

# University Language Scheme



## Reasons why you should learn Mandarin

Mandarin Chinese is the most widely-spoken language in the world; approximately 1,197,000,000 people speak Chinese, 14% of the global population.

As well as China, Mandarin is spoken in countries such as Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, the Philippines and Mongolia so if you do business in these countries then it would be beneficial to converse in their language.

It is good for business: Mark Zuckerberg is wowing audiences across the world with his new Chinese Skills, especially those important business executives in China. In fact, there are many top CEOs who speak Chinese as a second language.

Learning Mandarin is easier than you think: You do not have to worry about verbs! There are no verbs, no plurals, no tenses, no subject-verb agreement, and no conjugations. There are over 80,000 Chinese characters but generally only 3,500 are used in conversation. In fact, it could be regarded as a more logical language.

## Summary

As well as the reasons to learn Mandarin, it can actually be a lot of fun. The ULS has excellent Mandarin teachers dedicated to providing our students with a great learning experience.

## About Us

We are passionate about languages and cultural diversity. All our staff are highly trained language experts with native proficiency and years of experience in teaching languages at university level.

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