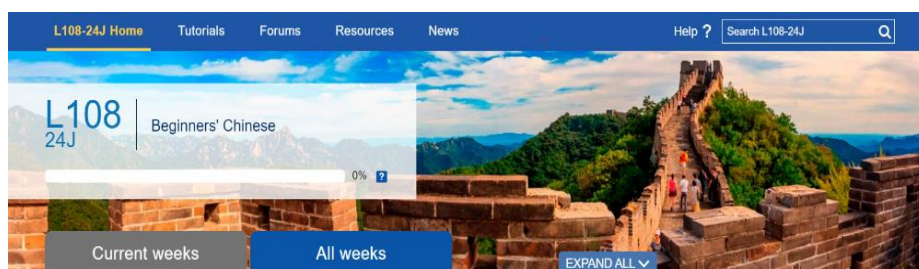# A new *Beginners' Chinese module* starts in Oct 2024

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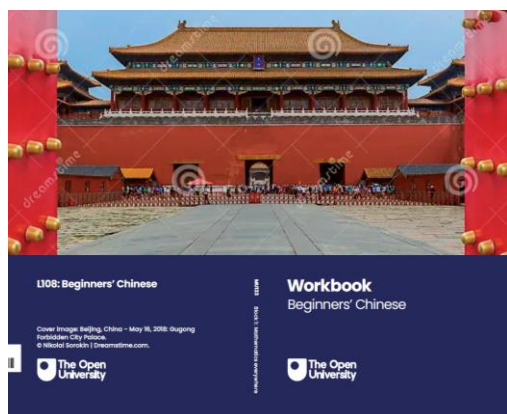
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This introductory course in Mandarin Chinese is taught online, using supported learning methods, and is designed for absolute beginners. It is carefully structured and designed to develop the skills you need to speak and understand basic Mandarin Chinese in everyday contexts such as work, leisure, family life, getting about and shopping. You'll also learn how to read simplified characters and explore the geography and history of Chinese-speaking cultures. The study resources include a dedicated website with a variety of activities with embedded audios and videos to promote autonomous learning, a print Workbook and a character learning app. Together, they'll give you not just language-learning skills, but also a real feel for Chinese-speaking cultures.

20 students in each tutor group will be supported by a designated tutor. You will also get online synchronous tutorials regularly. We also have plans to provide additional conversation practices with native speakers in China via Virtual Exchange programme.

L108 Workbook in print focuses on the learning of handwriting simplified Chinese characters. You do not have to study the Workbook to pass the module, however you may wish to engage with it to gain more knowledge on Chinese characters and for pleasure. It has a *Learning for pleasure* section in every unit to introduce interesting aspects of the Chinese script and culture, such as calligraphy, poetry and proverbs.