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The Profile

The APEC Checklist for Chinese Language Programs will meet the learning needs of all kinds of people focusing on academic study, general conversation, special purposes (Business Chinese, Chinese for Travel and Tourism, primary and secondary school Chinese), teacher training and scholarships. Learning methods are face-to-face and online learning. The factors in the checklist can be used to evaluate Chinese language programs to make the best choices for Chinese language study.

There are two distinct characteristics of our Checklist:

Panoramic Overview: one can have a panoramic overview of various kinds of Chinese Language Programs, both face-to-face and online learning, and get a brief introduction to them.

Syndrome / whole course guiding: based on the items above, you can find more details such as how a program runs, what are the steps for starting a program, etc.

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Face to face

1. Academic Study

1) Pre-academic Training

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp/>

Peking University (PKU)

<http://www.pku.edu.cn/>

Tsinghua University

<http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/qhdwzy/index.jsp>

2) Undergraduate Majors

a. Chinese language

BEIJING

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp/>

Renmin University of China

<http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/>

Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE)

<http://en.cufe.edu.cn/>

Beijing Normal University (BNU)

<http://www.bnu.edu.cn/bnueng/index.html/>

Beijing Foreign Studies University

<http://www.bfsu.edu.cn/>

University of International Business and Economics

http://www.uibe.edu.cn/upload/uibe_eng/Home.htm/

SHANGHAI

East China Normal University

<http://www.ecnu.edu.cn/english/>

Fudan University

<http://www.fudan.edu.cn/englishnew/>

TIANJIN

Nankai University

<http://60.28.145.113/english/>

Henan Province

Xinyang Normal University

<http://210.43.24.4/english/index.htm/>

Heilongjiang Province

HeiLongJiang University

<http://210.46.97.15/>

Shandong Province

Shandong Normal University

<http://www.sdnu.edu.cn/esdnu/index.htm/>

Jiangsu Province

Nanjing University

<http://www.nju.edu.cn/cps/site/njuweb/fg/index.php/>

Nanjing Normal University

<http://english.nnu.cn/>

Zhejiang Province

Zhejiang University

<http://www.zju.edu.cn/english/>

Fujian Province

Xiamen University	http://www.xmu.edu.cn/english/
Guangdong Province	
Sun Yat-sen University	http://www.sysu.edu.cn/en/index.html
Jinan University	http://www.jnu.edu.cn/
Sichuan Province	
Sichuan University	http://www.scu.org.cn/home/home.asp
Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region	
Xinjiang Agricultural University	http://www.xjau.edu.cn/

b. Chinese Culture

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)	http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp
Beijing University of Technology (BJUT)	http://www.bjpu.edu.cn/

3) Master's Degrees

a. Economics

Peking University (PKU)	http://www.pku.edu.cn/
Tsinghua University	http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/qhdwzy/index.jsp/
University of International Business and Economics (UIBE)	http://www.uibe.edu.cn/
Central University of Finance and Economics	http://www.cufe.edu.cn/

b. Law

China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL)	http://www.cupl.edu.cn/
Peking University (PKU)	http://www.pku.edu.cn/
Renmin University of China	http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/

c. Medicine

Peking University (PKU)	http://www.pku.edu.cn/
Fudan University	http://www.fudan.edu.cn/englishnew/

d. Journalism

Communication University of China (CUC)	http://www.cuc.edu.cn/en/index_en.htm/
Renmin University of China	http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/

e. International Relations

China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU)	http://www.cfau.edu.cn/cfauEN/index.html/
Peking University (PKU)	http://www.pku.edu.cn/

f. Music

Central Conservatory of Music (CCOM)	http://en.ccom.edu.cn/
Beijing Normal University (BNU)	http://www.bnu.edu.cn/bnueng/index.html/

g. Art

Tsinghua University <http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/qhdwzy/index.jsp/>

Beijing Normal University <http://www.bnu.edu.cn/>

4) Doctorates

a. Economics

Peiking University (PKU) <http://www.pku.edu.cn/>

Tsinghua University <http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/qhdwzy/index.jsp>

University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) <http://www.uibe.edu.cn/>

Central University of Finance and Economics <http://www.cufe.edu.cn/>

Beijing Normal University <http://www.bnu.edu.cn/>

Beijing Language and Culture University
<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp/>

b. Law

China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) <http://www.cupl.edu.cn/>

Peiking University (PKU) <http://www.pku.edu.cn/>

Renmin University of China <http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/>

c. Medicine

Peiking University (PKU) <http://www.pku.edu.cn/>

Fudan University <http://www.fudan.edu.cn/englishnew/>

d. Journalism

Communication University of China (CUC) http://www.cuc.edu.cn/en/index_en.htm/

Renmin University of China <http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/>

e. International Relations

China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) <http://www.cfau.edu.cn/cfauEN/index.html/>

Peiking University (PKU) <http://www.pku.edu.cn/>

f. Music

Central Conservatory of Music (CCOM) <http://en.ccom.edu.cn/>

Beijing Normal University <http://www.bnu.edu.cn/bnueng/index.html/>

g. Art

Tsinghua University <http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/qhdwzy/index.jsp/>

Beijing Normal University <http://www.bnu.edu.cn/bnueng/index.html/>

Beijing Language and Culture University
<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp/>

2 . Learning Chinese for General Conversation

Nowadays, most universities in China can offer Chinese language training programs to those who want to learn Chinese for general purposes. Before choosing a university

to start learning Chinese, it is essential to know information related to the universities, such as the courses available, class size and classroom facilities, teaching methods, materials, tests to take, certificates offered, as well as campus life.

Important questions to ask

1) Universities

a. How many universities are relatively well-known and experienced?

Several universities enjoy a well-known reputation both at home and abroad, such as Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), Peking University (PKU), Beijing Normal University (BNU), People's University of China (RUC), Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), Dalian University for Foreign Languages, Heilongjiang University (HLJU), Shandong University (SDU), Xiamen University (XMU), and East China Normal University (ECNU).

