

Subject Course Details

Chinese (Mandarin)

What is this subject about?

Using Language

Students will develop a knowledge and understanding of the listening, reading, speaking and writing skills necessary for effective interaction in Chinese.

Making Linguistic Connections

Students will explore the nature of languages as systems by making comparisons between Chinese and English, leading to an appreciation of the correct application of linguistic structures and vocabulary.

Moving Between Cultures

Students will develop knowledge of the culture of Chinese-speaking communities and an understanding of the interdependence of language and culture, thereby encouraging reflection on their own cultural heritage.

Why study this subject?

Moving between countries, cultures and languages has become more commonplace because of globalisation, increased ease of travel and advanced information and communication technologies. A high-quality education in languages enables students to respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of our rapidly changing world.

The process of teaching and learning languages focuses on linguistic systems and patterns. The need to move between linguistic systems assists students to develop enhanced mental dexterity.

Chinese is the language of communication of approximately one quarter of the world's population. It is one of the official languages of the United Nations. Chinese is recognised as one of the fastest growing languages in New South Wales.

The study of Chinese provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as commerce, tourism, hospitality and international relations.

Students may also have opportunity to travel to China on a study tour during the course.

Learning experiences

Students are offered a wide range of experiences in speaking and listening activities, along with opportunities to engage in cultural activities. These are all provided to support the development of language skills.