

CONCEPT NOTE

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

Certificate Course in Spoken Chinese Language for Beginners

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 Spoken Chinese Language for Beginners. The course is expected to commence in 2022.

2. The Need

Certificate Course in Spoken Chinese Language for Beginners aims at improving the listening and speaking skills of students who are willing to start learning Chinese. Since Chinese Language is widely used all over the world, it will provide sufficient contribution to communicative capabilities in simple topics.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Certificate Course are as follows:

- To cultivate students' ability of daily conversation and general communication in Chinese.
- To master phonics rules, the accuracy of pronunciation, intonation of Chinese.
- To grasp certain Chinese culture and combine the speaking skills with the cultural background.
- To develop the sense of Chinese language based on the well understanding of general knowledge .

4. Target Groups

This course is designed for those who has the willingness to build up communicative skills in Chinese language.

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5. Admission Requirements

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

- a) Grade NINE school leaving certificate
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+

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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. Initials, finals, tones and spelling principles of Chinese
- ii. Pinyin: initials, finals.
- iii. Basic Pinyin Rules
- iv. Tone sandhi of the third sound
 - v. Tone sandhi of "No"
- vi. Master the numbers from 1-20
- vii. Number and date expression
- viii. The expression of self-introduction and acquaintance.
 - ix. The expression of the amount of money
 - x. The expression of the date
- xi. Tone sandhi of "one"
- xii. The expression of time