Several of them started Chinese language training in the early 1960s. For example, BLCU and PKU have more than 45 years' experience in offering Chinese courses. BLCU is the only international university in China whose main task is the teaching of Chinese language and culture to foreign students.

b. What are the locations of these universities?

Some universities are located in large cities like Beijing and Shanghai while others are located in relatively smaller cities. Among the best-known universities, Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), Peking University (PKU), Beijing Normal University (BNU), People's University of China (RUC) and Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) are located in Beijing; Dalian University for Foreign Languages (DUFL) is located in Dalian in Liaoning province; Heilongjiang University (HLJU) is located in Harbin in Heilongjiang Province; Shandong University (SDU) is located in Jinan in Shandong Province; East China Normal University (ECNU) is located in Shanghai; Xiamen University (XMU) is located in Xiamen in Fujian Province.

c. Who is in charge of the universities?

The Chinese Ministry of Education runs these universities.

2) Courses

a. Which courses are available in these universities?

A variety of courses are available in these universities. According to the duration, there are 4 weeks, 5 weeks, 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 12 weeks, one semester, one year, two years and 4 years language training programs available in these universities. As to the hours when courses are held, there are standard courses (four hours per day and five

hours per day), and intensive courses (6 hours per day), from four weeks to one semester; depending on one's proficiency level, there are courses from beginning level to advanced levels.

b. What are the language teaching goals of the program?

The teaching goals and hours are different regarding different courses; students are grouped according to their Chinese level test results. The following table provides detailed information.

Program	Hours/Week	Goals
4 weeks	20	Improving spoken and written Chinese rapidly and laying a steady foundation for the next step.
4 weeks	30	Improving spoken and written Chinese rapidly and laying a steady foundation for the next step.
5 weeks	20	Improving spoken and written Chinese rapidly and laying a steady foundation for the next step.
6 weeks	20	Listening and spoken language can be rapidly improved. Basic language ability will be achieved.
8 weeks	20	Listening and spoken language can be rapidly improved. Basic language ability will be achieved.
12 weeks	20	Listening and spoken language can be rapidly improved. Basic proficiency can be achieved.
12 weeks	30	Listening and spoken language can be rapidly improved. Basic proficiency can be achieved. The achievement is equal to one semester in ordinary classes. Cultural activities are organized for practicing language skills in authentic situations once a week.
One semester	20	Listening and spoken language can be rapidly improved. Medium proficiency can be achieved. Cultural activities are organized for practicing language skills in authentic situations once a week.
One semester	30	The Program of the course is characterized by both high intensity and efficiency, with the focus on language skills and practical language use in communicative settings by providing plenty of practice in and out of classrooms. Cultural activities are organized for practicing language skills in authentic situations. Students are provided with a long-distance trip for language research and practice.

One year	20	Students can improve their Chinese communicative abilities and gain more knowledge about Chinese history and culture.
Two years	20	Students can improve their Chinese communicative ability and gain more knowledge about Chinese history and culture.
Four years	20	Students can skillfully use the Chinese language while speaking, reading, writing and translation, gain basic knowledge of Chinese language and grammar, learn professional theory and learn Chinese culture.

c. Which subjects will be covered in these courses?

Basically, the subjects include an integrated course, a speaking course, a listening course, and a reading or movie class for advanced learners. In addition, some programs also provide optional courses, such as Chinese Character Writing, Taiji, Phonetics, Business Chinese, etc. The College of Intensive Chinese Studies in BLCU involves a Language Practice Course as an important part of its Program. Every week, students have the chance to visit places such as the Great Wall and the Temple of Heaven, or do investigations at places like the post office. This enables the learners to practice Chinese in context and have a closer look at Chinese culture.

3) Students and Class Sizes

a. Where are the students from and how old are they?

The students come from different economies including Korea, Japan, Thailand, European countries, America, Canada, etc. Most students are between 20 and 40 years old.

b. How large are the classes?

Classes range from 10 to 20 students. Note: Optimal size for effective Chinese language instruction ranges from 6 to 40 students for high school students and 10 to 20 for adults.

The College of Intensive Chinese also provides special one-to-one classes to meet different needs of the learners.

4) Teachers

a. What are the credentials of the teachers?

More than 90% of teachers have a certificate for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language.

b. What about the teachers' teaching experience and how long have they been teaching in this program?

All teachers have a rich teaching experience; 90% of the teachers have been teaching for more than 5 years, and some of them for more than 20 years. Most teachers from BLCU have had teaching experience abroad.

Studies show that successful Chinese language instructors possess at least 3 years of teaching experience with students of a specific age group.

c. Are teachers native Chinese speakers with standard Mandarin?

All teachers are native speakers with standard Mandarin.

d. Are teachers bilingual?

Yes, most of the teachers have sufficient English or other foreign language skills, but the major instruction in class is in Chinese.

e. How many teachers are there in these universities?

It varies according to the scale of the university. There are more than 400 seasoned teachers in BLCU, 100 in PKU and BNU, and 60 in DUFL and HLJU.

5) Teaching Methods

a. Does the school/program match my learning style?

Yes, programs offered by these universities can well match a student's learning style. The experienced universities like BLCU have established sound curriculum systems and efficient teaching models.

b. What teaching technology is applied in everyday class instruction and in what way will it help improve students' learning performance?

Computers, TV, video, and recorders are usually used in class. These instruments can help enhance learning efficiency, improve students' listening and lecture abilities in a shorter time.

6) Teaching Materials

a. What are the language learning materials used?

There are various kinds of learning materials used in these universities, such as textbooks, tapes, DVDs, course wares, exercise materials, test papers and so on. Most learning materials are in line with the teaching approach and most authors are language teachers and experts working in these universities. Students from different economies are the target audience. The text materials and video clips are also

available for students after class.

Textbooks are the most important learning materials used in class and teachers use them to teach students as well as design examinations. Tapes and DVDs can help learners enhance their listening and lecture abilities. Course wares can enhance the learning efficiency and students' interest. Exercise materials can help students learn by themselves and review what they have learned. Test papers are used in examinations to check mastery of the material.

The following links present the materials published by these universities.



