

Language and Culture

Chinese

Level 1

Bocconi

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Courses for | Degree programs and PhD |
| Conditions for enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited number of places • Enrollment via yoU@B during the times as announced in agenda and specified on the website • Places allocated on a 'first come first served' basis • At the end of the enrollment period a confirmation message will be sent to successful and unsuccessful applicants |
| Teaching | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught in Italian • 1 class - limited number of students • 1 semester long • 36 hours • Open in 1st and 2nd semester |
| Minimum entry level | None |
| Objective | A1 level - To acquire a basic knowledge of the language and culture of the country concerned |
| Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded for attending 75% of the lessons (Attendance procedure) • passing final exam |
| Note | The course will only run if the minimum number of enrollments has been reached |

Introduction

The course (36 hours) is aimed at beginners and is intended to provide the basics of the Chinese language standard (Putonghua), spoken and written.

The course runs in the 1st and 2nd semester of each academic year: every student receives details about how and when to apply at the beginning of the semester via agenda. When the admissions period is over, applicants receive confirmation of their acceptance/non acceptance on the course.

An attendance certificate will be issued upon completion of the course (minimum 75% attendance) and passing the final exam.

Syllabus

The program consists of an introductory lesson, two lessons on Chinese culture and lessons covering units 1-6 of the textbook:

- Basic grammar and syntax:
 - Simple sentences: verbs, nouns and adjectives;
 - Simple question forms;
 - Determiners;
 - The verb “to be”;
 - Preposition groups;
 - Dates and numbers up to 99.
- Chinese characters (hanzi), phonetic transcription (pinyin);
- Writing and phonetics;
- Reading and understanding selected texts;
- Conversation.

Set textbook

- Bulfoni Clara, Sun Xiaoli, *Fondamenti di lingua cinese*, seconda edizione, Egea, Milano, 2012
- Materials provided by the teacher

Recommended textbooks

- Abbiati Magda, *La lingua cinese*, Cafoscarina, Venezia, 1992
- Alleton Viviane, *La scrittura cinese*, Ubaldini, Roma, 2006

Dictionaries

- Zhao Xiuying, Gatti Franco, *Dizionario compatto cinese italiano e italiano cinese*, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2000
- Zhao Xiuying, *Il dizionario di cinese*, Zanichelli, Bologna, 2013

Conditions for issuing certificate

In order to receive the attendance certificate, two conditions must be met:

1. Successful participation in the course

The teacher will assess students' positive participation in the course (minimum 75% attendance).

2. Passing the final exam

At the end of the course there will be an exam consisting of:

- Answering open questions;
- Sentence rewriting;
- Inserting given words into Chinese sentences using correct syntax;
- Translating brief sentences from English into Chinese.

All enrolled students will receive a message in their agenda confirming they have been/not been awarded the certificate.

The certificate can be collected from the Language Center Administrative office following instructions in said message.