

## Long Duration Chinese Courses - Level Description

### Elementary

You will have acquired a range of vocabulary and structures that enable communication in the most common basic daily situations. You will have a solid foundation in Mandarin pronunciation and will learn more than 500 Chinese characters while focusing on listening and speaking skills.

### Lower Intermediate

You will be able to communicate in a variety of situations requiring more detailed expression and be able to talk about most common items and actions. You will also begin learning about topics in Chinese popular culture. A focus on building fluency and confidence enables you to hold more fluent conversations with native speakers. A knowledge of more than 1,000 characters lays the foundation for basic literacy in Mandarin.

### Intermediate

You will be able to discuss a range of topical issues and talk about more abstract topics. A deeper understanding of the culture will rapidly improve your understanding of how Chinese is used in real life. You will have some command of the written language and begin to read more formal texts in Mandarin such as newspaper articles.

### Upper Intermediate

You will be able to function fluently in a wide range of life and work situations, including the ability to discuss in detail points of cultural difference and discuss abstract topics to a high level of proficiency. Besides improving listening and speaking skills you will learn to communicate more naturally in written language. You will extend your ability to communicate on a wider range of topics.