BLCU Press:

<http://www.blcup.com/view.asp?id=1>

Peking University Press:

<http://cbs.pku.edu.cn/scrp/bookcustomore.cfm?iSno=11>

7) Exams Preparation

a. What type of exams should I prepare for?

Besides the placement test at the very beginning, there are also a mid-term and a final test. The universities will organize students to take the proficiency tests. For example, BLCU provide all the training for HSK, BCT, YCT, and TCFL tests. Other universities provide training for HSK and BCT.

b. How many hours should I spend to prepare for the achievement tests?

Generally, 20 hours are required for test preparation.

8) Certificate

a. Which certificate can I get after the course?

You could get a formal certificate after completing the course.

9) Fees

a. What's the cost of the program?

Costs in BLCU:

Registration fee: 600 RMB/person

Tuition fee: 3500 RMB for 4 weeks, 20 hours per week
4200 RMB for 5 weeks, 20 hours per week
4800 RMB for 6 weeks, 20 hours per week
8300 RMB for 12 weeks, 20 hours per week
11600 RMB for one semester, 20 hours per week
5300 RMB for 4 weeks, 30 hours per week
12500 RMB for 12 weeks, 30 hours per week
19100 RMB for one semester, 30 hours per week
23200 RMB for one year, 20 hours per week

Tuition fee include the costs of classes, course materials, field trips, long distance trip, airport pick-up, etc.

A class “hour” is “50”minutes.

Costs in PKU:

Registration fee: 400 RMB/person

Tuition fee: 26000 RMB and 30000 RMB for one year, 20 hours per week

Tuition fee include the costs of classes, course materials, field trips, long distance trip, airport pick-up, etc.

A class “hour” is “50”minutes.

Costs in BNU:

Registration fee: 450 RMB/person

Tuition fee: 2700 RMB for one week, 20 hours per week
3320 RMB for two weeks, 20 hours per week
3800 RMB for three weeks, 20 hours per week
4700 RMB for four weeks, 20 hours per week
11600 RMB and 13050 RMB for one semester, 20 hours per week

Tuition fee include the costs of classes, course materials, field trips, long distance trip, airport pick-up, etc.

A class “hour” is “45”minutes.

Costs in DFLU:

Registration fee: 400 RMB/person

Tuition fee: 9750 RMB for one semester, 20 hours per week

Tuition fee include the costs of classes, course materials, field trips, airport pick-up, etc.

A class “hour” is “50”minutes.

Costs in HLJU:

Registration fee: 260 RMB/person

Tuition fee: 1500 RMB for one week, 20 hours per week

1900 RMB for two weeks, 20 hours per week

2300 RMB for three weeks, 20 hours per week

2700 RMB for four weeks, 20 hours per week

13000 RMB and 2100 RMB for one year, 20 hours per week

Tuition fee include the costs of classes, airport pick-up, etc. It does not include course materials, field trips, and the long distance trip.

A class “hour” is “45”minutes.

10) Others

a. Where do students live?

Typical housing arrangements for students from ages 18 to 60 include home stays, shared apartments, hotels, or college dormitories. For more information, please visit www.blcu.edu.cn; www.oir.pku.edu.cn; www.bnulxsh.com; www.dlscs.com; www.studyatlhju.com.

b. Can foreign students use public transportation?

Transportation is very convenient at many universities. For example, BLCU is close to the city rail system.

c. What type of visa do I need?

A student visa is needed for language studying in China. Students can get the form from universities or schools where they want to study. For more information, please visit www.blcu.edu.cn; www.oir.pku.edu.cn; www.bnulxsh.com; www.dlscs.com; www.studyatlhju.com.

d. What am I required to do in class?

Students are required to speak Chinese in class, and they can speak their own languages after class.

e. Do I have homework after class?

Generally, there is homework for students, but it can be finished it within an hour.

f. How long do I need to make progress?

Students needs more than 200 hours to achieve a basic level; 200 hours are required to

achieve higher levels.

g. Do the universities organize special activities for foreign students?

That depends on the university. BLCU regularly organizes various activities for international students, such as sports meetings, a New Year party and a good bye party.

3. Special Purposes

1) Company class

An intensive Chinese class is set up for students in company classes, with excellent teachers, special teaching materials and special tailor-made teaching management and new teaching modes are offered. Audio-lingual and communicative ability are the main focus in Curriculum Design. Following the Situational Approach and the Communicative Approach, some measures such as academic support activities and feedback will be used to improve the Chinese level and proficiency in the shortest period of time.

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp>

2) Business Chinese

Is designed for those who have learnt some Chinese and wish to do businesses in China. It also fits those foreign students majoring in economic and business.

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp>

University of International Business and Economics (UIBE)

<http://www.uibe.edu.cn/>

Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE)

<http://en.cufe.edu.cn/>

3) Chinese for Travel and Tourism

Is designed for travelers coming to China. Learners will soon master common expressions (boarding the plane, booking a hotel, shopping, ordering food, traveling around, sightseeing, etc.) that are especially useful.

Beijing Language and Culture University

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp>

4) Primary and Secondary School Chinese

Is designed for primary and secondary school students and even children in

kindergarten.

The Second High School Attached to Beijing Normal University

http://www.bjsdfz.com/default_en.html

The High School Attached to Tsinghua University

<http://www.qhfz.edu.cn/>

The Affiliated School of Beijing Foreign Studies University

<http://www.bwfx.com.cn/>

The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China (RDFZ)

<http://www.rdfz.cn/>

Tsinghua University Primary School

<http://www.qhfx.edu.cn/>

Experimental Primary School of Beijing Normal University

<http://www.eps.bnu.edu.cn/>

5) Medical Chinese

Is designed for those foreign students majoring in medicine who have learnt some Chinese.

Beijing Language and Culture University

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp>

Beijing Foreign Studies University

<http://www.bfsu.edu.cn/>

6) Chinese for Government Officials

Beijing Language and Culture University can serve the training needs of government officials.

4 . Training Courses for Foreign Teachers of Chinese Language

1) Types of Teacher Training

There are two types of training courses offered in China for foreign teachers of Chinese language:

a. Short term training courses aim at teaching theories and teaching skills training.

