

# SYLLABUS BEGINNER LEVEL A1

## COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS

- Greeting people
- Introducing oneself and others
- Asking about personal information (age, job, telephone number, address) - Being formal and informal
- Talking about family
- Asking and telling the time
- Time expressions
- Talking/asking about your work and leisure time
- Talking about your daily routine
- Talking about skills
- Describing a place
- Express wishes
- Buying and asking prices
- Talking about the simple present and the simple past

## GRAMMAR POINTS

- Initials and Finals of Chinese Pinyin, tones, Chinese syllables, rules of Pinyin
- Interrogative pronouns (what, which, where, who, whose, when, how much, how)
- Interrogative sentences with "ma"
- Structural particle "de"
- Interrogative particle "ne"
- Numbers below 100
- "le" indicating a change, indicating occurrence or completion
- Interrogative phrase "duo + da"
- Modal verbs: "be able to, would like to, can"
- Sentences with a verbal predicate, adjectival predicate, nominal predicate
- Sentences with a serial verb construction
- Measure words
- Expression of the amount of money
- "zai" as verb and preposition
- "you" sentence: indicating existence
- Imperative sentences with "qing"
- Time word used as an adverbial
- Sentences with a subject-predicate phrase as the predicate
- Modal particles: "ba", "ah"
- Structure "shi ... de": used to emphasize time, place or manner
- "zai ... ne" used to indicate an action in progress

## **VOCABULARY**

- The class will work on the following semantic areas: greetings, nationalities and origins, languages, age, family members, date expressions (months, dates, days of the week), city locations, animals, summaries of money, hours, professions and places of work, food and drink, colors, places of interest of the city and roads, transportation, time, vacations and leisure, daily activities.

## **ABILITIES**

During this course the 4 language abilities (listening, speaking, reading and writing) will be practiced in order to reach the A1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, and possess all the necessary competence to face the first level of Chinese exam HSK 1: (汉语水平考试 Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) - the Linguistic Competency Certification of the Chinese Ministry of Education.

- Produce self-presentation
- make a daily conversation
- Recognize 150 words written in Chinese characters
- Write short mail to present oneself and ask for information

## **TEXTBOOKS**

- HSK Standard Course 1 Textbook ( in cinese ed inglese ), Confucius Institute Headquarters Hanban, 2014
- HSK Standard Course 1 Workbook ( in cinese ed inglese ), Confucius Institute Headquarters Hanban, 2014
- Grammatica di cinese moderno, Cafoscarina, Abbiati Magda, 1998.

Please note that all the grammatical structures, communicative functions and vocabulary listed above can vary from class to class.