

COURSE CONTENT – M S CHINESE (MANDARIN) SHORT COURSE

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings and leave-taking Introducing oneself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Pinyin and 4 tones Pronouns <i>wǒ, nǐ, tā</i> Question words <i>ma, ne</i>
Countries and Nationalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiring about and stating nationality Exchanging phone numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question words <i>nǎ, nǎr</i> Negative adverb : <i>bù</i> Preposition <i>zài</i> Countries Numbers 1 - 10
Friends, Colleagues and family members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing friends and colleagues Introducing and talking about family Asking how old you are Talking about marital status and children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possessive particle : pronoun + <i>de</i> Number + Measure Word + Noun Number 1-100
Food, Drinks and Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordering and offering meals and drinks Making choices Expressing likes and dislikes using food vocabulary Understanding a Chinese menu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy expressions Question word <i>shénme</i> and question ending in <i>hǎo bù hǎo</i> Question pattern: A <i>háishi</i> B Verbs <i>yào, lái</i> Adverbs before verbs Phrases for expressing appreciation Vocabulary for Chinese dishes
Locations and Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about what there is in town, where it is and when it is open Asking how far somewhere is Asking the way More directions Getting help to understand/communicate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verb <i>yǒu/ méiyǒu</i> in the sense of 'to exist' or not Verb/preposition <i>zài</i> Time division during the day Simple directional complement Question phrase <i>Zěnme qù</i>
Shopping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying colours/ clothes/ fruits Asking 'how much', understanding prices and bargaining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Currency <i>units yuán/jiǎo/fēn</i> Verbs <i>xiǎng, yào</i> Adjectives before nouns
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booking accommodation and checking in Making requests when booking a hotel room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question words <i>shénme shíhou</i> Preposition <i>cóng...dào...</i> Days and dates Verbs <i>néng, kěyǐ</i>
Time and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding out travel times Buying tickets Asking about public transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question pattern <i>jǐ diǎn</i> Conjunction <i>huòzhě</i> Time words