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ANU Chinese (Mandarin) Language Program



Why study Chinese (Mandarin) ?

Modern Chinese (Mandarin) is the official language for China, the country with the longest written history and the second-biggest population in the world. In its thousands of years' development, the Chinese language has profoundly influenced both the languages and cultures of adjacent countries such as Japan, Korea and Vietnam. For anyone who is interested in knowing more about China and its relationship with other countries, Modern Chinese will be an extremely useful and timely tool.

“These meanings [of Chinese words], settling layer upon layer like a sediment over more than two and a half millennia, made the spoken and written language of China a world of ideas and references.”

— IN MEMORIAM OF SINOLOGIST AND LATE ANU PROFESSOR OF CHINESE STUDIES,
DR PIERRE RYCKMANS, BY GEREMIE R.BARMÉ, SINOLOGIST



Studying Modern Chinese (Mandarin) at ANU

The ANU Modern Chinese language program is designed for students from beginner to advanced level. We have a very experienced team of professional language teachers, many of whom won teaching awards from the college and at university level, and are active in research about China or in Chinese language education. Students enrolled in our program will receive systematic and well-tailored, step-by-step training by the end of which they will be able to read Chinese newspapers, understand Chinese TV programs or interviews, write essays in Chinese and communicate freely with one fifth of the world's population.

- ANU Students: Choose to study Modern Chinese (Mandarin) as an elective, minor (24 units/4 courses) or major (48 units/8 courses) as part of your ANU degree.
- Non-Award: Enrol in individual courses for professional development or personal interest without pursuing a full degree.
- In-Country Opportunities: Participate in In-country, field schools and internship programs based in China
- Advanced Courses: Progress through Modern Chinese (Mandarin) language levels 1-8, and explore subjects in linguistics, politics, society, and culture, with opportunities to pursue research focused on China.

Students with prior language experience must take a Language Proficiency Assessment (LPA) for proper level placement. For details, see the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) language proficiency assessment site.

Study Modern Chinese (Mandarin) language and culture at the Australian National University.

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