communication skills and to understand current issues in Japan. Through intensive training, such as role-play, group work, oral presentation and reading of texts, students will learn sentence structures, expressions, communication skills and interaction strategies at the upper intermediate level of Japanese language proficiency. Students are encouraged to express their viewpoints on topical issues, giving reasons and explanations for opinions. Japanese culture and lifestyle will be explored with the aid of videos, TV programmes, readings and music.

#### JPSE 3006 Business Japanese (3,3,0) (C/J)

Prerequisite: JPSE 2005 Japanese III or equivalent

This course is designed to develop students' interpersonal, interpretive and presentation skills in business communication in Japanese. Topics covered include typical and essential expressions for various business communicative situations in reading and written contexts. Through studying the communication patterns in Japanese business contexts, this course prepares students to work in Japanese companies and/or communicate with Japanese clients. Formal and informal expressions and honorific expressions in Japanese will be taught. Students are required to conduct oral presentations on Japanese business, commercial and economic issues. Students are strongly encouraged to develop their own understanding of the language and Japanese social system from both inside and outside the classroom.

# LANG 1000 Introductory Mandarin for (3,3,0) (tbc) Non-Chinese Speakers

This course aims at introducing non-Chinese speakers to the study of Mandarin (locally known as Putonghua) through practice in the basics of the phonetics of modern Chinese. Students will be familiarized with the initials, finals, the four basic tones as well as the rules of pinyin. The skills will enable students to identify the basic sentence patterns and expressions and communicate in simple dialogues with Putonghua speakers. This course is available for non-local students of International Student Exchange programmes.

## LANG 1005 初級普通話 (3,3,0) (P) Elementary Putonghua

本課程適合初學程度的學生。課程前數週將集中教授拼音方案, 即現代漢語語音基本知識。除語音知識,課程通過正音、朗讀、 聆聽、日常會話及專題會話等訓練,使學生達到初級程度的普通 話聽說、理解水平。幫助學生提升普通話傳意技巧,可以在社交 場合或一般學術領域與普通話母語人士進行交流。

This course is designed for students who are beginners in learning Putonghua. The course will then focus on Pinyin in the first several weeks. Besides Pinyin exercises, the course also aims to enable students to speak and comprehend elementary Putonghua through practice in pronunciation, oral reading, everyday conversations, conversations on specific topics, speaking for specific purposes and listening comprehension. The course will help equip the students with skills in communicating with Putonghua speakers, both in academic and social settings.

#### LANG 1006 中級普通話 (3,3,0) (P) Intermediate Putonghua

本課程為已有一定漢語拼音基礎的學生而設,課程將進一步提高 學生的普通話表達能力,包括流暢程度,規範詞彙和語法的運用 等。課程內容主要通過個人短講、小組討論、專題會話和聆聽練 習等教學活動,使學生的普通話口頭表達及理解能力達到中級程 度。

This course is designed for students who have basic knowledge of Putonghua Pinyin. The course aims to upgrade students' speaking and comprehension skills in Putonghua to an intermediate level through practice in speech presentation, oral reading, everyday conversations, discussions and public speeches on specific topics, situational conversations and listening comprehension. Pinyin is used in the course to enhance the accuracy and fluency of the students' spoken Putonghua. The effectiveness and efficiency of comprehension skills are also emphasized.

## LANG 1010 Basic Cantonese for Non-Chinese (3,3,0) (tbc) Speakers

This course is designed for beginning learners of Cantonese with no prior knowledge of Chinese characters to develop simple and practical oral skills to deal with daily communication in Cantonese in Hong Kong. Through a functional and communicative approach, students will be familiarized with useful vocabulary items and basic daily expressions such as greetings to converse on simple everyday topics with Cantonese speakers. This course is available for non-local students of the International Student Exchange programmes.

## LANG 1015 中文創意寫作 (3,3,0) (C) Creative Writing in Chinese

本科旨在培養及提高學生中文創意寫作的興趣和能力。通過廣泛 閱讀,鼓勵並指導學生用現代漢語進行創作。課堂採用互動教學 模式,以提高教學成效。

This course aims to develop students' greater interest and ability in creative writing. A variety of creative works will be covered and students are encouraged and helped to write creatively in modern Chinese. The course will adopt teaching methodologies that ensure ample student-student and student-teacher interactions.

#### LANG 1016 Enhancing Spoken Fluency and (3,3,0) (tbc Accuracy in English

Prerequisite: Grade B or below in GCLA 1008 University English I

This English course aims to help students (1) to improve their spoken fluency and grammatical accuracy in English in an interactive way, including the use of video clips from films, TV programmes, video blogs, songs and other aural materials; (2) to improve their conversational strategies; and (3) to enhance their spoken English to express their views and opinions in informal conversations, formal discussions, impromptu speeches and oral presentations.

### LANG 1020 應用粵語 (3,3,0) (C) Applied Cantonese

本科為不諳粵語之華裔學生而設,以粵語授課,採用繁體字排印之教材,旨在提高學生粵語聽、讀、講的能力,以便他們在粵語環境中能應用所學進行有效溝通。

#### LANG 1025 應用粵語 (3,3,0) (C) Applied Cantonese

本科為不諳粵語之華裔學生而設,以粵語授課,採用繁體字排印之教材,旨在提高學生粵語聽、讀、講的能力,以便他們在粵語環境中能應用所學進行有效溝通。

## LANG 1210 English for Academic Purposes (3,2,1) (E) (Chinese Medicine)

This course aims at helping students of Chinese Medicine to acquire English communication skills for their academic study. It adopts a theme-based approach and focuses on current health issues to broaden students' general knowledge and enhance their confidence in communicating on health-related topics. The course provides integrated language training in grammar, reading, listening, speaking and writing, with an emphasis on strengthening students' academic writing skills, and discussion/oral presentation skills in the academic context. It also familiarizes students with the English translation of basic Chinese medicine terminology.

### LANG 1460 中文創意寫作 (3,3,0) (C) Creative Writing in Chinese

本科旨在培養及提高學生中文創意寫作的興趣和能力。通過廣泛 閱讀,鼓勵並指導學生用現代漢語進行創作。課堂採用互動教學 模式,以提高教學成效。

This course aims to develop students' greater interest and ability in creative writing. A variety of creative works will be covered and students are encouraged and helped to write creatively in modern Chinese. The course will adopt teaching methodologies that ensure ample student-student and student-teacher interactions.