



## **SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE**

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**CHINESE: BACKGROUND LANGUAGE**

**ATAR YEAR 12**

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## Sample course outline

### Chinese: Background Language – ATAR Year 12

#### Semester 1

Week	Key teaching points
1–7	<p><b>Introduction</b> Overview of the Chinese: Background Language course and assessment requirements.</p> <p><b>Issue</b> Provide opportunities for learning and assessment on the following issue:  The individual as a global citizen. Students consider the notion of ‘global citizen’ and how this concept affects notions of environment, migration and technology. Students also consider the impact of global events and trends on the individual in Australia and elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Perspectives</b> Provide opportunities for learning and assessment on the issue ‘The individual as a global citizen’ through the following perspectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community: Connections with Chinese-speaking communities locally, regionally and worldwide</li> <li>• Global: Connections with the world as a global citizen.</li> </ul> <p><b>Text and text types</b> Provide opportunities for students to analyse and evaluate texts from linguistic and cultural perspectives, consider the relationships between these perspectives, and create a range of texts of the following text types:  article, commentary, essay, speech/talk (scripted).</p> <p><b>Linguistic resources</b> Provide opportunities for students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• express personal views, and justify and reflect on opinions and ideas relating to an issue by collecting newspaper and internet articles on an issue over a period of time and justifying their inclusion in a database</li> <li>• communicate in a range of contexts for specific purposes and audiences by             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ applying knowledge of sociolinguistic conventions to select language appropriate to a variety of social situations</li> <li>▪ discussing an issue with younger audiences</li> </ul> </li> <li>• respond personally or critically to texts or groups of texts by creating a text to analyse the impact of a variety of features in a text</li> <li>• compose texts for different contexts, purposes and audiences by composing a formal speech arguing for or against a topic relating to one of the issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar</b> Students become familiar with, recognise and use the following grammatical items in conjunction with the content of the syllabus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• function – solving problems             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ define and represent a problem</li> <li>▪ determine a solution</li> </ul> </li> <li>• structure – interrogative sentence 疑问句             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ auxiliary verbs – 能、可以、要...</li> <li>▪ adverbs – 必须、一定、或许、绝对</li> <li>▪ verb – 建议</li> </ul> </li> <li>• function – evaluating             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ assess and verify the worth of an object, idea or decision</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• structure – declarative sentence 陈述句 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ subject and predicate</li> <li>▪ subject and predicate with adverbial phrase/s.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Intercultural understandings</b> Provide opportunities for students to further their linguistic and intercultural competence and reflect on the ways in which culture influences communication, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the impact of globalisation on Chinese-speaking communities and their environment</li> <li>• how technology plays a role in the notion of ‘global citizen’</li> <li>• the impact of globalisation on migration and labour movements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Language learning and communication strategies</b> Provide opportunities for students to practise the following strategies through the issues and perspectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organising and structuring text and developing ideas coherently and logically</li> <li>• manipulating Chinese to communicate effectively in a range of contexts</li> <li>• varying vocabulary and grammatical structures for emphasis and interest</li> <li>• maintaining communication, e.g. asking for clarification, additional information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dictionaries</b> Develop strategies to facilitate use of monolingual and bilingual dictionaries.</p> <p><b>Assessment Task 1: Interacting in Chinese</b></p>
8–15	<p><b>Issue</b> Provide opportunities for learning and assessment on the following issue: Australian identity. Students consider the changing nature of Australian identity from the viewpoints of a range of groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, those who have lived in Australia over generations and migrant communities.</p> <p><b>Perspectives</b> Provide opportunities for learning and assessment on the issue Australian identity through the following perspectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal: Individual identity</li> <li>• Community: Connections with Chinese-speaking communities locally, regionally and worldwide</li> <li>• Global: Connections with the world as a global citizen.</li> </ul> <p><b>Text and text types</b> Provide opportunities for students to analyse and evaluate texts from linguistic perspectives and cultural perspectives, consider the relationships between linguistic and cultural perspectives, and create a range of texts of the following text types: discussion, essay, interview, narrative account, review.</p> <p><b>Linguistic resources</b> Provide opportunities for students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exchange information and experiences relating to an issue by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ contributing information to a Chinese youth blog about NAIDOC Week</li> <li>▪ conducting an interview with a migrant from a Chinese-speaking community on their experiences of living in Australia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• express personal views, and justify and reflect on opinions and ideas relating to an issue by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ presenting a review of a text written by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person relating to an issue, and responding to teacher and student questions</li> <li>▪ participating in a debate on national identity and racism</li> </ul> </li> <li>• communicate in a range of contexts for specific purposes and audiences by interacting in a forum to discuss the treatment of an issue in two texts</li> <li>• apply their linguistic knowledge and understanding to locate information in a range of texts by explaining visual representations of information, including graphs and charts</li> </ul>

- identify ideas, tone, points of view, values, attitudes and emotions from features of language in texts by identifying how a text relates to one or more of the issues
- respond personally or critically to texts or groups of texts by
  - responding personally to an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural narrative
  - selecting appropriate and relevant resources in order to investigate an issue
  - undertaking research to explore, justify or represent a point of view
  - expressing and justifying a point of view when responding to texts
  - preparing a presentation for the class on the sociocultural context of a text using ICT
  - preparing a selection of articles on an issue with a personal introduction
- understand the ways in which diverse texts can represent aspects of culture and notions of identity by comparing and contrasting diverse cultural perspectives as expressed in texts.

