Yale-China Chinese Language Centre

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

KNOWLEDGE-BASED COURSES – for all CUHK students

Chinese Language, Culture and Language Learning

This is a knowledge-based course introducing Chinese language and culture. The course is designed for CUHK students (both native and non-native Chinese) who are interested in Chinese language and culture; Contents included theories and applications concerning Chinese language and culture; theories, practices and situations of teaching and learning Chinese as a second language (including Putonghua and Cantonese learning); the importance of culture in Chinese as a second language; and the language policies and its use in Hong Kong and in Mainland China.

CLCE2203

Chinese Characters and Reading Chinese

A course designed for international students who want to learn more about Chinese characters through reading. Among the areas covered are aspects related to the origin of Chinese characters, basic structure of frequently used characters as well as stories behind the evolution and simplification of Chinese characters.

OTHER COURSE - for speakers of all Chinese dialects who can read Chinese characters

CLCH1702

Learning Hokkinese/ Southern Min through Poems and Songs

An elementary course designed for students who are interested in language and culture in Taiwan and Southern Fujian.

Course content includes sounds and tones, simple daily conversation, traditional and popular songs, as well as ancient and modern poetry. Classroom activities include 1. Comparing and analysing the differences in pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar of Hokkinese/ Southern Min, Cantonese and Putonghua; 2. Song appreciation; 3. Poetry appreciation and recitation. This course will also help learners understand Taiwan and Southern Min culture, and understand Putonghua with a Hokkinese/ Southern Min accent better.

CANTONESE COURSES - for non-native speakers of Chinese

All non-native speakers of Chinese in UGC funded postgraduate programmes are eligible to take courses listed below, up to 6 credits per term. Those students in self-financed programmes who are interested in taking these courses will be charged HK\$5,850 per 3-credit course for the academic year 2022-23. For more information, please contact Yale-China Chinese Language Centre.

CLCC1000

Survival Cantonese for International Students

A non-credit-bearing basic Cantonese course offering to CUHK international students, including exchange students, full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students, who use Chinese as a foreign/ second language and look for survival skills in Cantonese. The course is structured to help students communicate orally with people in Cantonese in different scenarios, with student-centred, proficiency-orientated activities based on useful daily expressions and basic vocabulary items. It focuses on students' listening and speaking skills. Real-life settings are introduced such as shopping,

introduction of oneself, asking for directions, etc.

CLCC1001

Cantonese Taster Course for CUHK International Students

This course is an asynchronous online course offering to CUHK international students. This taster course focuses on helping students engage in basic daily social interaction using Cantonese.

CLCC1102

Introduction to Chinese Characters

An elementary course to introduce basic Chinese characters with real life examples in Hong Kong. This course will introduce the formation of Chinese characters and stroke orders. It will also discuss the use of traditional and simplified Chinese characters to arouse students' interest and awareness of the usage of Chinese characters in different cities in the Greater Bay Area.

CLCC1113

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I

An elementary course designed to familiarise students with the use of romanization, basic vocabulary and sentence structure. Vocabulary introduced based on everyday conversations and daily usage. The focus will be on appropriateness in language use.

CLCC1123

Oral Skills Practice I

An elementary course focused on students' fluency in communication with basic vocabulary and sentence structure through various kinds of speaking practice. Real-life settings are introduced such as shopping, introducing family members, asking for directions etc.

CLCC1152

Sounds of Cantonese

This course introduces the phonetic system of Cantonese to CUHK international students. Supported by audiovisual aids, students will understand the sound of the vowels and consonants, the pronunciation rules, and the intonations in casual conversations and in reading literature. The articulation of some Cantonese sounds that needs attention for second language learners will also be examined. Through interactive classroom learning activities, students' accuracy of Cantonese pronunciation will be enhanced.

CLCC2213

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II

An intermediate course designed to familiarise students with the use of more vocabulary and sentence structure. Vocabulary introduced based on everyday conversations and daily usage. Focus will be on appropriateness in application.

CLCC2223

Oral Skills Practice II

An intermediate course focused on students' fluency in speaking practice in real life settings, such as going to the airport, attending a wedding party, going to see movies, discussing travel plans, talking about hobbies etc.

CLCC3313

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III

An upper intermediate course designed to familiarise students with the use of newly acquired vocabulary and sentence structure. The focus will be on appropriateness in language use. Real-life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home, etc.

