

# Chinese Courses at the Confucius Institute

10 weeks from 15 September – 28 November 2025 (13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October is non-teaching/consolidation week)

## Lunch hour Sessions in person teaching and online teaching

### Chinese Beginners 1 (HSK Level 1 Part 1)

The course takes place twice a week. The course requires no prior knowledge in Chinese, and it aims to provide you with a basic knowledge of the Chinese economy, aspects of contemporary Chinese human relations and behaviour. It will also provide you with a basic knowledge of the Chinese language that is used commonly in the business environment and how to read simple business documents in Chinese. Students are expected to have mastered 70-80 commonly used Chinese characters and will know how to use some very simple Chinese expressions. Chinese Beginners 1 and Chinese Beginners 2 courses will assist the students to prepare for HSK 1 exam.



**Venue:** Confucius Institute PG305 Heriot-Watt University Post Graduate Building, Riccarton Campus Edinburgh EH14 4AS

UK time Tues & Thurs  
12.15: -1.00pm

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1627551453209?aff=oddtcreator>

**Contact:** [confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk](mailto:confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk)

**Cost:** £30 per course

### Chinese post-beginners 1 (HSK Level 2 Part one)

This course is tailored for students who have completed a Beginner's Course, studied Mandarin for at least 60 hours, mastered 150 characters, or hold an HSK 1 certificate. In **Chinese Post-Beginner 1**, you'll build on your existing knowledge by mastering 60-70 new Chinese characters and learning to use more complex expressions for everyday conversations on a variety of topics. With classes held twice a week, this course will deepen your language skills and prepare you for more advanced Mandarin studies. The course takes place twice a week.



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1.15: -2.00pm

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1628246401819?aff=oddtcreator>

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### Intermediate 1 (HSK Level 3 Part one)

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UK time  
Tues and Fri 13:15-14:00

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1630017739939?aff=oddtcreator>

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### Business Etiquette

This course is delivered in English. It introduces the basic structure of the Chinese economy, the business climate in China, essential aspects of contemporary Chinese cultural relations and behaviour, major business etiquette and more. The course will serve as a useful guide to those who are interested in conducting business in/with China, and it will also enhance the students' ability to communicate effectively with Chinese businessmen as well as Chinese people as a whole.



**Venue:** Confucius Institute PG305 Heriot-Watt University Post Graduate Building, Riccarton Campus Edinburgh EH14 4AS (1<sup>st</sup> October only – PG G14)

UK time Tuesday  
14:15-15:00 pm

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1631115944699?aff=oddtcreator>

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### Chinese brush painting (in person only)

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

UK time  
Thurs 14:00 -14:45pm

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1631319162529?aff=oddtcreator>

**Contact:** [confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk](mailto:confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk)

**Cost: £30 per course**

### Chinese Calligraphy (in person teaching only)

The course will start with an introduction of Chinese art history and an explanation as to how Chinese philosophy influenced Chinese art, before moving to practical issue such as common techniques to the Chinese soft brushes and ink control



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UK time  
Tue 12:15-13:00pm

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1631556361999?aff=oddtcreator>

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UK time 16:30-17:20

#### Booking contact:

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1631856650169?aff=oddtcreator>

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### Introduction to Chinese Music

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



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UK time  
Thur 18:30-19:15

**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1632115153359?aff=oddtcreator>

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### 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 a few topics focusing on a range of useful scenarios including boarding a plane, getting a taxi and restaurant Chinese.



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**Booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1634017152289?aff=oddtcreator>

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### One to One Class

This is a series of tailored classes that are available from Monday to Friday during semester and non-semester time. These are arranged upon request. Each booking consists of 5 sessions at a discounted price of £35. The teacher may get in touch with you either through emails or online meetings to gauge your learning needs to develop a teaching plan. This initial discussion is in addition to the 5 sessions.



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**Cost: £8 per session and  
£35 for 5 sessions**

## Workshop

### Explore China – One-Session Workshops

HWU staff are invited to join our one-session workshops *Navigating China* and *Practical Chinese*, designed for those planning to travel to China for business or tourism, or anyone with a general interest in learning more about Chinese culture and language. *Navigating China* provides practical cultural insights to help you understand etiquette, social customs, and contemporary Chinese society, while *Practical Chinese* equips you with essential phrases and communication skills for everyday situations. Both workshops are free to book for HWU staff, with a minimum of two participants per session.

### Navigating China – One-Session Workshop

This 90-minute interactive workshop is designed for those planning to travel to China for tourism or business, or anyone with a general interest in learning more about Chinese culture. In just one session, you will gain practical cultural insights to help you navigate daily life and professional settings with ease. Covering key aspects of etiquette, traditions, social customs, and contemporary Chinese society, the workshop will equip you with the cultural awareness needed to communicate confidently and make the most of your time in China. The final 10–20 minutes are reserved for your questions. This workshop is complemented by *Practical Chinese*, a separate session focusing on essential phrases and everyday communication skills.

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### Practical Chinese – One-Session Workshop

Designed as a complement to the *Navigating China* workshop, this session is open to those preparing for business trips, planning to visit China for tourism, or simply interested in gaining a taste of the language. You will practice greetings and introductions, ordering food, getting around, and handling basic workplace exchanges. With an emphasis on speaking and listening, the workshop equips you with practical expressions you can use immediately, boosting your confidence to interact in Chinese.

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