

*The Routledge Course in Modern Mandarin Chinese* is a two-year undergraduate course for students with no prior background in Chinese study. Designed to build a strong foundation in both the spoken and written language it develops all the basic skills such as pronunciation, character writing, word use, and structures, while placing strong emphasis on the development of communicative skills.

The complete course consists of Textbook level 1, Workbook level 1 – including free CDs, and Textbook level 2 and Workbook level 2 – including free CDs. All books are available separately in simplified as well as traditional characters and take the students from complete beginner to post-intermediate level.

The benefits of this course include:

- focus on the long-term retention of vocabulary, characters, and structures by reiterating structures and vocabulary throughout the book series
- carefully selected and staged introduction of characters with staged removal of Pinyin to ensure recognition and use of characters
- clear and jargon-free explanations of use and structures that are easy for students and teachers to understand
- extensive workbook exercises for homework, independent study, and classroom use focusing on all language skills and modalities including a vast inventory of carefully structured exercises focusing on listening comprehension, reading for information, and writing for communication
- an extensive inventory of classroom activities that guide students to develop communication-based speaking and listening skills
- companion website providing writing exercise sheets, a complete answers key and a teachers' manual with classroom exercises, lesson plans, quizzes, and exams
- a list of communication goals and key structures for each lesson allowing the student to assess progress
- cultural notes explaining the context of the dialogues
- language FAQs explaining aspects of Chinese language as they relate to the content and vocabulary in the lesson
- storyline following a group of students studying in China from Europe, North America, and East Asia, making the book attractive to a variety of students and facilitating the introduction of Chinese culture
- full-color text design for the simplified character textbook and carefully matched designs for the traditional and simplified books, allowing for easy cross-reference

*Workbook 1* is designed to accompany *Textbook 1* lesson by lesson, and offers exercises for homework, independent study and classroom use. Each lesson focuses on the skills of listening and speaking as well as reading and writing. The book contains pronunciation practice, structure drills, listening exercises, and practice of characters, structures and communication.