CLCC3323

Oral Skills Practice III

An upper intermediate course focused on students' fluency in speaking practice with newly acquired vocabulary and sentence structure. Real-life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home, etc.

CLCC4413

Communication in Professional Settings

An advanced course designed to help students communicate with extended vocabulary in advanced settings through real life language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises. Topics include social issues in Hong Kong, environmental issues, Chinese custom and religion etc.

CLCC4423

Colloquial Cantonese and Local Culture

An advanced course designed to improve students' fluency in real life communication settings through various language activities and discussion practice. Topics for discussion include comparative studies between formal and informal discourses, Cantonese colloquialism and culture.

CLCC4513

Discussion Topics on Hong Kong Issues

An advanced course designed to build up the students' confidence in using a variety of vocabulary in formal settings through specific topics and contextualized exercises. Topics include various local news and issues related to our society, such as education system, economy and immigration.

CLCC4523

Discussion Topics on China Issues

An advanced course designed to further improve students' fluency in professional communication settings through language activities, role playing and discussion practice. Topics for discussion include various China news and issues related to the Chinese society, such as education system, economy and immigration.

PUTONGHUA COURSES – for non-native speakers of Chinese

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CLCP1000

Survival Putonghua for International Students

A non-credit-bearing basic Putonghua course designed for exchange and international full-time students who use Chinese as a second/foreign language and are looking for survival skills in Putonghua. The course is structured to help students communicate orally with Chinese people in Putonghua in different scenarios, with student-centred, proficiency-oriented activities based on useful daily expressions and basic vocabulary items. It focuses on student's oral skills. Real-life settings are introduced, such as shopping, introduction of family members, asking for directions, etc.

CLCP1001

Putonghua as a Second Language Taster Course for International Students

CLCP1001 is an asynchronous online taster course for international students who are interested in studying Putonghua. Students will be systematically introduced to Chinese characters (formation, history, stroke orders, etc.). Additionally, students will have a chance to learn some basic daily conversations in Putonghua.

CLCP1112

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I

A beginners' Putonghua course designed for international students with no Chinese background. The course teaches Putonghua pronunciation, Chinese characters, and basic vocabulary and grammar for daily usage.

CLCP1113

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I

A beginners' reading and writing course in Putonghua, focusing on acquiring elementary level vocabulary and grammar. Students are introduced to the romanization system of Putonghua (Pinyin) and the Chinese writing system (Chinese characters). Content covered in the course is based on daily situations. Appropriateness in application is emphasised.

CLCP1123

Oral Skills Practice I

A beginners' listening and speaking course in Putonghua, focusing on completing linguistic tasks through oral communication. Students are introduced to the romanization system of Putonghua (Pinyin) and colloquial usage. Content covered in the course is based on everyday conversations and daily situations. Pragmatic knowledge in language use is also supplemented.

CLCP1132

Preparation for HSK (Level II)

An elementary Putonghua course designed for students who plan on taking the HSK (level II). This course prepares students for the exam by teaching vocabulary and grammar from the HSK level II test syllabus and equipping students with test-taking strategies. In addition to examination preparation, this course also enhances students' listening, reading, and writing abilities in Putonghua through various learning activities.

Communication in Context I

An upper elementary reading and writing course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP1113. Students will learn more vocabulary and grammar based on daily situations. Contextualised exercises will allow students to communicate in real-life settings.

CLCP1153

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations I

An upper elementary listening and speaking course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP1123. Students will explore more language scenarios based on daily situations and learn how to present basic ideas orally in real-life settings. Accuracy in pronunciation, grammar, and usage is emphasised.

CLCP2212

Preparation for HSK (Level III)

An intermediate Putonghua course designed for students who plan on taking the HSK (level III). This course prepares students for the exam by teaching vocabulary and grammar from the HSK level III test syllabus and equipping students with test-taking strategies. In addition to examination preparation, this course also enhances students' listening, reading, and writing abilities in Putonghua through various learning activities.

CLCP2213

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II

An intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua, focusing on acquiring intermediate level vocabulary and grammar. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in daily situations and semi-formal situations. Appropriateness in application is emphasised.

CLCP2223

Oral Skills Practice II

An intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua, focusing on completing linguistic tasks through oral communication. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in daily situations and semi-formal situations. Accuracy in pronunciation, grammar, and usage is emphasised.

CLCP2233

Communication in Context II

An intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP2213. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in more daily situations and semi-formal situations. Contextualised exercises will allow students to communicate in real-life settings.