The training period is about 1-6 months long.

b. The Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL) aims at training high level, compound, and professional Chinese teachers who are experts in teaching Chinese as a Second Language. The course qualifies them to do multi-task teaching and helps improve their cross-culture communication abilities. The training course is about 2-3 years long.

Important questions to ask

What are the requirements for becoming a competent foreign teacher of Chinese (teachers who are teaching Chinese as a foreign language)?

To be a competent Chinese language teacher, you should meet the following requirements:

- a) Pass the TCFL tests which covers Chinese modern linguistics, ancient Chinese linguistics, Chinese culture, teaching Chinese as a second language theory.
- b) Pass Mandarin test at least at level three.
- c) A certification proving your English proficiency, at least equal to CET4.

2) Schools and Programs

Important questions to ask

a. How many training programs are there for foreign teachers of Chinese?

Overseas Chinese teacher training program

Mandarin Training Class for Chinese teachers from Hong Kong, Macao and Chinese Taipei

Chinese Language Teacher Training Course (short-term)

Chinese Language Teacher Training Course (Long-term)

The Training Course for TCFL Test

Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTCSOL)

b. How many schools can offer these teacher training programs?

The Teachers' Extensive Education Institute of Beijing Language and Culture University is the first professional training centre for foreign teachers of the Chinese language. It is under the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. The institute has organized over 200 classes and trained over 6000 foreign teachers of Chinese language from 50 economies and areas in the last 20 years.

c. What kinds of Training Programs for Visiting Teachers are available?

The Office of the Chinese Language Council International has set up this program to provide overseas TCFL teachers the chance to advance their research and study. The office also offers financial support for teachers involved in this program. The class size is about 15 students, 1-4 weeks long. The class could start at anytime of the year.

The following schools are included in this program:

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp>

Beijing Normal University (BNU)

<http://www.bnu.edu.cn/bnueng/index.html>

Capital Normal University (CNU)

<http://www.cnu.edu.cn/english/index.asp>

Peking University (PKU)

<http://www.pku.edu.cn/>

Renmin University of China / People's University of China (RUC)

<http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/>

d. How many schools can offer the program of Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTCSOL)

This program is planned for graduate students who are willing to teach Chinese as a second language and contribute to Chinese language development. Overseas foreign teachers of Chinese languages and graduate students are also accepted. This program is under the direction of the MTCSOL Direction Committee with its office situated in the Office of Chinese Language Council International. There are 24 universities involved in this program.

Beijing Language and Culture University

<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp>

Beijing Foreign Studies University (Beijing)

<http://www.bfsu.edu.cn/>

Beijing Normal University (Beijing)

<http://www.bnu.edu.cn/bnueng/index.html>

Capital Normal University (Beijing)

<http://www.cnu.edu.cn/english/index.asp>

East China University (Shanghai)

<http://www.ecnu.edu.cn/english/>

Fudan University (Shanghai)

<http://www.fudan.edu.cn/englishnew/>

HeilongJiang University (Heilongjiang)

<http://210.46.97.15/>

Huazhong Normal University (Hubei)

<http://www.ccnu.edu.cn/english/>

Huazhong University of Science and Technology (Hubei)

<http://www.hust.edu.cn/english/>

Jinan University (Guangdong)

<http://www.jnu.edu.cn/>

Jilin University (Jilin)

<http://en.jlu.edu.cn/>

Nanjing Normal University (Nanjing)

<http://english.nnu.cn/>
Nanjing University (Jiangsu)
<http://www.nju.edu.cn/cps/site/njuweb/fg/index.php>
Nankai University (Tianjin)
<http://60.28.145.113/english/>
Northeast Normal University (Jilin)
<http://www.nenu.edu.cn/EnglishWeb/>
Peking University (Beijing)
<http://www.pku.edu.cn/>
Renmin University of China (Beijing)
<http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en/>
Shandong University (Shandong)
<http://www.sdu.edu.cn/english/>
Shanghai International Studies University (Shanghai)
<http://language.shisu.edu.cn/>
Sichuan University (Sichuan)
<http://www.scu.org.cn/home/home.asp>
Sun Yat-Sen University (Guangdong)
<http://www.sysu.edu.cn/en/index.html>
Wuhan University (Hubei)
<http://www.whu.edu.cn/en/>
Yunnan Normal University (Yunnan)
<http://www.ynnu.edu.cn/>
Zhejiang University (Zhejiang)
<http://www.zju.edu.cn/english/>

Confucius Institutes

Confucius Institute is a non-profit public institute with a mission of promoting Chinese language and culture and supporting local Chinese teaching. It abides by the local laws and regulations and is subject to supervision and inspection from the local educational administrative authorities. There are 277 Confucius Institutes in the world now. This program provides training courses for overseas Chinese language teachers and holds tests for the Certification of Chinese Language Teachers.

3) Teachers and Courses

a. What courses do they provide?

There are two different types of courses, one is a theory course which includes vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, educational psychology, and Chinese culture; the

other is a practicing course which includes teaching technology of different courses and teaching designs. Please check the official application information for the schedule of different programs.

b. What are the qualifications of the teachers giving the courses?

The teachers who give the courses are experienced professors. They are leaders of TCFL in their research field, such as teaching technology, linguistics, educational psychology, language acquisition, etc. All the teachers in BLCU have overseas teaching experience and their own theory system in their fields.

c. Is there any online teacher training course?

Beijing Language and Culture University provides online courses. For information, please visit the official website: <http://www.eblcu.cn>.

d. How long are the courses, and when do they start?

Oversea Foreign teacher of Chinese Language training program

It is a 4-week program. There is a class starting on the beginning of every month beginning in May of each year.

Mandarin Training Class for Chinese teachers from Hongkong, Macao and Chinese Taipei

It is a 4-week program. There is a class starting on the beginning of every month beginning in May of each year.

Chinese Language Teacher Training Course (short-term)

There are 135 hours courses in total. The courses start on the beginning of March, July, September or December.

Chinese Language Teacher Training Course (Long-term)

The program lasts for a semester or a year. It starts on the beginning of March or September.

