

LCHIN1700

2013-2014

Modern Chinese advanced level

9.0 credits	120.0 h	1+2q
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Teacher(s):	Du Xiaofei ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites :	This course is for any learner who has taken the intermediate course at the ILV or who has taken an equivalent course at another institution.
Main themes :	The course covers various topics such as : reading Chinese legends, knowledge of Chinese culture and traditions, discovering historical sites and monuments, interviews, etc. Course activities cover the following:
	Translation of sentences using correct grammar
	Active use of vocabulary (questions and answers)
	Group discussion of everyday topics
	Reading long authentic texts
	Reading aloud texts studied in class
	Extension of vocabulary of synonyms and antonyms
	Comprehension of a video conversation between Chinese people
	Creating short talks
	Learning Chinese games and songs
	Video-conference with Chinese people (if possible)
Aims :	By the end of the course, the student should have acquired:
	An active knowledge of +/- 1 000 ideograms plus a passive knowledge of several hundred others
	The essential modern grammar structures
	A very extensive vocabulary and basic writing skills
	The ability to understand native-speaker conversations even when accents differ slightly from Mandarin
	The ability to understand the gist of video clips presenting the daily life of Chinese people
	The ability to write about given subjects
	The ability to read texts on a wide variety of topics
	The ability to discuss various topics with Chinese people and speak fairly fluently
	The ability to translate sentences with typical Chinese grammar structures and vocabulary The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	Regular consolidation and revision exercises.
	General revision at the end of the year
	Final exam : 60% oral, 40% written Students have to obtain 12/20 to be awarded a certificate.

Teaching methods :	The approach is varied: unseen texts, listening exercises, visual aids, recordings, comic strips, videos etc. Each lesson will have a theme, sometimes a very broad one, of Chinese culture, traditions, history, language, legends etc, and very specific points of grammar (time-measure complements, directional complements, correlative adverbs, passive particles, relative clauses etc) Each 4-hour lesson is made up as follows: 60% oral, 40% written work. Active learning and memorization of ideograms has to be done at home.
Content :	The course aims to enable students to speak the Chinese language fluently and understand it well. It enables them to read texts on various subjects with the aid of a dictionary, and to write texts themselves. In addition, the most important aspects of grammar and the grammatical and lexical particularities of Chinese are studied, enabling students to continue their study of the language autonomously after the course.
Bibliography :	There are 2 volumes of course notes to accompany the course: one contains ideograms and one the course notes as follows:
Other infos :	The teacher can be consulted during her office hours during the whole academic year Non-UCL students who take the end-of-year exam will receive an ILV certificate Level B1(+) or B2 of the 'Common European Framework of Reference for Languages' Possibility to do a summer language course in Beijing (80 hours of lessons), costs to be borne by the student.
Cycle and year of study :	> Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies > Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies
Faculty or entity in charge:	ILV