#### Grammar

Students become familiar with, recognise and use the following grammatical items in conjunction with the content of the syllabus:

- function – justifying and persuading
  - give reasons for an action, decision, point of view
  - convince
- structure – complex sentence of causative relation 因果关系复句
  - 因为..., 所以...; 由于..., 因此...; 既然..., 就...
- structure – complex sentence of purposive relation 目的关系复句
  - ..., 好让...; ..., 为的是...; ..., 以便...; ..., 以免...; ..., 以防...
- function – evaluating
  - assess and verify the worth of an object, idea or decision
- structure – complex sentence of reference relation 取舍关系复句
  - 宁可...也...; 与其...不如...

#### Intercultural understandings

Provide opportunities for students to further their linguistic and intercultural competence and reflect on the ways in which culture influences communication, such as:

- the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia
- the Aboriginal Dreaming stories and Australian identity
- aspects of multicultural integration in Australia
- contributions made by immigrants to Australia
- experiences of migrating to Australia
- issues faced by second-generation immigrants in Australia.

#### Language learning and communication strategies

Provide opportunities for students to practise the following strategies through the issues and perspectives:

- organising and structuring text and developing ideas coherently and logically
- analysing the way culture and identity are expressed through language
- varying vocabulary and grammatical structures for emphasis and interest
- varying the structure and format of texts appropriate to context, purpose and audience
- summarising and synthesising information from a variety of texts.

#### Dictionaries

Develop strategies to facilitate use of monolingual and bilingual dictionaries.

#### Assessment Task 2: Processing and responding

#### Assessment Task 3: Composing texts in Chinese

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#### Assessment Task 4 (a): Practical (oral) examination

#### Assessment Task 4 (b): Written examination

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### Chinese: Background Language – ATAR Year 12

#### Semester 2

Week	Key teaching points
1–7	<p><b>Personal Investigation</b></p> <p>The Personal Investigation allows students to reflect on their own learning and their own personal and cultural identity in Chinese by making links with their heritage.</p> <p>For in-depth analysis, students choose an area of investigation relating to one of the course issues. Students develop both a critical and a personal response to the area of investigation. In an extended written response in Chinese, they investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the context and development of the area of study</li> <li>• how attitudes to the area of study have varied over time</li> <li>• how attitudes towards the area of study may vary in different parts of the world</li> <li>• how the area of study is reflected and explored in a range of texts selected by the student to complement the research.</li> </ul> <p><b>Texts and text types</b></p> <p>The Personal Investigation must include reference to at least two texts, i.e. one from each of the fiction and nonfiction genres and at least one of which must be in Chinese. The number of texts is dependent on the nature of texts selected.</p> <p><b>Linguistic resources</b></p> <p>Provide opportunities for students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply relevant knowledge, understanding and skills to their Personal Investigation, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ responding in either Chinese or English to questions relating to their Personal Investigation</li> <li>▪ explaining their Personal Investigation to different audiences</li> <li>▪ reflecting on how their perspective has changed as a result of their Personal Investigation</li> <li>▪ engaging in wide reading about the area of interest</li> <li>▪ selecting appropriate and relevant resources in order to investigate an issue</li> <li>▪ undertaking research to explore, justify or represent a point of view</li> <li>▪ obtaining information from a range of sources and evaluating their relevance</li> <li>▪ synthesising relevant material</li> <li>▪ reflecting on their chosen area of interest and the way in which it has been investigated in texts</li> <li>▪ considering the area of interest from a number of perspectives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• manipulate Chinese to communicate their Personal Investigation effectively, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ using resources to build vocabulary and check grammar</li> <li>▪ understanding the principles of sequencing to develop ideas coherently and logically</li> <li>▪ applying the principles of text structure when composing</li> <li>▪ editing drafts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment Task 5: Composing texts in Chinese</b></p>

Week	Key teaching points	
8–10	<p>Issues: Young people and their relationships; Traditions and values in contemporary society</p> <p>Consolidation of skills and strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify gist, main points and specific information in texts</li> <li>• synthesise information and ideas from texts.</li> <li>• analyse features of language in texts</li> <li>• respond to texts personally and critically</li> <li>• analyse the way in which values, beliefs, culture and identity are expressed in texts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment Task 6: Processing and responding</b></p>	
11–13	<p>Issues: The nature of work; The individual as a global citizen</p> <p>Consolidation of skills and strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exchange information, justify and reflect on ideas and opinions in Chinese</li> <li>• use features of spoken Chinese for a variety of purposes appropriate to different audiences and cultural contexts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment Task 7: Interacting in Chinese</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation of issues through the perspectives: Personal, Community and Global.</li> <li>• Consolidation of linguistic resources and grammar.</li> <li>• Consolidation of text and text types.</li> <li>• Consolidation of skills and strategies for interacting in Chinese, processing and responding, and composing in Chinese.</li> </ul>
14	<p>Issue: Australian identity</p> <p>Consolidation of skills and strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use knowledge and skills to compose a variety of texts in Chinese for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences</li> <li>• apply knowledge and understanding of literary devices and language and cultural concepts to express meaning in texts in Chinese.</li> </ul>	
15	<p><b>Assessment Task 8 (a): Practical (oral) examination</b></p> <p><b>Assessment Task 8 (b): Written examination</b></p>	