The Training Course for TCFL Test

The extracurricular class is 112 hours but the course lasts for three months. It starts in March or September. The normal class is 120 hours in total which lasts for a month. It starts in July or December.

Training Program for Visiting Teachers

It is a 4-week course. It starts at anytime of the year. Please check the application information of the place you wish to apply.

Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL)

It is a 2-3 year program depending on the school. It starts at the beginning of September.

Teacher training program in Confucius Institutes

Please check the application information of the place you wish to apply.

e. What is the cost of the training courses?

Overseas Foreign teacher of Chinese Language training program

This program is financially supported by the Office of Chinese Language Council International. No tuition needed.

Mandarin Training Class for Chinese teachers from Hongkong, Macao and Chinese Taipei

It is a government funded program. No tuition needed.

Chinese Language Teacher Training Course (Short-term)

The tuition is 4,050RMB.

Chinese Language Teacher Training Course (Long-term)

4,000RMB a semester (textbooks are not included).

The Training Course for TCFL Test

The tuition is 2,200RMB for extracurricular classes and 2,400RMB for normal classes.

Training Program for Visiting Teachers

This program is financially supported by the Office of Chinese Language Council International. No tuition and dormitory fees are needed.

Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL)

The tuition fee of this program is from 30,000RMB to 45,000RMB. The exact costs of different schools are updated according to their application information every year.

Teacher training in Confucius Institutes

There is no standard for the tuition of this program. It depends on the place. Please check the application information where you wish to apply.

4) Exams

a. What type of tests will be taken at the end of the term?

A written test, an oral test, a report of investigation, and a speech test can be employed for the final test for non-degree programs. Teachers will inform students of the test type in the course. Students of degree programs have to achieve certain scores for each course he/she studies, and needs to write a research report in his/her field. He/she will be granted the degree only if he/she gains all the scores and passes the thesis debate process.

b. What certification or proof can I get in the end of the term?

If you are a non-degree program student, usually you will receive a certificate of

study after finishing all the courses and passing all the tests. If you are a degree program student, you will receive a degree certification.

c. Does the school provide training courses for HSK, BCT, YCT and TCFL?

Universities provide test training courses according to its training programs. BLCU provides all four training courses, and many other universities provide HSK and BCT training courses.

5) Accommodations and Others

a. Where can I live?

You can apply for the dormitory on campus, or you can rent a house or a hotel room. Universities do not work with any agents. There is also a clinic, a bank branch, a post-office, grocery stores, and laundry facilities in and around the campus.

b. What and where can I eat ?

All the universities have student dining halls, and there are many restaurants around the universities. On campus, you can find various canteens offering Western food, Chinese food, fast food, and Islamic food.

c. Is there any sport facility in the universities?

All the universities have sport facilities for basketball, volleyball, football, table tennis, badminton and so on. In BLCU, the newly built gymnasium also includes a swimming pool, shaping center and bowling court. Certain universities like PKU also have tennis courts and baseball fields.

d. What type of visa do I need for the teachers' training course in China?

A tourist visa is accepted for short-term language study, which is less than 2 months. A study visa is required for programs longer than 2 months.

5. Scholarships for Foreign Students

1) Types of Scholarships for Chinese Study

There are 2 different types of scholarships that Chinese language students can apply for: Chinese Government Scholarships and Hanban Scholarships.

a. Chinese Government Scholarships

Chinese government has set up a series of scholarship projects to sponsor international students and scholars to undertake studies and research in Chinese institutions of higher education in the fields of education, science, culture, economy and trade between China and other economies. Here is some brief information about seven Chinese government scholarship programs:

Chinese Government Scholarship Program

The Chinese Government Scholarship program is a full scholarship program set up by the Ministry of Education of China (MOEC) for European youths. The purpose is to expand student exchanges between China and the European Union. Applicants may apply to the Mission of P. R China or to the European Union. No individual applications are accepted.

Study in Asia Scholarship Program

The Study in Asia scholarship is set up by the MOEC to stimulate the mobility of Asian students and scholars in Asian areas, to strengthen mutual understandings among people from Asian economies, to develop cooperation and exchanges in the field of education, and to promote the quality of Asian education. The China Scholarship Council administers the recruitment and the routine management of this program.

Chinese Government Scholarship Program

This program was established by MOEC in accordance with educational exchange agreements reached between the Chinese government and governments of other economies, educational organizations, institutions, and relevant international organizations to provide both full scholarships and partial scholarships to international students and scholars. This program supports students coming to study in China as undergraduates, postgraduates, Chinese language students, general scholars and senior scholars. Applicants may apply for the scholarships through the appropriate authorities, appointed institutions, or Chinese diplomatic missions in their home economies.

Short-term Scholarship Program for Foreign Teachers of the Chinese Language

This program was established by MOEC to sponsor international teachers of the Chinese language to provide short-term training and research opportunities in China. Applicants may apply to CSC through the Chinese diplomatic missions in their home economies or directly to CSC.

Chinese Culture Research Fellowship Program

This program was established by MOEC to sponsor overseas scholars and specialists of Chinese culture to conduct short-term research in China. Applicants may apply to CSC through the recommendation of pertinent Chinese institutions of higher education, authorities or the Chinese diplomatic missions in their home economies or directly to CSC.

The Great Wall Fellowship Program

This is a full scholarship program set up by MOEC for candidates recommended by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). General

scholars and senior scholars are eligible for scholarships. Applicants may apply to the UNESCO National Committee in the applicants' home economies.

Distinguished International Students Scholarship Program

This is a full scholarship program established by MOEC to sponsor outstanding international students who have finished their Bachelor's or Master's degrees in China and have been enrolled by designated Chinese institutions as Master's or Doctoral candidates or are now studying for their Master's or Doctorate degrees in those institutions. Applicants may apply to CSC for the scholarship through the recommendation of their host institutions.

b. Hanban Scholarships

Hanban (China National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language which is known as The Office of Chinese Language Council International) was established in 1987. The leading group of the office is composed of the leaders of 11 State Council departments. Hanban sponsors two types of Hanban Scholarships for winners of the Chinese language competition.

