

# Community Chinese I

Community Chinese Level I is a course designed for beginners with no prior knowledge of Chinese language or those at a similar level, this course offers an introduction to reading, listening, speaking, and writing in Chinese. Students will practice accurate pronunciation and tones, learn basic grammar structures, and learn to recognize about 80 characters. Students who complete this level may want to consider taking the YCT-1\*.

➤ Target Words: 80

## Communicative objectives

Students are able to:

- *exchange basic personal information*
- *initiate and respond to greetings*
- *ask for addresses, family members names and times*

## Language objectives:

- *positive sentence creation*
- *negative sentence creation*
- *proper use of simple question structures*

It is **not necessary** to purchase a textbook. Instructors will distribute all necessary class materials.

\*The YCT is a standardized international Chinese proficiency test, directed at examining non-native elementary and middle school students' capability in applying Chinese language in their studies, personal lives and work. Learn more about [YCT testing below](#).

## Schedule

- Section A: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00- 5:15 p.m.
- Section B: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:15 p.m.
- If desired, students can do both sections A & B

## Location

North Barrington Elementary

## YCT Testing

YCT is an international standardized Chinese language test which is directed at examining non-native primary and secondary school students' ability to apply Chinese language in their studies and daily lives.

It consists of two independent parts: written test and oral test. The written test is made up of four levels from YCT Level 1 to YCT Level 4.

The oral test includes YCT-Speaking Basic and YCT-Speaking Intermediate, and the test taker's on-site performance will be recorded.

The YCT is for non-native, primary and secondary school students up to age 15.

## Testing Purpose

The YCT is intended for students whose mother tongue is not Chinese. The results of the test can serve various purposes:

- A method for Chinese language learners to assess and improve their proficiency in Chinese.
- A reference for Chinese language training in schools.
- A method for Chinese language training institutions to evaluate training results.
- A benchmark for students who want to participate in the HSK test.

## Registering for the YCT Test

Parents that would like to have their students register for any of the YCT paper based or online test administered by the Confucius Institute at Valparaiso University must notify Linguage Academy staff 3 months prior to the testing date.

## Fees

YCT 1 \$10  
YCT 2 \$15  
YCT 3 \$20  
YCT 4 \$25

Fees and registration for the YCT are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. If any registration is cancelled more than 48 hours in advance of the test date, the registration and fees will be applied to a future test date within one calendar year. Any registrations cancelled after the 48-hour deadline will not be rescheduled and all fees forfeited.

## Testing Structure & Duration

YCT WRITTEN TEST	STRUC-TURE	DURA TION (MINS)		YCT ORALTEST	STRUCTURE	DURATION (MINS)		
YCT Level 1	Listening	30		YCT-Speaking Basic	Listen and Repeat	19		
	Reading				Listen and Answer			
YCT Level 2	Listening	45			YCT-Speaking Intermediate		Look and Say	
	Reading						Listen and Repeat	
YCT Level 3	Listening	55			YCT-Speaking Advanced		Look and Say	21
	Reading						Speak Your Answer	
YCT Level 4	Listening	80	YCT-Speaking Proficiency	Look and Say				
	Reading			Listen and Repeat				
	Writing			Speak Your Answer				

## Test Results

Within three weeks after the test, student test scores can be accessed on the [Confucius Institute Headquarters web site](#). Hard copies of the official score report will be sent to the Confucius Institute and then forwarded to address submitted at the time of registration.

YCT WRITTEN TEST	STRUCTURE	MAX. SCORE	PASSING SCORE	YCT ORAL TEST	STRUCTURE	MAX. SCORE	PASSING SCORE
YCT Level 1	Listening Reading	200	120	YCT-Speaking Basic	Listen and Repeat	100	60
YCT Level 2	Listening Reading	200	120		Listen and Answer		
YCT Level 3	Listening Reading	200	120		Look and Say		
YCT Level 4	Listening	300	180	YCT-Speaking Intermediate	Listen and Repeat	100	60
	Reading				Look and Say		
	Writing				Speak Your Answer		