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## The Confucius Institute at the University of Macau will offer Chinese language learning course in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, Academic Year 2018/2019

The Confucius Institute at the University of Macau now opens the door for you to understand China and achieve your goals.

### Course description:

With the globalization of China's economic development, Chinese as a "future language" has tremendous employment markets and broad career prospects. The Confucius Institute of University of Macau intends to offer Chinese as a foreign language to the Macau community. They are namely "Elementary Mandarin", "Intermediate Mandarin" and "Intermediate Mandarin II", in order to promote the Chinese language and equip all Macau citizens to have the competitive edge in an international environment.

Chinese is a language spoken by a largest population in the world. With its long history of development, rich culture, and booming economy, it has attracted more than 100 million learners annually worldwide. The courses offered by the UM Confucius Institute aims to help non-native speakers to acquire the fundamental knowledge and skills of Chinese language in areas of vocabulary and grammar, the Chinese culture and society, in order to communicate fluently with the Chinese people.

The Elementary Mandarin course is now open for registration:

**Elementary Mandarin:** The elementary is designed for students who want to have a basic command of Chinese language and culture. Course objectives are for the student to build a solid foundation and to develop their four languages skills: speaking, writing, listening, and reading. The emphasis is on correct pronunciation, accurate tones and mastery of basic grammatical structures. The relationship between language and culture and the sociolinguistically appropriate use of language will be stressed throughout.

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Distinguish the tones and sounds of Chinese, pronounce individual sounds and tones according to the Pinyin system of modern standard Chinese, write down dictated syllables with correct tones as required;
- Comprehend general information and vocabulary when the communication partner uses objects, gestures, and visuals in speaking or writing;
- Comprehend the message or conversation using contextual clues, key words redundancy, paraphrase or restatement;

- Perform basic communicative functions in face-to-face social interactions using a string of short sentences;

- Recognize and write approximately 100 characters, read and comprehend simple passages written in Chinese characters, write short notes or simple messages using a mixture of Pinyin and characters.

**Programme Highlights:**

- Offer individualized instruction combined with group activities
- Adopt vivid and interesting teaching methods
- Focus on oral communication proficiency to meet the communication needs of daily life
- Students can learn and experience the teaching methods and learning environment of the University of Macau in advance.
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Levels	Admission requirements
Elementary level	have not learned Chinese at all or only know less than 100 words

**Course meeting Date(s) / Time:**

- Dates: From 14 January – 11 April, 2019, every Monday and Wednesday  
\*Except 11 April (Thursday)
- Time: 7:00-9:00pm

**Class meeting schedule in 2019:**

January: 14, 16, 21, 23, 28

February: 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

March: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

April: 1, 3, 8, \*11

(a total of 22 class meetings, 45 hours)

**Potential Applicants:** learners of Chinese as a foreign language, including but not limited to high school students, government employees, corporate employees, business associates, home makers, etc.

**Instruction Languages:** Chinese and English

**Tuition Fee:** Free of Charge

**Classroom location:** University of Macau

**Teachers:** This course instructors have rich teaching experience in the United States of America.

Certificate will be issued to those students who have attended 80% of the entire programme and got a passing grade in the examination of each course. If examination is exempted for the course, attendance certificate will be issued to those students who have attended 80% of the entire programme.