

# Chinese Courses at the Confucius Institute

**11 weeks from January 19th - April 3rd 2026 week 5 i.e. 16th- 20th  
February is non-teaching week**

**Registration Deadline for all classes is January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

## Lunch hour Sessions

### Chinese Beginners 1 (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 behavior. 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.

Uk time Monday & Friday

13:15 – 14:00



**Venue:** Postgraduate Building. PG G14

#### Booking

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

**Cost: £30 per course**

### Chinese Beginners 2 (HSK level 1 Part 2)

The course is designed for those who have already completed the Beginners Course or have studied Mandarin for at least 60 hours and have mastered 150 characters or hold an HSK 1 certificate. By the end of this course (Chinese Post-beginner 1), students are expected to have mastered 60-70 new Chinese characters and will know how to use slightly more complex Chinese expressions for daily life for a range of topics. The course takes place twice a week.

Uk time Tuesday 7 Thursday

12:15-1:00pm



**Venue:** Postgraduate Building, PG 305

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

The course is designed for those who have already completed Chinese Post-beginners 1 or have studied Mandarin for at least 90 hours. By the end of this course (Chinese Post-beginner 2), students are expected to have mastered 70-90 new Chinese characters and will know how to use a broader range of grammatical structures and expressions with some flexibility.

Uk time Tuesday & Thursday  
13:15-14:00



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### Chinese Intermediate 2 (HSK Level 3 Part 2)

The course is intended for students who have studied Chinese for about 100-120 hours and have mastered 450 characters. By the end of the course, students are expected to have mastered 150 commonly used words and related grammar patterns and enable them to understand the more complicated reading materials in Chinese Characters. This course will assist the students in preparing for the HSK level 3 exam.

Uk time Tuesday & Friday 18:30-19:15



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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 behavior, 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.



**Venue:** Postgraduate Building, PG 305

Uk time Tuesday 14:15 – 15:

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**Cost: £30 per course**

### Chinese Brush Painting (in person teaching only)

Unlock the art of Chinese brush painting and master the beauty of floral blooms under the expert guidance of our accomplished instructor. This course lays a solid foundation with essential materials, brushwork techniques, and the five traditional Chinese brush-painting methods. As you advance, you'll explore paint consistency, colour blending, and the intricate anatomy of various flowers. Whether you're a beginner or seeking to refine your skills, our instructor will inspire and empower you to confidently paint any flower in the garden with precision and artistry.



**Venue:** Postgraduate Building, PG 305

UK time Thursday 14:00-14:45

**Booking:**

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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 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  
Monday 16:30-17:20



**Venue:** Postgraduate Building, PG102

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**£30 per course**

### General Culture

This course will take you on a wonderful journey through Chinese culture from five perspectives. From calligraphy and painting, you'll appreciate the artistic charm of brushstrokes and colors and feel the cultural connotations behind them. In Chinese music, you can listen to the melodies played by ancient instruments, experiencing the unique charm of ethnic Chinese music. Through tea ceremonies, you'll savor the oriental spirit and life philosophy in the fragrance of tea. By exploring traditional clothing and folk customs, you'll discover the exquisiteness of traditional attire and the rich meanings of folk activities. And through the legendary deeds of historical figures, you'll gain insights into the wisdom and spiritual inheritance in the long history of China.



Uk time Tuesday 16:30-  
17:20

**Venue:** Postgraduate Building, PG 1.02

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

Uk time Monday 17:30-  
18:15



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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.



**Venue:** Postgraduate Building, online teaching via Zoom or in person

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Cost £8.00 per session or £35.00 for 5 sessions

## Workshop-Explore China

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.

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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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