  
GCSE Grade 5+ in Mandarin (Higher Tier)

*More information:*  
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### Curriculum and assessment

TOPICS	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family</li><li>• Young people</li><li>• Education</li><li>• The media</li><li>• Work and Leisure</li><li>• Equality of opportunity</li></ul>	<p>The Chinese culture paper consists of Chinese history, film and literature.</p> <p>Paper 1 – Speaking (20%)</p> <p>Paper 2 – Listening, reading and translation (30%)</p> <p>Paper 3 – Writing and usage (25%)</p> <p>Paper 4 – Chinese culture (25%)</p>

### Skills that will be developed

The skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing are supplemented by Chinese-specific skills: accurate identification of roman transliteration, including tones, and the use of a radical-indexed Chinese dictionary.

The aims of the course are:

- To develop the ability to understand Mandarin Chinese
- To enable the candidate to communicate confidently and clearly
- To form a sound foundation of skills, language and cultural knowledge required for further study and employment
- To develop insights into the culture and civilization of countries where Mandarin is spoken
- To encourage positive attitudes to language learning and a sympathetic approach to other cultures and civilizations
- To further intellectual and personal development by promoting learning and social skills

### Post 18 opportunities

As well as allowing candidates to develop advanced language skills, the course will develop knowledge in Chinese culture. In addition to providing a secure foundation for wider study opportunities in higher education, the course equips candidates with a range of skills for careers in business, education and the arts.

#### Destinations of students in recent years:

University of Sheffield – History and Chinese

SOAS, University of London – Chinese

### Expenses

Students need to purchase Chinese language textbooks and dictionaries.