



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is your course structure?

Academic year package:

- 20 weeks of two-hours per week for a total of 40 hours.
- A typical academic year package lesson will be divided into four parts:
 - 1/4 of time for current affairs discussion (key words will be recorded for students);
 - 1/2 of time for new vocabulary;
 - 1/8 of time for creative writing/communication;
 - 1/8 of time for revision

Summer course package:

- 10 weeks of two-hours per week for a total of 20 hours.
- A typical summer course package lesson will have the same structure as the academic year package lessons.

In-company training:

- Please write to Dr Hong Lu for further information (h.lu1@lse.ac.uk).

2. What is the procedure for applying to a CIBL course?

If you are an LSE student, please make an appointment with Dr Hong Lu for a language assessment.

- After your assessment please pay the course fees to the LSE Confucius Institute for Business London.
- We shall then, according to your language level and timetable place you in an appropriate class.

If you are interested in a CIBL course but are not an LSE student, please contact Dr Hong Lu directly at h.lu1@lse.ac.uk or at 07876441118 to arrange a time for a language assessment.

3. Apart from teaching, what other China related events do you offer?

Term-time regular events

- Chinese Film Nights; on Fridays.
- Lunchtime Chinese Club; on Wednesdays at 1-2pm; held either on campus or at a company.



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- Public lectures on China; given by distinguished speakers from LSE, Chinese companies and from China.

Other events

- Chinese festivals.
- Business Chinese writing competition.
- Chinese Talent Show.
- Chinese Speech competition.

4. What sets CIBL courses apart from those offered by other organizations?

- Flexible scheduling to meet your needs.
- Small class sizes (about 10).
- Professional teaching team with experience of in-company training for top firms such as HSBC, Ernst & Young and Norton Rose.
- A direct link to Tsinghua University (Beijing) – study aboard programmes.
- Tailor-made materials ranging from specific terminologies in different fields to Chinese business culture, business news to Chinese wisdom stories, Chinese songs and poems
- If you miss a lesson we provide additional (free-of-charge) catch-up lessons and learn online.
- Chinese culture and networking events (Film night, Chinese club, China related public lectures, China development Forum, Chinese festival events, Chinese culture talks).

5. What textbooks do you use?

We use textbooks written by our team for different levels and the class structure is only loosely based around the textbooks'. "London Business Chinese Book 1-6" and "Chinese Business Culture"

6. What is your class size?

Around 10, the maximum is 12.

7. Do I need to take an exam?

Yes. The final grade is made up of 3 parts:

- 50% continued assessment (including participation and attendance record).
- 30% oral test/presentation at the end of the year.
- 20% final exam.

We also encourage students to take the HSK Chinese Proficiency Test. The CIBL offers both teaching for students taking the HSK and is a registered testing location. We are also an official

HSK examination centre.



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8. What kind of certificate will I get?

The joint certificate will be awarded by Tsinghua, LSE and the Confucius Institute Headquarters upon successful completion of a CIBL programme.

9. Do you have a study abroad trip in China?

Yes, we do. The Tsinghua Summer Programme (Beijing) is an ideal course for those who would like to spend time in China to learn Chinese. Please ask Ms. Yuan Li for detailed information (y.li35@lse.ac.uk).

10. How do I pay for a course?

- For term-time group classes: fill in the registration form and pay directly to the LSE Language Centre.
- For other classes: we accept cheques (payable to LSE) or online payment at http://eshop.lse.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?modid=1&prodid=396&deptid=215&compid=1&prodvarid=0&catid=123

11. What if I miss a class due to a business trip or for other reasons?

- Make an appointment with your teacher and we will offer a catch-up lesson.
- We also have a revision session at the beginning of each class.
- Teaching handouts will be kept for all students.
- A video recording of the classes can also be arranged.

12. Do you have scholarships for studying Chinese?

Yes. We have Chinese government scholarships, Confucius Institute scholarships (provided by the Confucius Institute Beijing Headquarters) as well as our own Confucius Institute for Business London scholarships. The application procedure changes slightly every year, so please ask Dr Lu for updated information (h.lu1@lse.ac.uk).

13. Do you run the HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test)?

Yes. All of our courses are taught under HSK and European Framework of Mandarin guidelines. We help our students to prepare for HSK exams. We also run an HSK test centre at the CIBL when we have a sufficient number of people.

14. Where can I find more information about the different course packages?

Information about the six course packages available can be found here:
<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/language/Projects/confuciusInstitute/>