

NORTHWEST CHINA COUNCIL CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES Summer 2026

The China Council is offering 8 weeks of Mandarin Chinese language classes in Summer 2026 for students of all ability levels. Classes are small and fun, with lots of speaking and individual attention. Students learn the Pinyin phonetic writing system and Chinese characters (including handwriting and computer typing using the Pinyin input method). For intermediate students, classes aim to develop advanced proficiency in Chinese. Chinese culture is introduced at all levels. Willow Zheng, a native Mandarin speaker with 27 years of experience teaching Mandarin as a second language, teaches all classes. Except where necessary (at the beginning), classes are conducted in Mandarin, which is very beneficial for listening comprehension. We use the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines to help students use the language in real-world contexts, and we discuss Chinese culture and customs in our classes for students planning to travel to Mandarin-speaking countries.

Classes are via Zoom meetings

Integrated-Chinese-3rd-edition Textbooks, workbooks, character workbooks, and CDs are available for purchase online (e.g., cheng-tsui.com, amazon.com, powells.com)

Email the teacher Willow Zheng (nwchina@yahoo.com) or the NWCC Office (info@nwchina.org) if you have any questions or to register for a class. For more information, or to register, please visit: www.nwchina.org

Foundations of Mandarin -- Thursdays, June 18 – Aug 6, 3:30- 5:00 PM

This class is for students with no prior Chinese learning experience. Students learn the Chinese pinyin phonetic system, character recognition, writing, and pronunciation; the class focus is on establishing good speaking habits, using correct tones, and carrying on basic conversation. We also focus on beginning character recognition, writing, and typing Chinese characters using the computer. The theme of the class: Greetings; simple introduction, family, using numbers, and inviting someone to dinner. Text: Integrated Chinese, Level I, Part I. Class starts with Introduction

Beginning Mandarin I – Thursdays, June 18 – Aug 6, 7:00-8:30 PM

Class is for students who have basic knowledge of the Chinese pinyin phonetic system, character writing, and pronunciation. Class starts with review -Level I Part One Review lesson 3.

Beginning Mandarin II – Mondays, June 22 – Aug 10, 7:00-8:30 PM

Class is for students who have basic knowledge of the Chinese pinyin phonetic system, character writing, and pronunciation. Class starts with review -Level I Part One Review lesson 6.

Beginning Mandarin III – Tuesdays, June 16 – Aug 4, 5:15-6:45 PM

Class is for students who have basic knowledge of the Chinese pinyin phonetic system, character writing, and pronunciation. Class starts with review -Level I Part One Review and lesson 8.

Beginning Mandarin IV – Mondays, June 15 – Aug 3, 5:15-6:45 PM

Class is for students who have basic knowledge of the Chinese pinyin phonetic system, character writing, and pronunciation. Class starts with review -Level I Part One Review and lesson 11.

Intermediate Mandarin I – Tuesdays, June 23 – Aug 11, 7:00-8:30 PM

Class is for students who have an intermediate level of knowledge in listening, speaking, correct pronunciation, and character writing / typing. Class starts with review -Level I Part Two Review and lesson 13.

Advanced Mandarin--- Thursdays, June 18– Aug 6, 5:15 – 6:45 PM

Class is for students who have advanced skills in listening, speaking with good pronunciation, conversation, and

character writing. Text: Integrated Chinese, Level II, Part One. Class starts with a review -Lesson 3

For questions about the textbook for new students, contact Willow.

Class starts with a review and continues from where you stopped in Spring 2026 for returning students.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

The cost of Summer 2026 classes is \$144. Late payment, please add \$25. (Payment received before 9AM of your first class will count as Pre-registration).

Membership in the Northwest China Council is required to register for classes. One-year Membership is \$50 for individuals, \$75 for families, and \$10 for full-time students with ID. Corporate memberships are also welcome!

CANCELLATION POLICY: Full refund, less \$35 cancellation charge, up to and including the day after the first-class session at 5 PM. No refunds thereafter. Beginner's class only

NORTHWEST CHINA COUNCIL LANGUAGE CLASSES
Summer 2026 中文课 Registration Form

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please register me/us for the following:

_____ Foundations of Mandarin ---Thursdays, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

_____ Beginning Mandarin I --- Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

_____ Beginning Mandarin II --- Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

_____ Beginning Mandarin III --- Tuesdays, 5:15 - 6:45 PM

_____ Beginning Mandarin IV--- Mondays, 5:15 -6:45 PM

_____ Intermediate Mandarin I --- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM

_____ Advanced Mandarin --- Thursdays, 5:15 – 6:45 PM

Textbook: Integrated Chinese Level I, Part I Textbook, Workbook, CD (**3rd edition**)

Registration fee:

Class \$ _____ Late Fee \$ _____ (\$25 if registering late)

Membership in Northwest China Council \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please register and pay online at nwchina.org/2026-summer-language-classes

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