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship

This is a scholarship eligible to the winners of the Chinese Language Proficiency Competition. The scholarship includes three items: Academic Degree Scholarships, Short-term Summer Research and Study Scholarships, Scholarships for a 15-day China Cultural Study Tour.

Chinese Language Test Scholarship

This is a scholarship available to students who have excellent results on Chinese Language tests including HSK (Chinese Language Proficiency Test), BCT (Business Chinese Test) and YCT (Youth Chinese Test) and the Chinese language tests authorized by the office of Chinese Language Council International.

2) The requirements to apply for scholarships

a. Chinese Government Scholarships

All the Chinese government scholarships on the list are available only for non-Chinese nationals in good health. The educational background and age limit for the applicants are as follows:

Scholarship Program	Applicants Categories	Education Background	Age Limit
Chinese Government Scholarship Program	General scholars	Applicants must be at least high school graduates or undergraduates	<35

Chinese Government Scholarship Program (Study in Asia)	General scholars	Applicants must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies	<45
	Senior scholars	Applicants must have a master's degree or higher or hold the academic title of associate professor or higher	<50
Chinese Government Scholarship Program	Undergraduates	Applicants must have completed senior high school	<25
	Master degree students	Applicants must have a bachelor's degree	<35
	Doctoral degree students	Applicants must have a master's degree	<40
	Chinese language students	Applicants must have completed senior high school	<35
	General scholars	Applicants must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies	<45
	Senior scholars	Applicants must have a master's degree or higher or hold the academic title of associate professor or higher	<50
	Undergraduates	Applicants must have completed senior high school	<25
Short-term Scholarship Program for Foreign Teachers of Chinese Language	Foreign teachers of Chinese Language	Applicants must be engaged in teaching Chinese for at least three consecutive years and hold the teaching post at the time of application. Applicants must have obtained at least a bachelor's degree.	<50
Chinese Culture Research Fellowship Program		Applicants must have obtained a doctoral degrees or hold the academic title of associate professor or higher. Applicants must hold a professional position engaging in Chinese culture research, with works or papers published in the above fields.	<55

The Great Wall Fellowship Program	General scholars	Applicants have at least two years of undergraduate studies	<45
	Senior scholars	Applicants have a master's degree or higher or hold an academic title of associate professor or higher	<50
Distinguished International Students Scholarship Program	Master's degree students	Applicants have a good academic record during their academic years. Applicants must have been enrolled by the designated Chinese institutions as Master's or Doctoral candidates in the year of their graduation or are now carrying out their Master's or Doctoral studies in those Chinese institutions	<35
	Doctoral degree students		<40

b. Hanban Scholarships

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship is only offered to the winner of the Chinese Language Proficiency Competition.

- a) Three first place winners will be awarded Academic Degree Scholarships.
- b) Five second prize winners will be awarded Short-term Summer Research and Study Scholarships.
- c) Seven third prize winners will be awarded scholarships for a 15-day China cultural study tour
- d) Outstanding competitors who participated in the preliminary contest will be awarded Scholarships for outstanding competitors.

Chinese Language Test Scholarship

This scholarship is only offered to excellent examinees of the Chinese Language Test which is authorized by the Office of Chinese Language Council International. The applicants must be above 13 years old and in good health.

The Chinese language tests include: HSK, BCT, YCT, HNK, HSK (Revised), Oral Chinese Test in Hong Kong, Chinese Reading Test in Singapore and the Chinese General Test in Thailand.

3) The Duration of Scholarship

a. Chinese Government Scholarships

This form list the duration of studies and the number of available Chinese government

scholarships in 2008.

Scholarship Program	Categories of Applicants	Duration of Studies * (RSLs is Remedial Chinese Language Studies)*	Number of available scholarships
Chinese Government Scholarship Program	General scholars	Every academic year during 2008 to 2011	100 full scholarships
Chinese Government Scholarship Program (Study in Asia)	General scholars	1 or 2 academic years (1 year RSLs for students whose courses are taught in Chinese)	20 full scholarships
	Senior scholars		
Chinese Government Scholarship Program	Undergraduates	4-7 academic years (including 1-2 years RSLs)	specified on newest MOEC Scholarship Program
	Master's degree students	2-5 academic years (including 1-2 years RSLs)	
	Doctoral degree students	3-6 academic years (including 1-2 years RSLs)	
	Chinese language students	Up to 2 years	
	General scholars	Up to 2 academic years (including 1-2 years RSLs)	
	Senior scholars	Up to 2 academic years (including 1-2 years RSLs)	
Short-Term Scholarship Program for Foreign Teachers of Chinese Language	Foreign teachers of the Chinese Language	4 weeks (July 9 th to August 5 th) 2 weeks (August 6 th to August 17 th)	specified on newest MOEC Scholarship Program
Chinese Culture Research Fellowship Program		5 months at most	30 full scholarships
The Great Wall Fellowship Program (China/UNESCO)	General scholars	1 academic year (1 extra year RSLs for students whose courses are taught in Chinese)	25 full scholarships
	Senior scholars		
Distinguished International Students Scholarship Program	Master's degree students	1-3 academic years	100 scholarships
	Doctoral degree students	1-4 academic years	

b. Hanban Scholarships

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship

The duration is from 15 days to 4 years according to different items.

Chinese Language Test Scholarship

The duration is less than a year.

4) Institutions of scholarships

a. Chinese Government Scholarships

Applicants for Chinese Government Scholarships must choose their host institutions and specialties from institutions of higher education designated by MOEC. The host institution is one of the 122 Chinese Government Scholarship institutions specified by MOEC.

Please check the *Directory of the Chinese Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Program* or the website of CSC (<http://www.csc.edu.cn>) for details.

b. Hanban Scholarships

Chinese Bridge Scholarships and Chinese Language Test Scholarships

The institutions or universities will send the enrollments and letters of notice to related Chinese embassies or consulates, whose addresses will be provided by Hanban. Please check the links of 24 host universities for details.

This table is only for the 4 weeks scholarship of Chinese Bridge in 2008.