CLCP2243

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills II – Daily and Business Topics

An intermediate business course designed for students who have completed CLCP2213/CPTH2213. Course contents focus on building up students' listening and reading abilities in daily and business settings, such as greeting clients, attending a welcome party, making hotel reservations, arranging a working schedule, etc.

CLCP2253

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations II

An intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP2223. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in more daily situations and semi-formal situations.

Through various class exercises and group discussions, students will also have opportunities to present basic ideas orally in real-life settings. Accuracy in pronunciation, grammar, and usage is emphasised.

CLCP2843

Comprehensive Putonghua I

An intermediate Putonghua course designed for students who plan on taking the HSK (level IV). This course prepares students for the exam by teaching vocabulary and grammar from the HSK level IV test syllabus and equipping students with test-taking strategies. In addition to examination preparation, this course also enhances students' listening, reading, and writing abilities in Putonghua through various learning activities.

CLCP3313

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III

An upper intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua, focusing on acquiring more intermediate level vocabulary and grammar. In addition to daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to various aspects of Chinese culture. Appropriateness in application is emphasised.

CLCP3323

Oral Skills Practice III

An upper intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua, focusing on students' fluency in speaking and appropriateness in usage. In addition to daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to various aspects of Chinese culture and society. Students will have opportunities to discuss topics introduced in the course with their classmates during class.

CLCP3333

Communication in Context III

An upper intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP3313. In addition to more daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to more aspects of Chinese culture and society. Through the acquisition of more vocabulary and grammar, students will be ready for the advanced level of study upon completion of this course. Contextualised exercises will allow students to communicate effectively in real-life settings.

CLCP3343

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills III - Business Topics

An upper intermediate business course designed for students who have completed CLCP2233/CPTH2233, CLCP2243/CPTH2243, or CLCP2253/CPTH2253. Course contents focus on building up students' listening, reading, and speaking abilities to improve their conversation skills in business settings, such as making an offer, making a negotiation, etc.

CLCP3353

Presentation Skills and Daily Situations

An upper intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP3323. In addition to more daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to more aspects of Chinese culture and society. Through various class exercises and group discussions, students will also have opportunities to present their ideas orally and substantially. Students will be ready for the advanced level of study upon completion of this course.

CLCP4413

News Media and Presentation Skills I

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3333 and CLCP3353 or CPTH3333 and CPTH3353. The course aims to increase students' abilities in reading articles from Chinese media and presenting their opinions on various topics. Students will expand their vocabulary and improve their presentation skills through reading extracts of articles, discussion, and presentation.

CLCP4423

Essay Writing and Presentation Skills

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3333 and CLCP3353 or CPTH3333 and CPTH3353. The course is designed for students who want to improve their essay writing skills. Students will express their opinion in Putonghua through a series of training, including reading, group discussions, essay writing, and oral presentations. Language functions include introduction, comparison, suggestion, and description, etc.

CLCP4433

Advanced Topical Conversation I - Hot Topics

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course is designed to enhance students' ability in using Putonghua to have a deeper discussion on selected social topics. Students will expand their vocabulary through a series of training, including listening comprehension, oral presentation, group discussion, etc.

CLCP4443

Advanced Communication Skills on Business Topics I

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course aims to increase students' ability to use Putonghua in business-related fields. It is designed to familiarise students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics and terminology, enhancing their abilities in listening, speaking, and reading.

CLCP4453

Advanced Communication Skills and Culture I

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course is designed to enhance students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of Chinese social customs and culture through a series of training, including listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.

CLCP4463

Special Topics I

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The

course provides special training focusing on specific aspects related to various professional fields.

CLCP4513

News Media and Presentation Skills II

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP4413 or CPTH4413. The course is designed to further increase students' abilities in reading articles from Chinese media and presenting their opinions on various topics. Students will expand their vocabulary and improve their presentation skills through reading extracts of articles, discussion, and presentation.

CLCP4533

Advanced Topical Conversation II - Social Life

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP4433 or CPTH4433. The course is designed to enhance students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of life in China through a series of training, including reading and listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.

CLCP4543

Advanced Communication Skills on Business Topics II

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP4443 or CPTH4443. The course is designed to enhance students' communication skills in business and economic topics. Students will expand their vocabulary and have a better understanding of the economic condition of Hong Kong, Mainland China, and other places through a series of training, including reading and listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.

