

## Chinese calligraphy

Course description: Calligraphy (书法) is the traditional art of writing Chinese characters, and a fundamental part of Chinese culture. After centuries of evolution, calligraphy has developed into a truly unique art form.

This course will focus on learning how to control Chinese brushes with ink when writing calligraphy, mastering strokes that underpin Chinese writing, understanding the structure of Chinese characters and four ways of creating characters. You will be introduced to Regular Script and practice writing calligraphy in this style.

You will learn to write about 40 characters. By the end of the course you will be able to create four calligraphy works.

This course is for learners who never learned calligraphy and also for people who already learned before. The teacher will differentiate the teaching for learners with different levels.

### Week 1

#### Introduction

1. To learn the history of Chinese calligraphy and characters.
2. To appreciate several groups of modern calligraphy works.
3. To learn tools and gesture of writing Calligraphy.
4. To learn basic techniques of Calligraphy.
5. To learn Dot, Horizontal, Vertical and Cross Strokes.
6. To learn to write characters 一, 三, 五, 六, 十 (means number 1, 3, 5, 6, 10), 里 (means inside).
7. To learn to write character 上, 下, 中, 去 (means up, down, middle/center, to go).
8. For higher level learners: 永, 床, 前, 明, 月, 光 .

### Week 2

#### Strokes

1. To finish “Eight Major Strokes” in Calligraphy.  
Hook, Right-rising stroke, Left-falling stroke, Right-falling stroke .
2. To learn to write characters 四, 七, 八, 九, (means number 4, 7, 8, 9).
3. To learn to write the character 永 (means forever).
4. To learn about hieroglyphic characters and to write characters (single characters): 日, 月, 山, 水, 火, 木 (means sun, moon, mountain, water, fire, wood).
5. For higher level learners: 疑, 是, 地, 上, 霜, 静, 夜, 思.



Week 3

1. To learn to write the upper and lower structure character 家, 亭, 台, 花 (means home, pavilion, flower ).
2. To learn Combined-meaning characters and to write characters (combined characters) 从, 林, 休, 明 (means to follow, forest, to have a rest, bright ).
3. To learn to do signature for calligraphy works.
4. To learn to write their Chinese name.
5. For higher level learners: 李, 白, 举, 头, 望, 明, 月, 福 (means happiness) for the Spring Festival.

Week 4

1. To learn to write 烟, 村, 枝, 福(means happiness) for the Spring Festival .
2. Semi-enclosed structure 座, 道.
3. To write a complete work “清风明月” .
4. For higher level learners: 低, 头, 思, 故, 乡, 家.

Week 5

Complete work

1. To learn about the philosophy of “海纳百川” .
2. To write a complete work “海纳百川” .
3. To copy to write: “一去二三里, 烟村四五家” .
4. For higher level learners: 《静夜思》 + learn to write Chinese name.

Week 6

Complete work

1. To learn about the philosophy of “淡泊明志” .
2. To write a complete work “淡泊明志” .
3. To write a complete work “一去二三里, 烟村四五家, 亭台六七座, 八九十枝花” .

