



# CHN 148

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is a beginners' Chinese course intended for students with a Chinese heritage background and those who have some prior basic knowledge of the Chinese language. This unit introduces students to the sound system, the writing system, basic structures, language functions, and cultural knowledge.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.

Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate

meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.

Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.

Spoken Interaction: Able to speak with correct tones. Interact in a simple way but communication is dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, to accomplish specific communication tasks on familiar topics.

Spoken Production: Able to produce simple sentences, short dialogues and paragraphs about familiar topics.

## General Assessment Information

Indicative examples of assessment tasks will be available on iLearn.

### Late Assessment Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

For information on Special Consideration policy please see under Policies and Procedures in this guide.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#"><u>Language study orientation</u></a>	5%	No	Week 2
<a href="#"><u>Participation</u></a>	5%	No	Throughout the semester
<a href="#"><u>Online vocabulary Quiz</u></a>	10%	No	Week 2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12
<a href="#"><u>Written assignments</u></a>	20%	No	Week 5, 7, 9 and 11
<a href="#"><u>Mid-semester in class test</u></a>	20%	No	Week 7
<a href="#"><u>Group oral presentaion</u></a>	10%	No	Week 8
<a href="#"><u>Dictations</u></a>	10%	No	Week 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12
<a href="#"><u>Final in class test</u></a>	20%	No	Week 13

## Language study orientation

Due: **Week 2**

Weighting: **5%**

Prepares students for university language study and the online environment. Pass/Fail.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.
- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.
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- Spoken Interaction: Able to speak with correct tones. Interact in a simple way but communication is dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, to accomplish specific communication tasks on familiar topics.
- Spoken Production: Able to produce simple sentences, short dialogues and paragraphs about familiar topics.

## Participation

Due: **Throughout the semester**

Weighting: **5%**

Internal Students: 5%

- This mark is decided by teaching staff based on students' contribution and active participation in class discussion and online activities.

External Students: 5%

- Record audio or video clips of you reading out aloud the textbook conversations then submit them on iLearn (at least three times throughout the semester). Please see iLearn for instruction on submission of the recording.
- [Zoom](#) web conference meetings will be organized to provide face-to-face meeting with teachers after students register their interests in the 1<sup>st</sup> week.
- Listening to the practical recordings, active participation in online activities and talking to

teaching staff at consultation hours are very important for all external students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.
- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.
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## Online vocabulary Quiz

Due: **Week 2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12**

Weighting: **10%**

Weekly online vocab quizzes on vocabulary, phrases and short sentences, only available to access at set time frame before practicals start, in order to prepare for the lessons to be learnt in practicals.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.
- Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.

## Written assignments

Due: **Week 5, 7, 9 and 11**

Weighting: **20%**

Four written assignments submitted on iLearn via Assignment box. Details will be available on iLearn.

- All assignments must be completed at the times set.
- Please note that 80% correctness of a **weekly grammar quiz (non-assessable)** will be the pre-condition to access to the assignment information. Details on iLearn can be found.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.
- Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.

## Mid-semester in class test

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

**The mid-term test covers a combination of listening, reading and writing skills.**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.
- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.
- Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.

## Group oral presentaion

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **10%**

In a group of 2-3, Students need to prepare a dialogue based on the content learnt in/outside of class and deliver it verbally without script. Detailed instructions are available on iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Spoken Interaction: Able to speak with correct tones. Interact in a simple way but communication is dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, to accomplish specific communication tasks on familiar topics.
- Spoken Production: Able to produce simple sentences, short dialogues and paragraphs about familiar topics.

## Dictations

Due: **Week 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12**

Weighting: **10%**

Weekly dictation throughout the semester.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.
- Spoken Interaction: Able to speak with correct tones. Interact in a simple way but communication is dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, to accomplish specific communication tasks on familiar topics.
- Spoken Production: Able to produce simple sentences, short dialogues and paragraphs about familiar topics.

## Final in class test

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **20%**

In class test for reading, writing and listening.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high

frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.

- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.
- Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.

## Delivery and Resources

### Required and recommended resources

Compulsory: *New Practical Chinese Reader Textbook 1 and Workbook1* (3rd edition). CDs are attached. DVDs can also be accessed on-line, but not downloaded.

Recommended: *The Chinese Language: Its History and Current Usage* is the recommended reading which is written by Professor Daniel Kane, the former head of Chinese studies at MQ. The Chinese Language is a brief introduction to the main characteristics of Chinese, written to be accessible to beginning students as well as anyone with a general interest in Chinese language and culture. Providing basic information such as where Chinese is spoken, the history and earliest written records, regional variations, and a description of the writing system.

#### Internal students

Students attend 2 x 2 hour sessions per week: first session Seminar, second session Tutorial. There are no lectures. Classes are scheduled on Mon for Seminar and Wed for Tutorial. Please go to eStudent to register in one of the classes on offer. The classes are streamed, which means you must attend the same 2x2 hour classes each week with the same group. If you have a clash and need to change classes, please speak to the teaching staff.

We recommend that you arrive on time so you do not miss out on important information given at the start of a class. We encourage students to come to as many classes as possible to facilitate the best learning experience possible.

#### External students

You should be committed to study the weekly content by following the instructions on iLearn within the week and finish the assessment online in the same week. This will keep you on track in this very intensive course.

External students will need to have access to a webcam, headphones as well as a microphone for use during recording with *Zoom* which they can download for free from the internet. We recommend you use **Firefox** which has been reliable with respect to media files used in the course. The correct functioning of internet connection and network is the student's sole responsibility.

Information on Zoom web conferencing tool for external students is available at <http://www.mq.edu.au/iLearn/zoom.htm>. External students are required to get familiar with this tool and install it to



your study device by week 1, e.g. your computer or iPad.

### All students

Those unable to attend assessments (tests) due to illness or other valid reasons should notify their teachers. Then, having collected the relevant documentation such as a medical certificate, they should make [an application for Special Consideration](#).

IT and iLearn assistance is available via the iLearn login page or by clicking on the words "Help me" under the iLearn logo at the top right hand side of every iLearn window.

Please note that replies to e-mails will be automatically directed to the account they were sent from. All new threads will be sent to your University account where you are free to supply the e-mail address of your choice. You are encouraged to use the University account rather than a private e-mail account and to check this account regularly for announcements and emails from the teaching staff.

## TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

### Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: <http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/> to check when your online unit will become available.

### Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient. [See additional specific information for this unit above]

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn by the end of Week 1 and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package prior to Week 2.

Please contact your course convenor **before** the end of **Week 1** if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- For central technical support go to: [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/)
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students>

## Unit Schedule

Please check ilearn for more information.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](https://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

- Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.
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### Assessment tasks

- Language study orientation

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- Final in class test

## Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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## Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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## **Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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## **Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcome**

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## Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcome

- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.

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## Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

- Reading: Recognise Pinyin with tone marks. Understand short, simple texts (read or unread) related to familiar topics in Chinese characters, picking up familiar and high frequent phrases and structures, understand cultural differences in written texts.

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## **Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens**

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

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- Listening: Distinguish different meanings according to different tones. Understand speech that is slow and carefully articulated, with pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning, on familiar topics. understand cultural differences in speech.



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- Spoken Production: Able to produce simple sentences, short dialogues and paragraphs about familiar topics.

## Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### **Learning outcomes**

- Writing: Able to hand write characters in the correct order, and type characters in computer as required Construct simple sentences, short dialogues and passages on familiar topics.
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