

LANG 2016 社交普通話 (3,3,0) (P)
Interpersonal Putonghua

Prerequisite: LANG 1005 Elementary Putonghua or equivalent
 本課程在初級普通話語音及朗讀說話基礎上著重訓練學生口語表達及社交能力。課程內容包括針對社交場合設計的朗讀、對話及情景模擬會話、普通話口語與書面語的互譯、廣州話及普通話互譯等等。通過不同場合的普通話聽說訓練，提高學生總體表達能力及社交能力。

The course is designed for students who have already completed elementary Putonghua training. The course aims to improve students' oral communication skills in various interpersonal situations. The course content consists of extensive Putonghua listening and speaking exercises specially designed for social and interpersonal interactions. The exercises include oral and written language comparison, Cantonese and Putonghua comparison, public speaking as well as various role-playing speaking exercises.

LANG 2017 普通話表演藝術賞析 (3,3,0) (P)
Putonghua Performing Arts Appreciation

Prerequisite: LANG 1005 Elementary Putonghua or equivalent
 本課程在鞏固學生於初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：一方面使學生通過欣賞不同類型的普通話表演藝術，認識普通話表演藝術的種類和表現形式，分析、評價普通話表演藝術的語言特點和藝術風格，鑑賞各種普通話表演藝術（如朗誦、快板、相聲、小品等）；另一方面，通過朗誦、講故事、短劇表演等教學活動訓練學生的普通話口頭表達能力。

This course is designed to enhance students' Putonghua language skills on the basis of the knowledge and skills they have acquired in the elementary Putonghua course.

This course consists of two parts: the first part is to enable students to learn the different types and modes of Putonghua art performance; to analyse and review the linguistic characteristics and artistic style of Putonghua performing art; and to appreciate a variety of Putonghua performing art (such as recitation, patterning, Chinese comic dialogue and opusculum). The second part is to enhance students' oral ability and communication skills in Putonghua through recitation, storytelling, drama and other teaching activities.

LANG 2025 商業及公共事務中文寫作 (3,3,0) (C)
Chinese Writing for Business and Public Administration

Prerequisite: GCLA 1005 University Chinese
 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 practical aspects, the course focuses on enhancing the writing and presentation skills of the students, so as to better equip them for their future jobs.

LANG 2026 文體寫作 (3,3,0) (C)
Modes of Writing in Chinese

Prerequisite: GCLA 1005 University Chinese
 本課程通過分析與寫作論說文體、演說文體及紀實創作文體的篇章，讓同學掌握論文寫作的基本方法、口語傳意的技巧及紀實創作的特色和寫作重點，從而提升其中文寫作及口語表達水平。

The course aims at enhancing the students' Chinese writing and speaking skills through the analysis and practice of speech writing, followed by an oral presentation, argumentative writing and documentary writing.

LANG 2035 Language Use and Communication (3,3,0)
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 2036 English through Films and Short Stories (3,3,0)

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 2037 Advanced English Pronunciation (3,3,0)
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 2045 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 2046 Comprehension of Modern Spoken English: Culture and Context (3,3,0)

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
本課程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 3005 中國語文篇章選讀 (3,2,1)
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、研習方法、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 3006 現代中文新詩創作 (3,3,0) (C)
Creative Writing: Modern Chinese Poetry

藉不同的創作策略，通過老師和學生、學生和學生的切磋，本科強調廣泛接觸及深入理解最優秀的中文新詩，提升同學欣賞及創作這個文類的的能力，培養他們成為詩人或／及喜愛閱讀新詩的人。

Via various creative strategies that embody ample student-student and student-teacher interactions, this course emphasizes exposure to, and deep learning in, the best poetry in modern Chinese, aiming to develop students' appreciation of, and writing ability in, this genre in the course of becoming poets and/or regular readers.

LANG 3007 現當代中文劇場：欣賞與創作 (3,3,0) (C)
Modern and Contemporary Theatre: Appreciation and Playwriting

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 3016 深造普通話 (3,3,0) (P)
Advanced-Plus Putonghua

Prerequisite: LANG 2055 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、專題會話和專題研習；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, speaking on specific topics and language project studies. 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 3017 Advanced Business English (3,3,0)
Prerequisite: GCLA 1008 University English I and GCLA 1009 University English II

This course aims to improve students' English language proficiency and professional communication skills in a range of business and workplace contexts in an integrated and holistic manner. It focuses on the four broad skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, with particular emphasis placed on the spoken and written English required for effective communication in the workplace. The course adopts a theme-based, integrated approach to achieve these objectives. The course aims to develop students' critical thinking skills by requiring them to evaluate spoken and written performance, and also to enhance students' knowledge of business grammar and vocabulary. Important business themes are selected to motivate and engage students in thought-provoking and purposeful use of English.

LANG 3025 Creative Writing in Children's Literature in English (3,3,0)

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 3026 Advanced Academic English (3,3,0)

The course provides students with training in advanced English language skills for academic purposes. It aims to help students (1) develop their critical/evaluative reading skills; (2) develop skills in writing academic texts in various genres including summaries, essays and research proposals; (3) acquire basic research skills and conventions of quotation and citation in academic writing; and (4) enhance their discussion and oral presentation skills in an academic setting.

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.