This course has been based on Palgrave Macmillan’s Mastering Chinese book and audio. The book is available from the library. However we recommend that you buy your own copy so you can review things from home. The audio files are available via our Sony SansSpace Language learning facility.

Mastering Chinese is the most comprehensive Chinese language book we have here at BU and covers all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as putting significant emphasis on pronunciation. You can use the book to focus on speaking and listening only or you can decide to try to learn to write and read Chinese characters as well. Depending on how you wish to use the book will of course have an effect on how quickly you progress through the book. This Self-Managed Learning Guide is divided into sessions and each session points you to a unit in the book and describes the language topics that you will be practising. It may be that the sessions will take more than 2 hours to complete but do not worry about this just go at your own pace and use the book to study the elements of the language which you are most interested in.

Mastering Chinese is your “Core Activity”.

In addition to the book and audio we have included some additional audio files and transcripts from the accompanying website. http://www.palgrave.com/modernlanguages/xiang/. We have referred to this section as “Additional Materials.” In SansSpace the files have been downloaded into the appropriate session folders however you can also access them from the links in this document.

Enjoy your language learning! Don’t forget that regular study is the key. You should aim to do 2 hours per week minimum, preferably in small, manageable “chunks”. Set yourself realistic targets and take every opportunity to practise what you have learned. Join the Conversation Club for Mandarin Chinese.
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Modification of tones | MASTERING CHINESE  
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| 2       | Saying hello, goodbye and thank you.  
Titles  
Times of the day  
Writing basic strokes | MASTERING CHINESE  
Unit 1 - Getting started | Transcripts and additional audio  
http://www.palgrave.com/modernlanguages/xiang/ |
| 3       | Greetings, nationalities, jobs & simple adjectives.  
Recognising and writing characters | MASTERING CHINESE  
Unit 2 - Greetings and Introducing yourself | Transcripts and additional audio  
http://www.palgrave.com/modernlanguages/xiang/ |
| 4       | Family members, question words.  
Basic structures of Chinese characters | MASTERING CHINESE  
Unit 3 – Introducing family and friends | Transcripts and additional audio  
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Recognising and writing the characters for numbers | MASTERING CHINESE  
Unit 4 – Numbers | Transcripts and additional audio  
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|           | http://www.palgrave.com/modernlanguages/xiang/  
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|           | Reading a menu.  
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|           | Asking for and giving directions  
|           | Reading a map  
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|           | Unit 9 – Transport and directions  
|           | Transcripts and additional audio  
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|           | Making requests  
|           | Describing past events  
|           | Using simple narrative.  
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