

CONCEPT NOTE

**Confucius Institute at University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
University of Colombo**

Certificate Course in Elementary Chinese Language

1. Introduction

Confucius Institute at University of Colombo seeks the permission of the Senate of the University of Colombo to offer a Certificate Course in Elementary Chinese Language. The course is expected to commence in 2022.

2. The Need

Certificate Course in Elementary Chinese Language enables the students who has the basic understanding of Chinese Language to learn creatively and further improve the listening, speaking, reading comprehension and writing abilities. Due to the popularity of Chinese Language all over the world, it will develop the communicative skills by learning language structures, functions and related cultural knowledge.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Certificate Course are as follows:

- To provide fundamental Chinese sentence structure.
- To develop communication skills in basic topics that is commonly used.
- To master new Chinese characters by figuring out common radicals and strokes.

4. Target Groups

This course is designed for those who has the basic understanding about Chinese and Chinese culture.

5. Admission Requirements

To be admitted as a student of this course, a candidate should possess the following qualifications:

Template approved and confirmed at the 390th Faculty Board (07.01.2020) and approved at the 447th Senate (29.01.2020)

a) Grade NINE school leaving certificate

AND

b) Pass Certificate Course in Chinese Language for Beginners or corresponding Chinese language certificates accepted by the Confucius Institute at University of Colombo

OR

a) Completion of primary education and certified work experience equivalent to a minimum of two years

AND

b) Be at least 16 years of age

AND/OR, WHERE NECESSARY

c) Passing the admission/selection test and/or interview

6. **Medium of Instruction:** English/Chinese/Sinhala

7. **Course Fee:** Rs. 20,000

8. **Course Duration:** 6 months duration / 60 contact hours

9. Teaching Methodology

- Lectures – online/offline
- Group discussion
- home assignments
- Lecturer guided self-studies

10. Evaluation

The evaluation system of the course is made up of four parts: classroom assignments, class attendance, end semester examination and task-oriented activities.

The grading scales of the Faculty of Arts shall apply to this course:

Range of Marks	Grade
80% +	A+
75% - 79%	A
70% - 74%	A-
65% - 69%	B+

60% - 64%	B
55% - 59%	B-
50% - 54%	C+
45% - 49%	C*
40% - 44%	C- (fail)
35% - 39%	D+ (fail)
30% - 34%	D (fail)
0% - 29%	E (fail)

Notes: * - *minimum performance for a pass.*

The achievement structure will be as follows:

45% -69% of total marks - Pass

70% -79% of total marks - Merit Pass

80% - of total marks or above - Distinction Pass

Candidate should be completed the course within three years and three attempts.

11. Course Content

- i. Methods of Constructing Chinese characters
- ii. Differentiating homophones, and characters of similar form
- iii. Complement of modal, simple and complex direction, duration, quality, resultative, and frequency
- iv. Construction of particle 了 *le* (confirming the completion or realization of something), location words, Related words (不但 *búdàn*.....而且 *érqiě* not only...but also, 如果 *rúguǒ*.....就 *jiù* if...then..., 虽然 *suīrán*.....但是 *dànshì* though...), past experience, 的 *de* (of) phrase, action aspect, circumstance changes, numbers from 100 to 1000
- v. Sentences of 把 *bǎ* (*bǎ* sentence), 是 *shì* (yes-question), 被 *bèi* (*bèi* passive sentence), serial verb phrases, verbal predicate, indicating existence, 是.....的 (indication of emphasis), notional passive
- vi. An action of progression, continuance, going to happen, make comparisons by using 跟 *gēn*.....(不 *bù*) 一样 *yíyàng* (be different from and the same to) and 比 *bǐ* (compare)
- vii. Communicate on topics related to money changing, comparing, place and past experience describing, emphasizing, reason asking, asking for location and direction, dating, job seeking, commenting, planning, talking weather, suggesting, complaining, visiting, etc. by using newly - learned words
- viii. Chinese culture related to ancient capitals, educational system, garment, transportation, festivals and customs, sports, administrative divisions, historical periods, and bikes, etc.