

**LANG 3250 現當代中文劇場：欣賞與創作 (3,3,0) (C)**  
**Modern and Contemporary Theatre: Appreciation and Playwriting**

Prerequisite: LANG 1480 University Chinese or Grade B or above in AS Chinese Language & Culture

本課程提供中級訓練，藉戲劇與劇場，提高學生的閱讀、聆聽、說話與寫作水平，並為學生提供部分台前幕後的劇場訓練，通過表演、中外現當代劇本賞析和劇場觀賞，提高學生的舞台劇評論與編寫能力。

This course is an intermediate course in modern and contemporary Chinese theatre and drama through theatrical improvisation and appreciation of performances, studies in modern and contemporary plays, and writing theatre reviews and stage scripts, with the simultaneous goal of developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of the students.

**LANG 3260 中國語文篇章選讀 (3,2,1) (tbc)**  
**Selected Readings in Chinese Language**

本課程通過篇章選讀及專題習作，讓學生充分掌握及體會中國語文的特質，並對中國語文的演變、研究方法、文化內涵及傳意功能有較全面的認識，從而提高學習興趣和能力。

This course aims to further enrich students' knowledge of the cultural characteristics, historical development, study methods and communicative functions of Chinese Language through in-depth reading of selected essays and thematic projects.

**LANG 3610 深造普通話 (3,3,0) (P)**  
**Advanced-Plus Putonghua**

Prerequisite: LANG 2610 Advanced Putonghua or by consent of the Language Centre

本課程旨在進一步提高修讀完高級普通話課程學生的普通話水平，使學生不僅能夠在日常生活中用普通話流暢地表情達意，還能夠用普通話發表自己的見解或者公開演講。課程內容有兩個主要部分：一方面注重口語表達、討論、情景會話和專題會話；另一方面通過各種多媒體資源，例如新聞、電視、電影等教學活動訓練學生的聆聽和理解普通話的能力。學生須更主動、更積極地參與各種小組活動。學生完成訓練後，能夠準確流利地說話，並理解在語速較快的語境中的慣用語的意思。

This course aims to upgrade students' Putonghua proficiency to a level higher than advanced. It consists of two main parts. One covers practices in speech presentation, discussion, situational conversations and speaking on specific topics. The other covers listening comprehension, and will make good use of multimedia resources of authentic nature, such as TV news, TV programmes and movies. Students are required to take a more active role in their small-group activities. They are also trained to speak correctly and fluently, as well as to grasp meanings of fast-paced authentic speech.

**LANG 3620 Advanced Business English (3,3,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: LANG 1491 English I and LANG 1492 English II

This advanced course aims at improving students' English language proficiency and professional communication skills. It focuses on the two broad skills of speaking and writing, with particular emphasis placed on the spoken and written English required for successful job searching and effective business communication. The course helps to develop students' critical thinking skills by engaging them in analysing, evaluating and critiquing speaking performance and business writing. Students will then receive extensive opportunity to practise their speaking and writing skills in a range of authentic and purposeful communicative contexts.

**LANG 3630 Creative Writing in Children's Literature in English (3,3,0) (tbc)**

This course aims to introduce students to the field of picture book writing for children. Students will learn first about the different types of picture book texts, and then analyse their character development, plot structure, literary devices, visual elements, and themes. Students will keep a writing journal as they generate ideas, create characters, select a point of view, develop a plot structure, and incorporate poetic techniques into their story. Students will also engage in hands-on revision exercises, peer-editing, and oral readings to identify problems and improve

their picture book manuscripts. This course will be of interest to anyone who wants to write, illustrate, edit or review children's books as well as those who want to incorporate children's literature and story-writing into their teaching practice.

**LANG 7110 Research Methodology (3,3,0)**

The course aims to prepare students to successfully engage in research in language studies, in particular to support dissertation writing later in the programme and to lay foundation for students' research in their workplaces/future study programmes. The course deals with basic research skills such as identifying a researchable area of genuine interest, framing and understanding the purpose of research questions, accessing information, locating one's own work in the scholarly literature, collecting and analysing language data, and producing written reports on research projects in acceptable formats. Students will be introduced to research in language studies and be encouraged to identify their own areas of interest. Attention will be drawn to current research methods and tools. Much of the teaching will be concerned with approaches to the collection, description and analysis of data in the field of language studies.

**LANG 7260 Dissertation (6,1,0)**

The dissertation will be the standard type and the length of it will normally be set at about 15,000 words in English, or 20,000 characters in Chinese. Proposals of dissertation topics will be submitted to and approved by the Programme Management Committee which also sets up a schedule for the completion of the MA dissertation. During the writing of their dissertations, students will be required to meet with their supervisors for one contact hour per week.

**LANG 7390 Special Topic in Language Studies (3,3,0)**

Recent years have witnessed increasing momentum in the development of all fields in the study of language. This course intends to provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas which are relevant to the concerns of the MA in Language Studies programme. It is reserved as a slot for new and welcome input which may not have been considered in the current syllabuses of the programme and which, therefore, may go beyond the scope of materials already offered. Method of assessment and textbook/required reading are to be determined by the instructor, in consultation with the Programme Director.

**LANG 7401-2 Introduction to Study of Language I & II (3,3,0)**

This two-semester course introduces students to five core components in linguistics: morphology, syntax, phonetics, phonology, and semantics. It will provide students with a solid grounding in fundamental concepts and methodologies of these five linguistic areas, which will enable them to tackle linguistic problems systematically and help them understand that despite superficial diversity, human languages share fundamental similarities in terms of the universal principles that govern their possible structures. This aim will be approached and achieved through exploring language data. Methods of formal analysis will be applied to data drawn from a variety of languages, with a focus on the analysis and comparison of English and Chinese. Systematic properties generalized from the analysis will be discussed in relation to their application to language teaching and other fields.

**LANG 7510 Language in Society (3,3,0)**

This course aims to introduce learners to the way language is used in social interactions. It is also about defining a very broad field which includes recognizing how individuals use different language(s) in different situations, how language use varies in different towns or regions, how governments make decisions about what language is to be used in what particular situation and how language changes over time. We will look at what causes change in language. In particular, the course enables learners to identify and analyse questions of language use in Hong Kong in an up-to-date sociolinguistic framework. Learners will look to their own work contexts and living environments as starting points for their research.