



STUDY PROGRAMME

EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

ACADEMIC YEAR

2026-2027

SEMESTER

1 & 2

COURSE TITLE

Chinese

COURSE PROFESSOR

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N/A

NATURE OF COURSE (COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL)

Compulsory language course

ECTS CREDITS

4.5

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Chinese (& explanations in French)

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this beginner Chinese course is to reach an A1 level as defined by the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Students will learn the fundamental grammatical structures and syntax of modern Chinese. Additionally, there will be basic introductions to contemporary Chinese society related to the topics in the teaching materials.

At the end of this course, the student will be able to

- Understand familiar words and basic phrases about themselves, their family, and immediate surroundings when spoken slowly and clearly.
- Ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objectives tie in with the following learning outcomes of the programme **EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**:

2.7 The graduate is able to communicate in the foreign language followed as part of the curriculum according to the target level specified for that language course

3. COURSE CONTENTS

Please refer to the intranet course page for the complete course outline, which includes details of the individual sessions.



4. TEACHING METHOD

Regular attendance and active participation in class exercises are expected from students, along with the completion of required homework.

Instruction will cover the fundamental grammatical structures and syntax of modern Chinese. This course places a strong emphasis on developing listening and speaking skills. The classroom will feature extensive oral expression practice. Topics from the course materials will be supplemented with explanations about contemporary Chinese society and understanding Chinese culture. The class will also include training in written Chinese, with a small number of Chinese character writing practice and completion of some homework.

In this course, the use of generative AI (genAI) tools is strictly prohibited at all stages of the work process on the assignments. Failure to respect these rules will be considered academic misconduct in line with the Study Regulations (Section 4.4.). In addition, the use of (non-generative) AI-powered tools for grammar checking is not permitted.

The unjustified absence from coursework which counts towards the final mark will result in a mark of 0 for that specific assessment.

5. COURSE MATERIAL

Primary instructional content will be a combination of teacher-developed materials and the textbook "你说呀 (Ni Shuo Ya)" by Arslangul Arnaud, Lamouroux Claude, Pillet Isabelle, Didier, 2016, along with additional resources as necessary.

Learning materials for Chinese courses can be purchased at the college bookshop. Students should buy their materials before attending the first class.

6. EVALUATION

This course is assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis:

- Pass: no numerical mark is given, but the CEFR level achieved will be noted on the transcript.
- A numerical mark is given and noted on the transcript, and it will be considered for any compensation calculation.

The mark is composed of the following elements:

- continuous assessment throughout the course (50%)
- final examination at the end of the course (50%): written exam of 2h

In case of a second-session resit, the written exam(2h) will account for 100% of the final mark.