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**LANG 2046 Comprehension of Modern Spoken (3,3,0) (E)
English: Culture and Context**

This advanced-level English course provides intensive training and practice involving understanding and analysing English speech in various authentic situations, focusing on contextual meaning and cultural awareness that aid comprehension. The course aims to: (1) improve students' accuracy in comprehending verbal communication from media, various daily situations and educational resources; (2) expand their cultural awareness—of customs, ethics, history, humour, human relations and regional and cultural speech differences; and (3) develop higher awareness of context-bound meaning such as ambiguity, implied meaning, spoken nuances, connotations beyond literal meaning, etc.

**LANG 2055 高級普通話 (3,3,0) (P)
Advanced Putonghua**

Prerequisite: LANG 1006 Intermediate Putonghua or by consent of the Language Centre

本課程在鞏固學生在初、中級普通話班所學的語言知識和說話技巧的基礎上，進一步提高學生的普通話語言運用能力。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；另一方面通過聆聽對話、新聞、及觀看電視、電影等教學活動訓練學生的聆聽和理解普通話的能力。學生的口頭表達及理解能力將提升到高級程度。

While consolidating what the students have learned in Elementary and Intermediate Putonghua, this course further upgrades their Putonghua proficiency. 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 of dialogues, TV news, TV programmes and movies. Students' spoken Putonghua as well as comprehension will be trained to an advanced level.

**LANG 2056 普通話口語表達訓練 (3,3,0) (P)
Putonghua Public Speaking**

Prerequisite: LANG 1005 Elementary Putonghua or equivalent
本科著重訓練學生普通話口語表達能力。通過普通話語音、朗讀及說話訓練，指導學生掌握口語表達技巧，使學生有信心及能力用普通話在各種公共場合，面對不同聽眾說話。

The course is designed to help students to enhance their ability to pronounce and speak in Putonghua, to improve their communication skills and deliver a public speech effectively in various settings. The students will learn how to speak with confidence in Putonghua with clearly defined purposes, and to practise public presentations to targeted audiences.

**LANG 2140 Language Use and (3,3,0)
Communication in a Bilingual Context**

This course aims to promote students' awareness of, and ability to adapt to, various language needs and demands in study, work and society, as well as their ability to use English and Chinese effectively for communicative purposes. The course will engage students in exploring how language functions in daily communication (e.g., grammatical, semantic and discourse features) and the ways in which linguistic and non-linguistic features affect communication. It will also introduce students to some fundamental linguistic concepts which they are required to apply in comparing, analysing and composing English and Chinese messages.

**LANG 2150 English through Films and Short (3,3,0) (E)
Stories**

This course aims to enhance students' general proficiency in English in all the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing through films and short stories. Students will get extensive opportunities to watch and read, analyse, discuss, evaluate, and write about films/short stories. These learning activities will improve students' independent English language learning skills

and strengthen their critical thinking and imaginative response. As films and stories reflect human life, by engaging students in in-depth discussions of various issues related to society and life, the course will help them gain a better understanding of the value and meaning of life and their relationship with other people; and this in turn will enhance their cross-cultural awareness. In this respect, this course fulfils several HKBU's Graduate Attributes.

**LANG 2210 Advanced English Pronunciation (3,3,0) (E)
for Professional Communication**

This course aims to help students acquire the pronunciation features of English to an advanced level of proficiency and to improve their ability to speak with fluency, clarity and intelligibility in different social, academic and professional settings. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to read and transcribe in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), use features of connected speech and appropriate intonation in their professional spoken discourse, as well as critique and monitor their spoken English.

LANG 2220 English through Current Events (3,3,0)

This course is founded on the premise that (beyond the elementary stages) a language is best acquired not through explicit instruction but through meaningful and purposeful language use. Therefore this course aims at maximizing the opportunities and motivation to use English (in all the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking) by engaging students in current events in various spheres as reported in the mass media. Students will get extensive opportunities to read and listen to, as well as discuss and write about, current affairs both local and worldwide, and in the process improving their general proficiency in spoken and written English as well as their critical thinking and argumentation skills, and broadening their general knowledge and intellectual horizons at the same time. In doing so, the course simultaneously fulfils most of HKBU's Graduate Attributes.

**LANG 2230 Comprehension of Modern Spoken (3,3,0) (E)
English: Culture and Context**

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**LANG 2240 賞名篇學創作 (3,3,0) (C)
Creative Writing through Masterpieces**

本課程介紹古今中外著名文學作品，通過深入閱讀各文類短篇或／及長篇傑作的選段，幫助學生初步掌握文學創作的方法，提高其現代漢語的寫作水平。

This course aims at enhancing general language abilities and developing basic creative writing skills through in-depth study and appreciation of literary masterpieces (or excerpts), including classical and contemporary works written in or translated into Chinese.

**LANG 2260 商業及公共事務中文寫作 (3,3,0) (C)
Chinese Writing for Business and Public
Administration**

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

本課程為學生提供商業及公共事務文書寫作的系統及全面訓練，幫助學生掌握撰寫內容清晰、措辭得體的各類文書的寫作技巧，提高其寫作實用文的表達能力，以應付未來工作需要。課程內容舉例詳明，理論與實踐並重。

This course aims to provide students with systematic and comprehensive training in Chinese writing for business and public administration. With emphasis on both the theoretical and