## **Royal Holloway - Languages for All**

## **Chinese (Mandarin) Intermediate I Course**

Duration: 2 terms, 10 weeks per term, 40 hours of tuition.

Materials: Ding Anqi, Lily Jing, et al. Discover China (Student's Book II & Workbook II). Publisher: Macmillan

The course books are not a compulsory purchase and an online version and audio of the books are available. Additional materials will also be provided by the tutor in the class.

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Mandarin Chinese is the most widely spoken language today. So, it's not surprising that many people are looking to learn this language as an important route into commerce, politics or international relations. However, the study of this great language opens up a much broader world and a rich cultural heritage.

Overview of Course Contents	Course Objective and Target
<ul> <li>Revision and expansion</li> <li>Making everyday conversation</li> <li>Talking about people, hobbies, health, clothes and weather</li> <li>Expressing feelings, opinions and possibilities</li> </ul>	This course is aimed at students who have previously taken the Language for All Beginners course or completed 90 hours study of the language. This course focuses on communication and practices all four skills: writing, reading, listening and speaking.
<ul> <li>Identifying scenery and festivals</li> <li>Giving advice and suggestion</li> <li>Writing short essays</li> <li>Reading extracts from Chinese poetry</li> </ul>	<i>Discover China</i> takes a fresh approach. The focus is on communication and enables learners to make rapid improvements in the use of Chinese in day- to-day situations. By the end of this course students should feel confident communicating in everyday life, be able to read and write 450-600 Chinese characters. They should have a general understanding of Chinese history, culture and literature.
<ul><li>Revision and consolidation</li><li>HSK exam preparation</li></ul>	The students also have the opportunity to take HSK 2& 3 exam at RHUL or online at the end of the summer term.