



Master of Arts Programme in Linguistics

語言學文學碩士課程

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).

Words from Graduates

"I used to feel frustrated when my students repeated the same mistake over and over again, in spite of my constant correction. But doing the Course, I came to know that error correction is no simple matter. Students do not always eliminate their mistakes just like that. Many other factors could be at work, for example, affect and attention. Slowly, I began to adopt a more understanding attitude and instead of feeling frustrated, I now try to think of ways to inspire my students to love English."

- Jennifer Dai (2006)

"The courses I took consolidated my foundations in linguistics. I was exposed to extensive linguistic theories and examples modelled on, but not restricted to, English. In addition, I was given opportunities to explore the resources that the Department had to offer. For instance, I sat in undergraduate courses. I attended talks, conferences and workshops given by distinguished scholars to broaden my horizons. I am now a lecturer teaching English and Linguistics courses at a local university, passing on to my students the knowledge that I acquired in the programme, and more importantly, sharing my love for linguistics."

- Chan Siu Chuen (2010)

"The MA in Linguistics programme was challenging for me because everything was new - technical terms, theories and methodologies. I had to catch up fast in order to follow the intensive class schedule and to meet the requirements. Our professors required work of high quality."

- Pang Wai Yin (2013)

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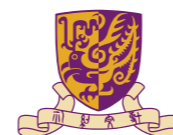
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Introduction

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 Linguistics provides intensive training in linguistics for students who have not had a systematic training in language studies. We encourage a comparative perspective on the study of language structure, language acquisition and language use. Students are exposed to current theories in linguistics and their various applications to language acquisition, language typology, language and modality, language teaching, as well as culture and society. The programme consists of three streams, namely, (i) the General Linguistics Stream, (ii) the Language Acquisition and Bilingualism Stream, and (iii) the Sign Linguistics Stream.

Objectives

The programme aims to:

- help students develop sensitivity towards the complexities of language structure and use;
- develop students' understanding of the characteristic properties of languages that use the vocal-auditory channel (i.e. typical human language) and languages that use the manual-visual channel (i.e. sign language);
- enhance students' linguistic awareness of the factors underlying language development, language acquisition, and bilingualism; and
- equip students with methodological tools for the analysis of language structure, and for the empirical study of the dynamics of the teaching and learning process.



Programme Mode

The programme is offered in both full-time and part-time study modes. The full-time mode covers a normal period of one academic year while the part-time mode covers a normal period of two academic years. Students are required to complete a total of 24 units of courses. The numbers of required courses and electives differ from stream to stream.

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.



Course List

I. General Linguistics Stream

Required Courses

- Foundations I: Phonetics and Phonology
- Foundations II: Syntax and Semantics

Elective Courses

- Foundations in Language Acquisition
- Foundations in Sign Language Research
- Topics in Second Language Acquisition
- Topics in Bilingualism
- Linguistics and Language Teaching
- Approaches to English Grammar
- Topics in Computer Assisted Language Learning
- Topics in Comparative Grammar
- Special Topics in Linguistics

II. Language Acquisition and Bilingualism Stream

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 Second Language Acquisition
- Topics in Bilingualism
- Topics in Chinese Language Acquisition

Elective Courses

- Foundations in Sign Language Research
- Linguistics and Language Teaching
- Approaches to English Grammar
- Topics in Computer Assisted Language Learning
- Topics in Language Acquisition of Deaf Children
- Sign Linguistics I
- Sign Linguistics II
- 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
- Research Practicum



- Special Topics in Language and Cognition
- Topics in Sociolinguistics
- Special Topics in Applied Linguistics
- Topics in Psycholinguistics
- Language Disorders
- Linguistic Research
- Research Project
- Research Practicum

III. Sign Linguistics Stream

Required Courses

- Foundations I: Phonetics and Phonology
- Foundations II: Syntax and Semantics
- Foundations in Sign Language Research
- Topics in Language Acquisition of Deaf Children
- Sign Linguistics I

Elective Courses

- Foundations in Language Acquisition
- Topics in Second Language Acquisition
- Topics in Bilingualism
- Linguistics and Language Teaching
- Approaches to English Grammar
- Topics in Computer Assisted Language Learning
- Sign Linguistics II
- 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
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- Research Practicum