

## Elective Chinese for beginners

### „合抱之木，生于毫末“ 《老子》 第64章

„A huge tree grows from a tiny seedling.“ 《Laozi》 Chapter 64

#### **For all students M/DIS1&2, 3&4, M5&6, IB1&2**

Chinese is the most spoken language in the world, rich in culture and 5000 years old. Thanks to the rapid upswing of the Chinese economy, it is becoming increasingly important. If you are interested in one of the oldest advanced civilizations in the world or would later like to work in the economic sector, there are good reasons to get to know this language better.

Since China has taken a major role in the global economy, the demand for Chinese-skilled professionals has increased enormously. For students entering the labor market in the future, it is therefore vital to become familiar with Chinese language and culture.

This course introduces modern Chinese, the so-called Mandarin or Putonghua. After a brief introduction to Pinyin transcription and pronunciation, grammatical foundations and a basic vocabulary will be worked out through everyday dialogues. The Chinese characters will be gradually learned based on the Radicals and single-component Characters. In addition to the systematic learning of the language: pronunciation, writing, vocabulary and grammar, the course covers also the topics about Chinese culture, society and history.

At the end of the course, you will be able to understand and use simple Chinese phrases, meet basic needs for communication and possess the ability to further your Chinese language studies.

**Start on a fantastic journey of Chinese learning!**

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