

SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

Chinese Upper Intermediate 3

Materials:

Liping, Jiang (2013) *Experiencing Chinese: Intermediate Course (II)*. Higher Education Press: Beijing, China.

Liping, Jiang (2013) *Experiencing Chinese: Intermediate Course (II) Workbook*. Higher Education Press: Beijing, China.

Overview of Course Contents	Synopsis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental health and student life• Psychology and feeling good• Criteria for finding a partner• Getting married or being a single• Beauty and cosmetic surgery• The beauty industry• A debate on branded products• Youth and consumerism• Overview and consolidation	<p>This is a 20-hour course designed for learners who have completed Chinese Upper Intermediate 2 or its equivalent.</p> <p>This course aims at extending students' language skills in contexts such as constructing an argument, defining terms, reading and preparing questionnaires, doing surveys, collecting information and presenting supporting evidence. Ample opportunities are given for students to present viewpoints, to express agreement/disagreement, to provide solutions and give advice. Some popular Internet words and phrases are also introduced and practised.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students should be able to talk about personal problems and emotions, to have consultations with friends, to deliver a presentation, to do surveys among fellow students, to develop a well-argued piece of work on some topical issues in modern life. They will learn how to accurately use functional words such as 一般来说、未必、总之、来自、至少、倒、作为、老是、简直、不外乎、热衷于、难以 and sentence connectors like 因为...而..., 不是...就是..., 当着...的面, 更重要的是..., 以...为例. Around 200 new words should be learned in this course, bringing students' active Chinese vocabulary up to a total of 3,500 words by the end of this level.</p>