CLCP4553

Advanced Communication Skills and Culture II

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP4453 or CPTH4453. The course is designed to enhance students' communication skills with respect to Chinese culture and society. Students will expand their vocabulary and have a better understanding of the characteristics of Chinese culture through a series of training, including listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.

CLCP4633

Advanced Topical Conversation III - Chinese Diplomacy and Society

A continuation of CLCP4533 or CPTH4533, designed to enhance students' ability in communication on a wider variety of topics.

CLCP4913

Pragmatic Internship in China (PRINCH, Advanced level)

PRINCH is a task-based course designed to provide advanced level students with the opportunity to use language in real life for real communication purposes. It allows students to practice what they have learned in class through a variety of activities in the target culture, focusing on topics related to social, political and economic issue. Class format consists of three parts: 1) Pre-trip activities with teachers; 2) Theme-based trip in small groups led by teachers or teaching assistants; and 3) Post-trip tasks with teachers, such as Q&A, discussion and presentation.

CANTONESE COURSES - for non-local Chinese speaking students

All non-local Chinese speaking students in the UGC funded postgraduate programmes are eligible to take courses listed below, up to 6 credits per term. Those students in self-financed programmes who are interested in taking these courses will be charged HK\$5,850 per 3-credit course for the academic year 2022-23. For more information, please contact Yale-China Chinese Language Centre.

CLCC1100

Survival Cantonese for Native Putonghua Speakers

A non-credit-bearing basic Cantonese course designed for Mandarin-speaking full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students who are looking for survival skills in Cantonese. The course is structured to help students communicate orally with people in Cantonese in different scenarios, with student-centred, proficiency-orientated activities based on useful daily expressions and basic vocabulary items. It focuses on students' listening and speaking skills.

CLCC1101

Cantonese Taster Course for CUHK Mandarin-speaking Students

This course is an asynchronous online course offering to CUHK Mandarin-speaking students. This taster course focuses on helping students engage in basic daily social interaction using Cantonese.

CLCC1152

Sounds of Cantonese

This course introduces the phonetic system of Cantonese to CUHK international students. Supported by audiovisual aids, students will understand the sound of the vowels and consonants, the pronunciation rules, and the intonations in casual conversations and in reading literature. The articulation of some Cantonese sounds that needs attention for second language learners will also be examined. Through interactive classroom learning activities, students' accuracy of Cantonese pronunciation will be enhanced.

CLCC1703

Elementary Cantonese for Chinese Speakers

This is a foundation course on Cantonese which introduces Cantonese romanization systems to students. Course contents include basic daily conversation, vowels and tone exercises and pronunciation practice. It enables learners to engage in simple real-life conversation by using Cantonese.

CLCC2252

Cantonese through Songs

This is an integrated theme-based course designed for students who want to improve their Cantonese listening and speaking skills through the appreciation of Cantonese songs. This course focuses on the analysis of linguistic and cultural aspects of Cantonese songs. Coursework will include listening and reading exercises, class discussions of selected Cantonese songs with their peers, and a series of short talks prepared by students on an aspect of Cantonese songs. Emphasis will be also placed on the training of accurate Cantonese pronunciation through the reading of lyrics. The course will increase students' cultural awareness, vocabulary and communicative competence in Cantonese.

CLCC2703

Intermediate Cantonese for Chinese Speakers

An intermediate course for students who have completed CLCC1703, CCAN1703 or CCAN2013. For students who have not completed any of the above courses, they are invited to take a Cantonese placement test offered by CLC. Course contents focus on social topics. This course improves students' pronunciation and exchange of ideas in different social activities. Furthermore, the course assists students to complete a number of tasks in school or working environments.

Advisory: For Mandarin-speaking students who are not beginners.

CLCC3100

Cantonese for Real-Life Communication (Formal Settings)

A non-credit-bearing Cantonese course designed for Mandarin speaking full-time undergraduate students, postgraduate students, tutors or research assistants. The course is structured to help students learn relevant expressions and to apply them in their tutorial lessons or at work. Training includes: (1) effective utilisation of basic Cantonese in communicating with local students during tutorials and (2) proper use of academic Cantonese to make simple descriptions and presentations of one's thesis to their academic advisors or colleagues. Students will acquire relevant vocabulary in a professional setting. This course helps students adjust to University and work life in Hong Kong. Furthermore, the course can improve students' Cantonese speaking ability in the tutorial classes they are hosting.

