

CERTIFICATE IN CHINESE LANGUAGE

Based on: Elementary Chinese Reader – Book 1

Duration: 150 hours (approx. 25 weeks)

Level: Beginner / A1-A2 (Partial HSK 2 equivalent)

Course Objectives

- Master Pinyin pronunciation and tones
- Communicate in basic daily situations in Chinese
- Read and write ~350 simplified Chinese characters
- Understand basic grammar patterns and sentence structures
- Gain cultural insight into Chinese life and customs

Course Content & Weekly Plan

- Weeks 1–3: Pinyin chart, tone rules, stroke order, radicals, greetings (Lesson 1–2)
- Weeks 4–5: Names, nationalities, 是, 吗, 不, 也, numbers, countries (Lesson 3–4)
- Weeks 6–7: Professions, titles, question words, negation, naming conventions (Lesson 5–6)
- Weeks 8–9: Family members, possessive 的, 有/没有, family talk (Lesson 7–8)
- Weeks 10–11: Basic Grammar Patterns, Attributive (Lesson 9–10)
- Weeks 12–13: Measure words, Adjectives (Lesson 11–12)
- Weeks 14–15: 在, 有, 没有, Adverbs (Lesson 13–14)
- Weeks 16–17: Currency, time (Lesson 15–16)
- Weeks 18–19: Daily activities, Day & Date, frequency words (Lesson 17–18)
- Weeks 20–21: Complement of Degree, Prepositions (Lesson 19–20)
- Weeks 22–23: Directions, Auxiliary Verbs (Lesson 21–22)
- Week 24–25: Revision, Oral Practice

Key Components Throughout the Course

Skill Area	Details
Reading	Dialogues, short passages, signs, character reading
Writing	Stroke practice, character writing, sentence building, composition
Speaking	Pronunciation drills, role-plays, Q&A, classroom conversations
Listening	Short audio, conversation practice, tone &

	Pinyin recognition
Culture	Chinese festivals, naming, etiquette, family & food customs

Characters & Vocabulary Target

Characters: Approx. 350–400 simplified characters

Vocabulary: Approx. 500 words (aligned with HSK 1 & parts of HSK 2)

Recommended Materials

- Textbook: 《初级汉语课本 第一册》Elementary Chinese Reader BOOK 1
- Audio recordings (accompanying the textbook)

Evaluation

Paper 1: Script & Translation (100 Marks)

Paper 2: Grammar, Text & Comprehension (100 Marks)

Paper 3: Audio-Oral (100 Marks)

Paper 4: Internal Assessments (100 Marks)

Internal 1: Written Test (50 Marks)

Internal 2: Audio-oral (50 Marks)