No.	City	University (Institutes of The Scholarship)	Duration (year 2008)
1	Beijing	Beijing Language and Culture University	June 26 th – July 23 rd July 24 th – August 20 th August 4 th – August 29 th
2	Dalian	Dongbei University of Finance and Economics	July 21 st – August 15 th
3	Dalian	Dalian University of Foreign Languages	July 28 th – August 22 nd
4	Changchun	Jilin University	July 14 th – August 8 th
5	Harbin	Heilongjiang University	July 28 th – August 22 nd

6	Shanghai	Fudan University	July 9 th – August 1 st August 2 nd – August 27 th
7	Shanghai	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics	July 14 th – August 8 th
8	Shanghai	Shanghai University	July 28 th – August 22 nd
9	Nanjing	Nanjing Normal University	July 7 th – August 2 nd
10	Hohhot	Inner Mongolia University	July 21 st – August 15 th
11	Kunming	Yunnan Normal University	July 28 th – August 22 nd
12	Xi'an	Shanxi Normal University	August 2 nd – August 27 th

5) Ranges of Scholarships

a. Chinese Government Scholarships

The Chinese Government Scholarship is divided into full scholarships and partial scholarships.

The full scholarship includes:

- Exemption from fees including registration, tuition, laboratory experiment, internships, basic learning materials and intramural accommodations;
- Living allowance and a one-off settlement subsidy (The standard of this item is different for each program; please see the list for the exact amount);
- Fees for outpatient medical services, Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Benefit Plan for International Students in China;
- A hard-seat train ticket between the port of entry on registration or the port of departure on graduation and the city where the host university or the university of Chinese language studies (or the preparatory education university) is located (a hard-berth train ticket for over-night trip).

The partial scholarship: One or some items of the full scholarship (one-off settlement subsidy and one-off inter-city travel allowance are not included).

Here is the **standard of living allowance** and **one-off settlement subsidy** for all the Chinese government scholarships:

Chinese Government Scholarship Program (EU Window)

a) Living allowance:

- Chinese language students (high school graduates): 800RMB per month
- General scholars (undergraduates): 1,100 RMB per month

b) One-off settlement subsidy:

- 300 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts up to six months
- 600 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts one academic year

Chinese Government Scholarship Program (Study in Asia)

a) 1000 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts up to six months

b) 1500 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts one academic year or more

Chinese Government Scholarship Program

a) Monthly living allowance is paid to the students by host institutions at the following rates (RMB per month):

- Undergraduates: 400 RMB
- Chinese language students: 1400 RMB
- Master's degree students, general scholars: 1,700 RMB
- Doctoral degree students, senior scholars: RMB 2,000

b) A one-off settlement subsidy after registration

- 1000 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts up to six months
- 1500 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts one academic year or more

Short-term Scholarship Program for Foreign Teachers of Chinese Language

a) A one-off living allowance, 2,000 RMB

b) A Teaching Tour (outside Beijing) organized by the admitting institutions

Chinese Culture Research Fellowship Program

a) Monthly research subsidy, 3,000 RMB

b) A one-off subsidy for data collection, 750 RMB

c) Expenses of an academic tour based on the research plan could be reimbursed to the scholar with the approval of the supervisor or the cooperating professor. No more than 1,000 RMB

The Great Wall Fellowship Program (China/UNESCO)

- a) Monthly living allowance is paid to the students by the host institutions at the following rates (RMB per month):
 - o General scholars: 1,700 RMB
 - o Senior scholars: 2,000 RMB
- b) A one-off settlement subsidy after registration
 - o 1000 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts up to six months
 - o 1500 RMB for new students whose study duration in China lasts one academic year or more

Distinguished International Students Scholarship Program

- a) Monthly living allowance is paid to the students by the host institution at the following rates (RMB per month):
 - o Master’s degree students: 1,700 RMB
 - o Doctoral degree students: 2,000 RMB

B. Hanban Scholarships

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship

Chinese Bridge Scholarship	Content of the Scholarship
Academic Degree Scholarship	Covers all tuition fees, cost of teaching materials, accommodations and other subsidies, including a return air ticket from their economy to Beijing
Short-term Summer Research and Study scholarship	Covers the four-week study tuition fees in China, the cost of basic teaching materials, other accommodations, subsidies and a return plane ticket from their economy to Beijing
15-day China Cultural Travel Study Tour	Covers the cost of a two-week cultural activities tour in China for the winners, accommodations, board and other fees
Scholarships for Outstanding Competitors	Covers the tuition for a four-week study program in China, the cost of the basic teaching materials and accommodations. A round trip traveling ticket is not included

Chinese Language Test Scholarship

This scholarship covers the four-week study tuition fees in China, the cost of basic

teaching materials, accommodations and dining subsidies (or arranged meals).

6) Time and Department of Scholarship Application

Chinese Government Scholarships

The application season for the Chinese Government Scholarship Program is from January to April 2008. Details of the application procedures should be consulted directly at the dispatching organizations in the applicant's home economies.

Distinguished International Students Scholarship Program

The application deadline is June 10th, 2008.

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship

The preliminary contests for "Chinese Bridge"---the Chinese Language Proficiency Competition for the World College are arranged between March and May annually.

Chinese Language Test Scholarship

All the application materials should be submitted to the Office of Chinese Language Council International before April 30th.

7) Procedures of Scholarship Applications

Applying for the **Chinese government scholarship**, please visit the China Scholarship Council's official website <http://www.csc.edu.cn> for application procedures.

Please visit the website of Hanban Scholarships for information on application procedures of the **Hanban scholarships** sponsored by the Office of Chinese Language Council International.

8) Language Used in Teaching

Chinese higher education institutions generally use Chinese as the language of instruction. Applicants with no command of Chinese are required to take Chinese language courses for 1-2 years before studying their majors. In some institutions, certain courses set for general scholars, senior scholars, and postgraduate students can be conducted in English.

