

Chinese Courses at the Confucius Institute

Ten Weeks from 11th May to 24th July 2026

Consolidation Week (no-teaching) 15 – 19th June 2026

Registration Deadline for all classes is 8th May 2026

HSK Level 2 Listening and Speaking

HSK Level 2 Listening and Speaking is designed for students who have studied Chinese for approximately 50 hours. The aim of the course is to help students improve their proficiency in listening and speaking. By the end of the course, students are expected to have mastered about 300 of the most frequently used words and be able to understand what they hear and use simple Chinese to communicate on familiar daily topics. The course develops speaking skills to meet basic communication needs. This course will assist students in preparing for the HSK level 2 exam.

Venue: In-Person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Monday and Wednesday
12.00-12.40



Cost: £30 per course

HSK Level 3 Listening and Speaking

HSK Level 3 Listening and Speaking is intended for students who have studied Chinese for 100 hours and can read and write 300 Chinese characters Based on the HSK Level 3 Syllabus. The aim of the course is to help students improve their proficiency in listening and speaking. By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to read and write 600 commonly used words and frequently used expressions. The course will assist students in preparing for the HSK 3 exam.

Venue: In-Person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Monday and Wednesday
13.00-13.40



Cost: £30 per course

Chinese Speaking Corner

This activity is a tutor-led Chinese oral practice session in the format of role play on a range of topics, such as introducing yourself and your family, asking for directions, discussing your hobbies, talking about university life, discussing food, shopping and ordering food. The tutors will provide some useful expressions for each weekly topic at the start of the session and give a demonstration. Participants will then be invited to take a role and practice their Chinese with his or her peers. The tutors will assist with the conversation as required.

Tuesday
19.00-19.40



Venue: Online teaching or In-person

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Cost: £15

Morning Chinese for Beginners/HSK 1

This course is designed for people interested in learning about Chinese culture and language. You will learn some basic phrases that will assist in daily conversation. By the end of the course, you are expected to have mastered 45 commonly used Chinese Characters and will know some very simple Chinese expressions.

Monday and Wednesday
09.20-10.00



Venue: In-person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Cost: £30

Evening Chinese for Beginners/HSK 1

This course is designed for people interested in learning about Chinese culture and language. You will learn some basic phrases that will assist in daily conversation. By the end of the course, you are expected to have mastered 45 commonly used Chinese Characters and will know some very simple Chinese expressions.

Monday and Wednesday
19.00-19.40



Venue: In-person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Cost: £30

Lunch time Calligraphy & Chinese Brush Painting (in-person only)

Unlock the art of Chinese brushwork through an immersive course that blends traditional painting and calligraphy. Under the expert guidance of our accomplished instructor, you'll build a strong foundation in essential materials, brush techniques, and the five classic methods of Chinese brush painting.

Learn to master floral forms with confidence, explore colour blending, and develop your eye for composition. At the same time, refine your control of brush pressure and stroke rhythm as you practice the graceful structure of Chinese characters. This course offers a harmonious journey into the visual poetry of ink, where painting and writing come together in expressive unity.

Thursday 13:00-13.40

Cost: £30



Venue: In-Person Confucius Institute PG102 Heriot-Watt University Post Graduate Building, Riccarton Campus Edinburgh EH14 4AS

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Sing your way to Chinese

This is a new course which intends to allow students sing while learning. Language learning can take place through the joy of singing. It suits anyone who is interested in singing regardless of your Chinese language ability. Each session is about 40 minutes.

Venue: In-person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Thursday 13:00-13.40



Cost: £30

HSK 4 – Speaking and Listening 1

HSK Level 4 Listening and Speaking is designed for students who have previously studied Chinese and who want to improve their proficiency in listening and speaking. Students are expected to have already mastered about 600 of the most frequently used words. By the end of the course students should have mastered 1200 of the most frequently used words and the relevant grammar. You will build on your confidence with the Chinese Language. This course will assist students in preparing for the HSK level 4 exam.

Venue: In-person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Tuesday and Thursday
12.00-12.40



Cost: £30 per course

HSK4 – Reading and Writing 1

HSK Level 4 Reading and Writing is intended for students who have studied Chinese and have mastered 600 of the most used words. Based on the HSK Level 4 Syllabus, this course aims to help students improve their proficiency in reading and writing. By the end of the course, students are expected to know 1200 commonly used words and related grammar patterns. The course will assist the students in preparing for HSK 4 exam.

Venue: In-Person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Monday and Wednesday
09.20-10.00



Cost: £30 per course

HSK Level 2 Reading and Writing

HSK Level 2 Reading and Writing is intended for students who have studied Chinese for about 50 hours. Based on the HSK 2 Syllabus, this course aims to help students improve their proficiency in reading and writing. By the end of the course, students are expected to have mastered 300 commonly used words and related grammar patterns enabling them to understand simple reading materials in Chinese Characters. This course will assist the students in preparing for the HSK level 2 exam.

Venue: In Person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Tuesday and Thursday
19.00-19.40



Cost: £30 per course

HSK Level 3 Reading and Writing

HSK Level 3 Reading and Writing is intended for students who have studied Chinese for 100 hours and can read and write 300 Chinese characters. Based on the HSK Level 3 Syllabus, this course aims to help students improve their proficiency in reading and writing. By the end of the course, students are expected to know 600 commonly used words and related grammar patterns. The course will assist the students in preparing for HSK 3 exam.

Venue: In person or Online teaching

Booking:

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Cost: £30 per course

Tourist Chinese

We are offering a course that suits those who are interested in learning Chinese for the purposes of visiting Chinese for leisure or for business purposes. The course covers a quick introduction into Chinese pronunciation and 7-10 topics focusing on a range of useful scenarios including boarding a plane, getting a taxi and restaurant Chinese.

Venue: In person or Online teaching

Booking:

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Tuesday and Thursday
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Cost: £30 per course

Introduction to Chinese Music

The course offers a fascinating exploration of China's musical world. You will learn about rich history, diverse instruments, unique musical styles, and profound cultural connotation. Discover the charm of Chinese music and deepen your understanding of Chinese culture.

Venue: In-person or Online teaching

Booking:

Contact: confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Thursday

19.00-19.40



Cost: £30 per course

Monday to FRIDAY

One to One Class

This series of personally tailored classes are available from Monday to Friday during term time throughout the academic year. These are arranged upon request. Each booking consists of 5 sessions including an initial discussion meeting to gauge your learning needs to develop an appropriate and personal teaching plan.

Please note if you do not give us 24 hours' notice of cancelling your class you will lose one of your sessions.

Venue: In-person or Online teaching

Booking:

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**Cost: £8 per section or
£35 for 5 sections**

All group classes require a minimum of three participants to form a class. If fewer than three people sign up, we will notify you by email and recommend switching to a one-on-one course.