CLCC3703

Advanced Cantonese for Chinese Speakers

An advanced course for students who have completed CLCC2703, CCAN2703 or CCAN3013. For students who have not completed any of the above courses, they are invited to join the Cantonese placement offered by CLC.

This course equips students with various advanced communicative skills in various academic and professional settings, such as seminars, meetings, group discussions, debates, presentations, performances, impromptu speaking, etc. Students are trained to speak in connected discourse in academic and professional settings with different levels of formality.

PUTONGHUA COURSES – for local Chinese speaking students

All local Chinese speaking students in the UGC funded postgraduate programmes are eligible to take courses listed below, up to 6 credits per term. Those students in self-financed programmes who are interested in taking these courses will be charged HK\$5,850 per 3-credit course for the academic year 2022-23. For more information, please contact Yale-China Chinese Language Centre.

CLCP1101

Putonghua Taster Course for Local Students

CLCP1101 is an asynchronous online taster course for local students who are interested in studying Putonghua at CUHK. Students will explore different scenarios of Putonghua in use through various

multimedia sources. Special attention will be drawn to usage in different registers.

CLCP1703

Elementary Putonghua

An elementary speaking course in Putonghua designed for students whose native language is Cantonese. The course aims to familiarise students with the Pinyin romanization system and the focus is on speaking practice based on everyday topics. Through systematic training on consonants, vowels, tones, phonetic identification, and comparisons between Putonghua and Cantonese terminologies, students will be able to use the Pinyin romanization system and be equipped with the skills to communicate with short phrases in Putonghua. Furthermore, students will be able to understand standard Putonghua upon completion of this course.

This course includes e-learning components, which not only provide targeted training on pronunciation and listening, but also allow students to complete online exercises, conduct recordings, and take examinations online or at the language laboratory.

CLCP2703

Intermediate Putonghua

An intermediate course in Putonghua designed for native speakers of Cantonese who already possess some foundational knowledge of Putonghua (including the Pinyin romanization system). The course targets common pronunciation problems for Cantonese speakers when speaking Putonghua and aims to strengthen students' speaking ability so that they can express themselves at paragraph length on everyday topics.

Course contents focus on students' ability to speak under a variety of real-life settings and present ideas in short, connected utterances. Activities conducted in class include training on pronunciation and evaluating differences between Putonghua and Cantonese expressions with reference to their communicative ability at paragraph level. Students will expand their vocabulary and be able to understand Putonghua spoken by native speakers and speakers with regional accents.

This course includes e-learning components, which not only provide targeted training on pronunciation and listening, but also allow students to complete online exercises, conduct recordings, and take examinations online or at the language laboratory.

CLCP3100

Putonghua for Real-Life Communication (Formal Settings)

A non-credit-bearing Putonghua course designed to provide Cantonese-speaking local or non-local full-time undergraduate or postgraduate students with practical and comprehensive Putonghua training in a causal manner. The course will utilize task banks of the advanced and superior levels of the Computerized Oral Proficiency Assessment (COPA) developed by CLC in 2000, which provides virtual simulation contexts for students. They will be equipped with the skills to complete different language tasks with different functions and be able to communicate with various parties under various real-life situations. Students will also enhance their listening and speaking abilities and their awareness of contextual needs. Focus will be on listening and speaking skills. Instant and professional feedback will be given to students directly in class.

CLCP3702

Learning Putonghua through Movies

An advanced Putonghua course designed for native speakers of Cantonese who are interested in film. The course introduces students to popular films in Putonghua and film critique. Students will discuss the selected movies with their peers and introduce other movies with similar or contrasting themes and motifs. The course will increase students' vocabulary and communicative competency in Putonghua.

CLCP3703

Advanced Putonghua

An advanced Putonghua course designed for students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2703, CPTH2001, or CPTH3001. The course is targeted at students who have the capability to present ideas in short, connected utterances. It will further build up students' vocabulary related to social settings, especially developing their oral skills in delivering speeches at public occasions.

Course contents cover various social life topics. Through different real-life settings, students' vocabulary will increase. Common pronunciation mistakes and differences between Putonghua and Cantonese words and phrases are included, which will allow students to present their ideas under a variety of circumstances, especially completing tasks in learning and working environments. Students will understand Putonghua with relatively strong accents.

This course includes e-learning components, which not only provide targeted training on pronunciation and listening, but also allow students to complete online exercises, conduct recordings, and take examinations online or at the language laboratory.

