

# MANDARIN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

SEP–DEC 2023 COURSE SCHEDULE | CONTINUING STUDIES | [www.langara.ca/cs/mandarin-school](http://www.langara.ca/cs/mandarin-school)

\* A 15% discount will be applied to registrations for those who have completed three or more Adult Mandarin Courses (via phone enrollment only).

\* No classes running during National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Sep 30-Oct 2) and Thanksgiving Day (Oct 07-Oct 09) long weekends unless otherwise noted.

## Adult Mandarin – Level 1

**\$275**

This beginners' course starts with an introduction of the Pinyin system, a tool for mastering the pronunciation of Chinese words. The next lessons present a variety of situations which students may encounter in their everyday lives, including meeting people, asking about jobs, talking about hobbies and favorite cuisines, and chatting about weather and activities. The lessons focus on demonstrating how Chinese speakers should interact in each context. Vocabulary and grammatical structures are carefully chosen to facilitate communication. Classroom interaction exercises operationalize learnings, and supplementary words or phrases equip students with the necessary resources to express themselves. Through reading cultural notes, students gain a better understanding of Chinese customs and language. The task-based homework exercises help students practice the skills needed in different social settings.

70117	SAT	16 SEP-09 DEC	0930-1200
70119	TUE	19 SEP-21 NOV	1830-2100
70120	THU	21 SEP-23 NOV	1830-2100

## Adult Mandarin – Level 2

**\$275**

This Level 2 course provides scenarios set in a wide range of locations where students are likely to use Chinese. These settings include the clinic, the airline counter, their college or language school, a Chinese supermarket, a Canadian clothing store, and during a rental home viewing. Content-based vocabularies are tailored for each location and scenario. Grammar sections focus on basic expressions; words and structures that are unique to Chinese also make appearances in this level. During interactive classroom exercises, students are asked to role-play scenarios which follow real life closely. In a series of brief sections on culture, students gain deeper insights on common Chinese words. Weekly homework exercises apply classroom learning to everyday situations students may encounter.

70121	MON	18 SEP-11 DEC	1830-2100
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## Adult Mandarin – Level 3

**\$275**

Lessons in this level begin to introduce presentations alongside conversation in the classroom. With a solid foundation from past levels, this class will acquaint students with a narrative style of speech when sketching persons and scenarios. At the same time, conversations for each lesson reflect the community life we all experience, such as volunteering, raising children, attending community-wide activities, having a yard sale, and adhering to local bylaws. The narrations demonstrate standard elements of writing, whereas conversations focus on interacting in an agreeable and culturally sensitive manner. Vocabulary at this level becomes more complex, with more contextual implications. Students will have opportunities to practice spoken Chinese in each lesson, including oral presentations and role-play.

70229	WED	20 SEP-22 NOV	1830-2100
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#### Adult Mandarin – Level 4

\$275

Level 4 focuses on the most cherished and significant holidays in Canada. During these holidays, at events, including Canada Day and the Lion Dance of Chinese Spring Festival, Canadians from different backgrounds and across the country congregate to celebrate and preserve our traditions. Not only is the holiday the dominant theme of each lesson, but holiday activities are also illustrated in detail, such as camping, parties, potlucks, and shopping. The lessons equip students with the necessary vocabulary and structures to describe their holiday celebrations through oral presentations. Each topic is presented in tandem with a reading passage closely related to the main text, with formal writing woven into the reading. The addition of formal writing prepares students for further newspaper readings and essay writings.

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THU

21 SEP-23 NOV

1830-2100

#### Adult Mandarin – Level 7

\$275

This course is for students with a range of vocabulary and good conversation skills, as the instructor will converse in Mandarin only. Through a series of essays and other activities, students expand their ability to read Chinese as well as improving verbal expression.

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WED

20 SEP-22 NOV

1830-2100 (Online)

#### Adult Mandarin – Level 8

\$275

This course is for students with good conversation skills and basic reading and writing ability. This in-depth study of selected readings includes well-known Chinese poetry, common expressions, and idioms. Students participate in composing short essays and presentations.

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SAT

16 SEP-09 DEC

0930-1200

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## How to Register

\*Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9am~4:30pm, Friday 9am~4pm, Saturday and Sunday closed.



#### CALL 604.323.5322

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