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Chinese

"The key point is not how many languages you speak but what language it is. When interested in learning a foreign language, particularly in terms of its culture and history, you will need to consider what this language brings to you in the future. In other words, what the benefit and potential of learning this language will be to you? Mandarin Chinese as the official language of China, and with over 800 million speakers is now the most widely used language in the world.

Since opening our doors to the world in the late 1970s, China's image and status have been significantly upgraded by outstanding economic growth through industry and tourism. Even greater increases in Chinese influence will be seen in the near future. Language skills in Mandarin Chinese will give you a competitive advantage in business and make you a confident traveller in our country. Are you ready to get a bit closer to the future?"

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Language Co-ordinator for Chinese

Why should you study Mandarin Chinese?

Students are introduced to Mandarin Chinese, also known as Pu Tong Hua (common speech), which is understood by all speakers of the language regardless of region. Prior knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is not required for our level 1 programme. In addition to teaching the script to ensure competence in reading and writing, our programmes provide a firm grounding in all language skills and will also ensure a high level of cultural competence. All our programmes are taught by highly qualified, experienced and dedicated staff, who are native speakers.

You can study Chinese as a Minor Subject in a BA Major/Minor degree:

- **BSc International Business with Language (/undergraduate/courses/business/international-business-lang.aspx)**
- **BA Modern Languages (/undergraduate/courses/lang/modern-languages.aspx)**
- **BA Modern Languages with Business Management (/undergraduate/courses/lang/mod-lang-business.aspx)**

You can take one of our Chinese courses or, if you are a student here, study Chinese as an MOMD:

- **Summer courses (/facilities/cml/summer/index.aspx)** - a great way of trying out a new language from scratch or coming back to a language you have studied previously. There are no assessments and no books to buy, just lots of language practice in small groups.
- **Open Access (/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/index.aspx)** - available for all who wish to study a language; students, staff, and members of the public.
- **Modules Outside the Main Discipline (MOMD) (/facilities/cml/iwlp/momd/index.aspx)** - reserved for undergraduates who wish to take a language course as part of their degree
- **Free course (/facilities/cml/iwlp/free/index.aspx)** - for all full time undergraduate students who are not taking a language as a MOMD

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