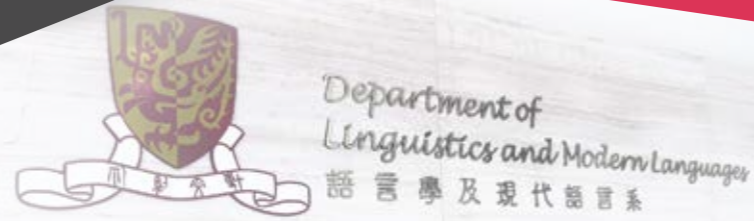


# Master of Arts Programme in Chinese Linguistics & Language Acquisition

## 漢語語言學及語言獲得文學碩士課程

### Words from Graduates



“每當我站在講臺上把知識傳授給我的學生時，每當我坐在辦公室與學生交談時，我都會想起，當我作為一個中大語言學及現代語言系的學生，是如何從我的老師們那裡獲取到語言學知識的，我也會想起，系裡的老師們對學生的諄諄教導。如果你抱著開放的態度認真求學，你會發現自己每時每刻都遨遊在知識的海洋裡。你會瞭解到世界上所有語言的共性，瞭解到人類獲得語言的機制；你會學到如何撥開語言的表象，運用抽象、科學的思維模式去分析語言的共通本性，你也會學到第一語言獲得與第二語言習得的本質區別。”

- 蔡薇斯 (2010)

“中大語言學系是第一個讓我認真思考什麼是語言學的地方。語言學和其他科學一樣是在建築模型，只不過我們的研究對象是語言、認知和人類行為。人類的大腦便是儲存了語言資料的黑匣子，語言學家在努力不斷地研究和解構資料，以便尋找出那些最合適的、最能真實準確地反映出人類語言從思維產生到輸出的模型，但語言卻是複雜的、不定的，受著各方因素的影響，因此我們只能不斷地完善自己的模型以便概括出盡可能多的事實。語言學系老師們在努力著，而曾經被培養過的我們，也在為之努力著。”

- 朱懿清 (2010)

“I am extremely lucky to have turned my interest in linguistics into a career. I got a job as a data evaluator in the Google speech team, which aims to build speech recognition and text-to-speech technologies that enable voice-based interactions in products like Google Now, Voice Search, Dictation, Speech-to-Speech Translation, Google Glass, and so forth. Working in Google enables me to connect my linguistic knowledge and expertise with the real-world. Pursuing my master's degree in CUHK was really a pivotal point in my life.

- Jin Huan Huan (2011)

“語言學的世界絕對超乎我的想像。它是嚴謹的人文學科，也是迷人的魔術師，不僅賦予我條理清晰的分析能力，引導我從不同的角度看抽象的事物，也讓不善言辭、缺乏自信的我變得更自信、更願意表達自己。翻開學習期間的日記，有找到語音材料蘊藏的語音規則後的興奮，有畫出樹形圖後的成就感，有拿到group project 成績後的欣喜，有做 demo teaching 前的緊張，有實習面試後等待結果的忐忑……還有考試時滿滿的、凌亂的草稿，課堂上奮筆疾書的筆記，都是我在這裏學習的記錄，讓我清楚看到自己是如何從茫然中逐漸找到自己真正想要的東西。

- 張薇 (2012)



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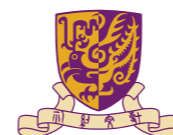
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## Introduction

The Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is committed to the scientific study of language as an integral part of mind. We emphasize interdisciplinary research and training that draws on knowledge and methods from a wide range of related disciplines such as philosophy, psychology, cognitive neuroscience, engineering, and education, with the goal of nurturing scholarship and advancing knowledge of language, its structure, use and acquisition.

The Master of Arts (MA) Programme in Chinese Linguistics and Language Acquisition provides an intensive training in contemporary analysis of Chinese language structure, the acquisition of Chinese as a first or second language, and the application of linguistic theory to the teaching of the Chinese language. It is intended for current or prospective Chinese language teachers and students of Chinese who are interested in a scientific understanding of the cognitive processes underlying language learning and teaching.



## Objectives

The programme aims to:

- enable students to acquire a rich understanding of the systematic design of Mandarin Chinese, through providing them with principled accounts of Chinese language phenomena, in comparison to other languages and Chinese dialects;
- equip students with methodological tools for the analysis of Chinese language structure, and for the empirical study of learners of Chinese, as well as the dynamics of the teaching and learning process; and
- enhance students' understanding of the complexities of second/foreign language learning and second dialect learning in the context of multi-lingual and multi-dialectal communities.

## Programme Mode

The programme is offered in full-time mode which covers a normal period of one academic year. Students are required to complete a total of 27 units, including 15 units of required courses and 12 units of elective courses.

## Entry Requirements

Applicants should have graduated from a recognized university and obtained a Bachelor's degree, normally with honours not lower than Second Class, and have fulfilled the English Language Proficiency Requirement. Please refer to the homepage of the Graduate School of CUHK for details.



## Application Procedures

Applicants should submit their applications via the Internet (<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>). All required supporting documents should be sent to the Division of Linguistics before the application deadline posted on the homepage of the Graduate School of CUHK.

## Entrance Examination

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview and take a written test.

## Tuition Fee

Please refer to the homepage of the Graduate School of CUHK.

## Application Fee

HK\$300 (non-refundable).

## Course List

### Required Courses

- Foundations I: Phonetics and Phonology
- Foundations II: Syntax and Semantics
- Foundations in Language Acquisition

*(Take at least 2 out of the following 3 courses)*

- Topics in Chinese Phonetics and Phonology
- Topics in Chinese Syntax and Semantics
- Topics in Chinese Language Acquisition

### Elective Courses

- Foundations in Sign Language Research
- Topics in Second Language Acquisition
- Topics in Bilingualism
- Topics in Computer Assisted Language Learning
- Topics in Language Acquisition of Deaf Children
- Sign Linguistics I
- Sign Linguistics II
- Teaching Chinese as a Second Language
- Topics in Comparative Grammar
- Special Topics in Linguistics
- Special Topics in Language and Cognition
- Topics in Sociolinguistics
- Special Topics in Applied Linguistics
- Topics in Psycholinguistics
- Language Disorders
- Linguistic Research
- Research Project
- Field Practicum
- Research Practicum



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