

CONCEPT NOTE

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

Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language I

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 Intermediate Chinese Language I, The course is expected to commence in 2022.

2. The Need

Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language I is designed to cultivate the listening, speaking, reading comprehension and writing abilities for students who has successfully completed Elementary Chinese Course. It will contribute to further studies on Chinese and related research.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Certificate Course are as follows:

- To read and understand common and simple written materials related to daily life or study, with limited support of pinyin or without pinyin
- To make conversations on familiar topics with basic words, phrases, or sentences to communicate with others
- To further enrich the knowledge regarding Chinese characters
- To identify certain material and values of Chinese culture

4. Target Groups

This course is designed for those who has already successfully completed the Certificate Course in Elementary Chinese Language.

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5. Admission Requirements

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

- a) Grade NINE school leaving certificate

AND

b) Pass Certificate Course in Elementary Chinese Language 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.

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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. Grammar Points : The complement of result “好”, Negative structure “一...也都+不没...”, The conjunction “那”, The complement of direction “来”、“去”, The successive occurrence of two action, The rhetoric question “能....吗”, Comparison of “还是” and “或者”, “刚” and “刚才”, The expression of existence/Interest/ approximate numbers, “会” Indicating the possibility, Complements of possibility introduced by “V得不”, The structure 又...又, 越来越 Adj, 越A越B, reproaching and questioning, talking about climate, eating in a restaurant, consoling, encouraging, and congratulating, etc., Sentences with 把 rhetoric, serial verb phrases, indications of existence and emergence, pivotal, non-subject, a subject-predicate phrase as a predicate, etc.
- ii. Self- explanatory characters (一、二、三、上、下、本、末) , Associative compounds (明、休、从、看) , Pictophonetic characters I (妈、住、放、邻)

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iii. Common Saying

He who has never been to the great wall is not a true man

A walk after dinner makes one live to 99

Good tea attracts frequenters

The first step is always the hardest

The two cannot be mentioned in the same breath