

CHINA DAILY	Topics	Contents	Subtopics
Class 1	General introduction	General introduction of China and its culture Approaches to understand Chinese culture	General introduction to Chinese language provinces and autonomous regions
Class 2	Politics & Economy	Political system and how it works State-owned enterprise and private businesses Changes in recent decades	Historical stories (1) What ordinary people talk about in politics Opening-up policy and how it has affected peoples' lives
Class 3	Family life	What is considered as important to a Chinese family? Changing gender roles? Weddings and funerals	Historical stories (2) Changes in family structure since Cultural Revolution One-child policy
Class 4	Housing, Population and health care	Floating population China's population and aging Medical system	Historical stories (3) Urbanisation: achievements and worries Chinese cities and migrants
Class 5	Education	Why Education Matters China's education system Current issues in education reform	Historical stories (4) Education in the countryside the Imperial exam system
Class 6	Communication and Transportation	Media in China Transportation system Interesting places – rise of tourism	Historical stories (5) Scenic spots, historical sites and interesting places in China
Class 7	Work and Leisure	The work unit and the Iron Rice Bowl Working hours and relaxation	Historical stories (6) Changes in attitudes Popular ways of relaxation
Class 8	Chinese literature	Chinese classical and modern literature Calligraphy	Historical stories (7) Chinese characters Chinese superstitions
Class 9	Chinese Cooking	Regional cooking Banqueting culture	Historical stories (8) Tea & Table manners Hints for good Chinese cooking
Class 10	China as a nation	What is gained from this course How China looks at the west and how the west looks at China The future?	China and the West: Look forward
* Note: There may be minor alterations depending on the audience's interest during the course.			



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