



Conversational Mandarin Chinese for beginners – Level 1

Wednesdays 6:45pm – 8:15 pm

March 31 – June 2, 2010 (10 week course)

Classes held at Clemens Mill Library, 50 Saginaw Pkwy.

The Confucius Institute (University of Waterloo) in partnership with Cambridge Libraries is offering a conversational Chinese course that will help people who have no previous knowledge of the Chinese language develop basic listening and speaking skills in Mandarin Chinese. Participants will be exposed to basic sentence patterns by engaging in simple dialogues using a Romanized spelling system which is easy to master. Qualified instructors are from Renison University College and Nanjing University, China. The class is intended for adults and children 13 years and older.

Registration deadline: Monday, March 29, 2010

Course fee: \$50.00

Complete and submit the registration form below. Register quickly as space in this class is limited!

REGISTRATION FORM:

Conversational Chinese – Level 1 for Beginners

Complete and submit registration form and payment by: **March 29, 2010**

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Payment by: cash cheque (*cheque payable to: Renison University College*)

Course fee: \$50.00 (*in cash or cheque only*)

Location of class: Clemens Mill Library

50 Saginaw Parkway,

Cambridge, ON

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Mail or hand-deliver your registration and payment to:

Cambridge Public Library

Attn: Betty Wilson

1 North Square,

Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K6

Confucius Institute

For more information on The Confucius Institute at the University of Waterloo (CI@UW) please go to:

www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/CI/index.shtml

For more information on this course contact:

Anthony Yao, Language Instructor 519-591-0513 or

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Conversational Mandarin Course Information

The 10-week course requires little time outside of the class. There is a textbook with a CD for sale for \$20.00, which is not essential for the course. The course covers real life situations such as greetings, introducing oneself and others properly, dining at a restaurant, socializing with a Chinese family, asking questions, expressing thoughts and opinions, etc.

The participants will benefit from the course in many ways:

- The course can be tailored to meet the needs of participants in formal, casual, or business environments.
- Chinese culture will be introduced and discussed in the class to assist participants in avoiding cultural misunderstandings. For example: when a Chinese host encourages the guest to have more food at a lunch/dinner, what does the host really mean? When a Chinese host apologizes for not providing the best food/facilities, how does the host expect the guests to respond? The course also covers positive/negative body language one would want to look for when communicating.
- Busy schedule? Can't make it to every class? Handouts are sent to participants who are unable to attend.
- As the instructor, I always make myself available to answer questions in and outside the class. This means the participants have an advisor for the language and business etiquette along the way.
- Signing up for the course with friends is a very effective way of learning the language because there will be more opportunities to practice.

Any questions? Please contact me through email or call Anthony at 519-591-0513.

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