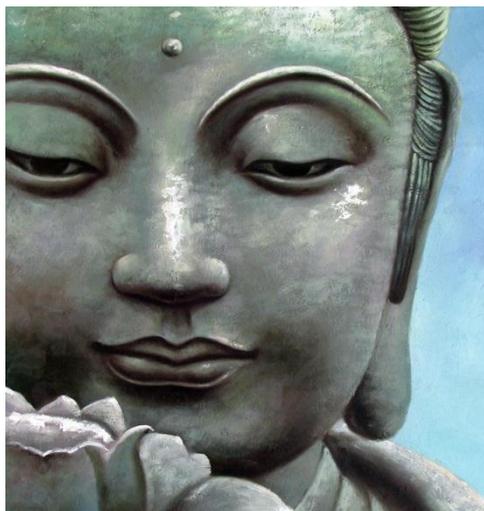


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Mandarin

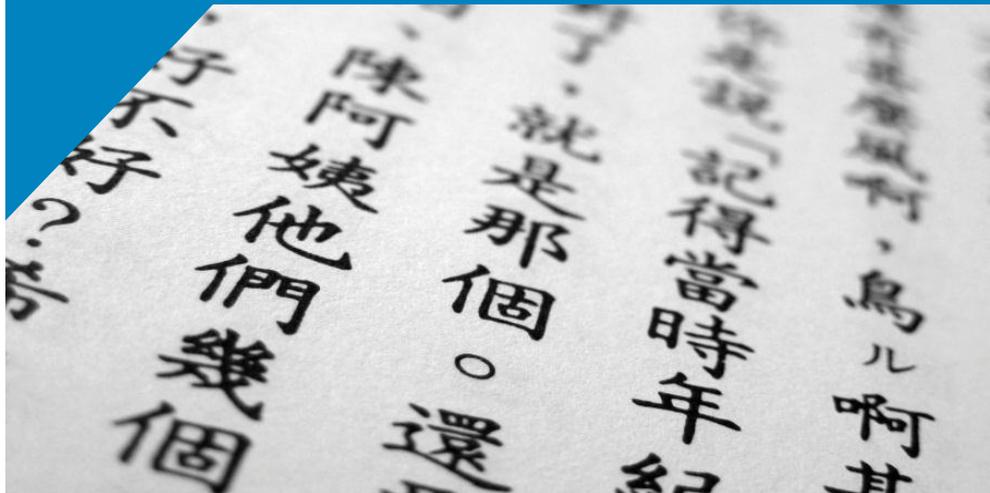
Learning another language has become increasingly important as people understand the importance of a second language in education, career and general everyday communication. Being able to communicate with others in their language helps diminish the communication barrier different languages can at times cause. Mandarin Chinese is spoken by more than one billion people around the world. Mandarin is the official language of Mainland China and Taiwan and is also widely spoken in Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Macau and Indonesia by people of Chinese origin who also speak Cantonese and Hokkien. Understanding Mandarin will allow you to communicate with most likely anyone in China and Taiwan.

Languages for All at Aston University

Aston University offers free language tuition for all eligible first year fee-paying undergraduates (*Subject to availability*)

- Learn Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese or Spanish
- Mandarin is available at beginners, intermediate and advanced level

Please read the Languages for All [Learning Agreement](#) available online before applying. The language course runs for the academic year; Part I runs from September to December and Part II runs from January to May. In second year eligible students can choose to progress onto the fee paying University Wide Language Programme offering the next level to their chosen language.



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Benefits of studying Languages for All Mandarin:

- Available free of cost to qualifying first year undergraduate students
- Available at three levels
- 75% of world's population don't speak English at all, knowing another language will help you communicate with others more effectively
- Linguists are highly desirable to companies dealing with International companies making you more employable
- Mandarin is spoken in many parts of the world
- A second language can help strengthen your communication skills
- Get a certificate at the end of the year after successfully completing the module and passing the assessments.
- Great for placement and graduate employment opportunities



What Level should you apply for?

Beginners	Modules are designed for those with no knowledge of the language
Intermediate	You will need some prior knowledge of the language, usually a GCSE pass at grade C or above.
Advanced	You will need a grade C or above in the same language at AS level, or an equivalent qualification

The Course Director will determine which level of study is appropriate for each student (beginners, intermediate or advanced) based on the information that you supply on your application form. However please note you may be required to take a test to check your language level.

Current Student Profile

Name: Miss Radhika Madlani

Degree: BSc Politics with International Relations (Maj/Minor)

Your experience: *"Studying a language is such a great opportunity, especially alongside a course like mine, where it's important to have a good global and cultural understanding of diversity, it's a valuable asset to possess. It provides that extra dimension of standing out from the crowd for job applications. Besides the employability benefits it is a fantastic change for the normal style of other academic subjects taught. The classes are very interactive, you get to make new friends and meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures. Also, I like the range of topics that are studied and the fact that we have to speak in language throughout the class, which really helps improve the understanding of the language »*



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