

Overview

The aim of this course is to equip students with advanced skills and cultural knowledge to communicate and interact with people in an authentic Mandarin-speaking environment. It also provides a sound foundation of Chinese language and culture similar to that covered within an undergraduate course. It develops an interest in, and enthusiasm for the study of language and culture. It allows students to pursue their studies in related fields and take part in wider study opportunities in the UK or abroad, and leads to further employment opportunities.

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">• Family• Young people• Education• The media• Work and Leisure• Equality of opportunity	<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 the last two years:

University of Sheffield – History and Chinese

SOAS, University of London – Chinese

Expenses

Students need to purchase Chinese language textbooks and dictionaries.