

Which Chinese language course should I enrol in?



Question 1. Are you a native speaker of Mandarin?

Native speaker refers to those who can speak Mandarin fluently and write Chinese characters without difficulty. You may have acquired Mandarin from early childhood and Mandarin remains one of your primary means of communication.

YES: If you are a native speaker of Mandarin: unfortunately you cannot enrol in our Chinese language courses. You are very welcome to take our content courses that focus on Chinese culture, history, and politics.

NO: Please continue to Question 2.

Question 2. Are you a heritage speaker?

A heritage speaker refers to those who have acquired (some) Chinese through exposure to spoken Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese and other regional dialects) at home or in the ethnic community.

YES, but I don't know how to read or write: Please [apply for a concession](#) for CHINESE 101 (in Semester 2, 2023), and you will be prompted to do a placement test.

You may be placed in CHINESE 100 or CHINESE 101 based on the outcome of your placement test.

YES, and I have some knowledge of written Chinese: Please refer to the [course description](#) chart and [apply for a concession](#) for the most suitable course (CHINESE 101, 200, 201, 300, 301 or 302). You will then be prompted to do a placement test.

NO: Please continue to Question 3.

Question 3. Have you studied Chinese in a formal setting before?

NO: Please enrol yourself in CHINESE 100 or 100G. By enrolling in the course you declare that you have no or limited knowledge of Chinese. The University may cancel your enrolment at any time in the semester if found to have prior knowledge or study in the language.

YES, I passed NCEA 1 or NCEA 2: You may enrol in CHINESE 100 or 100G if you find that your proficiency is not high enough for CHINESE 101 (See the [course description](#) chart). The University may cancel your enrolment at any time in the semester if you have not been completely forthcoming with regard to your language ability. If you find CHINESE 101 more suitable, please [apply for a concession](#).

YES, I passed NCEA 3 or IB Ab Initio: Please refer to the [course description chart](#) and apply for a concession for the most suitable course (CHINESE 101, 200, 201, 300, 301 or 302). You will then be prompted to do a placement test.

If you are unsure about which course to take, please [apply for a concession](#) for CHINESE 101 so we can prompt you to complete the placement test.

Course description chart

Courses	Offered	Entry proficiency
CHN 100/G	S1	This course is designed for students who have never studied Chinese before or have very limited knowledge in both spoken and written Chinese.
CHN 101	S2	Students enrolled in this course typically know how to greet, talk about families, time and hobbies, and welcome visitors. know approximately 200 vocabulary items can write about 150 characters.
CHN 200	S1	Students enrolled in this course typically know how to make an appointment, talk about daily life, transportation and weather; able to shop or dine with simple sentences in Mandarin. know approximately 550 vocabulary items can write about 450 characters.
CHN 201	S2	Students enrolled in this course typically can deal with most everyday situations in a Chinese speaking country such as asking directions, renting a place, seeing a doctor, traveling around etc are familiar with grammar structures such as verb complements, 把, 比 and 被 constructions know approximately 800 vocabulary items
CHN 300	S1	Students enrolled in this course typically can have a conversation in Chinese on topics such as studying, renting a house, future career, managing money and relationships; cross-cultural issues. are familiar with sentence patterns such as 无论...都...; 对...感兴趣; 随着.... know approximately 1,250 vocabulary items
CHN 301 CHN 302	S2	Students enrolled in this course typically are familiar with all grammar structures including all essential sentence patterns and some idioms know approximately 1,900 vocabulary items can have a conversation in Chinese on topics about life and culture in modern China.