9) Visa

a. Chinese Government Scholarships

Students in Chinese government scholarship programs should apply for visas to study in China at the Chinese embassy or consulate-generals with the original documents and one set of photocopies of the Admission Notice, Visa Application for Study in

China (JW201) and Foreigner Physical Examination Form and a valid ordinary passport. Those whose study period in China is over 6 months needs to apply for an “X” visa, and those less than 6 months (including 6 months) should apply for an “F” visa.

b. Hanban Scholarships

The Chinese Bridge Scholarship winners should go to their corresponding Chinese embassies or Chinese consulates with a letter of notice for enrollment, JW202 form, and the record of their health check for foreigners or corresponding copy and their valid passport to apply for a visa to China.

6. Short-term Chinese Programs Offered by Foreign Universities in China

1) Programs

There are different Chinese language programs in China.

Foreign universities or other schools associated with Chinese universities, such as:

- a. Harvard in Beijing - HBA (Harvard University & Beijing Language and Culture University)
- b. Princeton in Beijing - PIB (Princeton University & Beijing Normal University)
- c. Columbia in Beijing – CIB (Columbia University & The Central University for Nationalities)

2) Duration

The HBA, PIB, and CIB are about 9 weeks long.

3) Time

HBA, PIB, and CIB start in the middle of June.

4) Application

The HBA, PIB, and CIB are open to American students in cooperative universities to students having a university background.

5) Advantages

Programs like HBA, PIB, and CIB are intensive Chinese training programs. All the students have to sign a language pledge to promise to speak Chinese during the training period. The program also offers a Chinese home stay to help students experience real Chinese life and organizes various social activities and performances to help students know China better. The courses in these programs are recognized by certain American universities.

6) Activities

The HBA, PIB and CIB organize Chinese speech competitions, social activities, Chinese language performances, and permit students to plan their own one-week trips in China between terms.

7. Online Chinese Courses

1) What are the advantages and disadvantages of online Chinese courses?

Advantages: Students can take the courses based on their schedules, choose the courses they are interested in, do not need to apply through a university, or do not even need to come to China. These courses are very flexible in terms of time and course type.

Disadvantages: Students do not receive face-to-face correction on pronunciation or grammar mistakes, are not involved in a Chinese speaking language environment, and may not have enough motivation to keep up with the pace of the course.

2) What kinds of online Chinese courses are available?

The available online courses include degree oriented courses and non-degree oriented courses. Here are some links of popular online course:

a. EBLCU

It is a department of Beijing Language and Culture University. It was recognized as one of the top ten internet-based institutes in 2007. It is an online institute that offers degree and non-degree courses, and it is the only online institute that can award degrees in China.

b. Chinese Online

These courses are sponsored by the Office of Chinese Language Council International and East China Normal University. They help students learn Chinese through E-classes, web casts, E-magazines, entertainment news and culture introduction.

c. Master Chinese

This program provides a new interactive method of learning Mandarin Chinese. The method offers professional Chinese language and culture training through online real-time interactive classes. Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) is the strategic partner. BLCU provides instructors, learning resources, and diplomas.

d. Confucius Institute Online

The website is designed for people to learn Chinese and experience Chinese culture. It provides professional products for teaching and learning Chinese at various levels. Users can study Chinese and communicate with each other through the website and through interactive communities.

e. Chengo Chinese

It is a joint project of E-language Learning System (ELLS) originated from a bilateral MOU of E-Language Learning System (ELLS), signed by the American Department of Education and the Chinese Ministry of Education in Washington, D.C., in October, 2002. Chengo Chinese integrates multiple functions with advanced speech recognition and handwriting recognition technology, as well as intelligent feedback system. It provides flexible methods of study and varied modes of practice, which are helpful for enhancing the learner's proficiency.

f. ChinesePod

This is a very popular commercial online Chinese learning website. They had over 200,000 registered users by October, 2008.

To learn more about the program for learning Chinese online, please visit Learning Chinese Online's website.

3) Who provides online Chinese courses?

There are two different departments offering online Chinese courses. One is Internet-based education institutes of universities; the other is commercial Chinese on-line training organizations.

4) What fields do Chinese online courses cover ?

The degree online courses oriented to Chinese language students and teachers cover all the appropriate courses, such as vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, educational psychology, Chinese culture, etc.

The non-degree courses cover business Chinese, tourism Chinese, youth Chinese, Chinese culture, Chinese characters, Chinese pronunciation and training courses for the Chinese language test.

5) Are there any inter-active sections in the online Chinese courses?

There are inter-active sections in online courses including forums (where students can communicate with other students and teachers) and online classrooms (an appointed online teacher will be there answering questions and checking homework).

6) What technologies are applied in the online Chinese courses?

There are various modern technologies applied in Chinese online course including teaching audios, videos, Flash, E-magazines, slide shows, and online classrooms.

7) How can I find out the right courses for my level?

First, you need to read the detailed description of the online course and the level divisions. Then you can take a pre-test. After you find out your level, you can register for the proper course.

8) How can I test my learning results?

There are online tests for a certain periods of study. You can take the online test after

you finish certain classes. You might need to submit a research report for the degree.

9) Can I get any proof or certification after finishing the online course?

You can get an online education certificate from the online courses institute after passing all the tests on the degree online course. Only BLCU can award a degree for Internet-based education at present. No certificate is awarded for non-degree online course.

10) What is the language used in the online Chinese courses?

Most of the online degree oriented courses are in Chinese, and the non-degree courses sponsored by universities are in both Chinese and English. The commercial courses are in both Chinese and English.

11) What is the goal of on-line courses?

The online degree program aims at helping students finish all the required courses and get the degree online in a certain time period.

The training courses aim at improving the learners' Chinese language proficiency or enriching their knowledge of Chinese culture anytime, anywhere with the Internet.

12) What are the qualifications of online teachers?

The courses offered by the Internet-based education institutes are made up by experts in their field at the university or research center. Some successful commercial online courses (like Chinesepod) also have support from professional teachers of the coordinating institutes (like Hanban), which have a background in the Teaching of Chinese as a foreign language.

13) How can I get the textbook for online courses ?

You can get e-books from the website, or you can order the books in Chinese Internet bookstores with the information of the textbook. Here are the links of Chinese Internet bookstores:

<http://www.amazon.cn/>

<http://book.dangdang.com/>

<http://www.china-pub.com/>