CLCP4702

Learning Putonghua through Travelling

An advanced Putonghua course designed for native speakers of Cantonese who want to learn more about different Chinese-speaking communities. The course is organised around several destinations in which Putonghua is used. Students will be introduced to the customs, traditions and tourist attractions of different parts of China and the Chinese diaspora. The course will increase students' cultural awareness, vocabulary and communicative competence in Putonghua.

CLCP4713

Current Affairs and Discussion

An advanced course on special topics designed for students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2001, CPTH2703 or CPTH3001.

Course contents include news reporting and discussions on current affairs. Students' speaking ability in both formal and informal situations will be enhanced through extracting, combining, and reproducing news contents. Furthermore, students will receive training in both formal standard written Chinese and spoken colloquial Putonghua. Discussions on current affairs will enable students to learn a wide range of vocabulary on different topics and introduce the differences between Putonghua and Cantonese words and phrases, enabling students to discuss current affairs happening around the world.

This course includes e-learning components, which not only provide targeted training on pronunciation and listening, but also allow students to complete online exercises, conduct recordings, and take examinations online or at the language laboratory.

CLCP4723

Academic Presentation and Discussion

An advanced course on special topics designed for students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2001, CPTH2703 or CPTH3001.

Course contents include thematic speaking and presentations. Through different formal and informal real-life settings, students will expand their vocabulary in professional fields, enabling them to use Putonghua to conduct special reports and present academic speeches. Students will understand Putonghua with relatively strong accents.

CLCP4733

Special Topics in Putonghua (Arts)

An advanced course on special topics designed for students whose major subjects are literature, arts (painting, music, etc.), history, religious studies, or any other arts-related subjects. The course is targeted at those who want to master professional terms in Putonghua and elevate their communicative ability under different circumstances in the above fields. The course is offered to students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2001, CPTH2703 or CPTH3001.

Course contents include speaking topics based on various themes. Through different formal and informal real-life settings, the course will increase students' vocabulary in arts-related fields, enabling them to competently use Putonghua in a work environment. Students will also understand Putonghua with relatively strong accents.

CLCP4743

Special Topics in Putonghua (Science)

An advanced course on special topics designed for students whose major subjects are mathematics, physics, biology, medicine, chemistry, environmental science or any other science related subjects. The course is targeted at those who want to master professional terms in Putonghua and increases their Putonghua communicative ability in the science fields. The course is offered to students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2001, CPTH2703 or CPTH3001.

Course contents include speaking topics based on various themes. Through different formal and informal real-life settings, the course will increase students' vocabulary in science-related fields, enabling them to competently use Putonghua in a work environment. Students will also understand Putonghua with relatively strong accents.

CLCP4753

Special Topics in Putonghua (Engineering)

An advanced course on special topics designed for students whose major subjects are civil engineering and architecture, electronic engineering, information engineering, mechanical engineering, computer engineering or any other engineering-related subjects. The course is targeted at those who want to master professional terms in Putonghua and enable their communicative ability

in different circumstances with the use of Putonghua in the above fields. It is offered to students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2001, CPTH2703 or CPTH3001.

Course contents include speaking topics based on various themes. Through different formal and informal real-life settings, the course will increase students' vocabulary in engineering-related fields, enabling them to competently use Putonghua in a work environment. Students will also understand Putonghua with relatively strong accents.

CLCP4763

Special Topics in Putonghua (Business)

An advanced course on special topics designed for students whose major subjects are business administration, accountancy, finance or any other business-related subjects. The course is targeted at those who want to master professional terms in Putonghua and enable their communicative ability in different circumstances with the use of Putonghua in the above fields. It is offered to students who have completed CLCP2703, CPTH2001, CPTH2703 or CPTH3001.

Course contents include speaking topics based on various themes. Through different formal and informal real-life settings, the course will increase students' vocabulary in business-related fields, enabling them to competently use Putonghua in a work environment. Students will also understand Putonghua with relatively strong accents.

CLCP4773

Putonghua Speech Training (Presentation Skill and Test Preparation)

An advanced course on Putonghua examination preparation. The course is targeted at those who have completed intermediate Putonghua or higher and who aim to sit for a public examination in Putonghua, such as the Putonghua Shuiping Ceshi (PSC), the Computerized Oral Proficiency Assessment (COPA), etc. This course is offered to students who have completed CLCP3703, CPTH3703 or CPTH4001.

Course contents include training on passage reading, various topics on vocabulary, grammar, and test-taking skills. A series of practice on different real-life settings will be provided. Students will learn more vocabulary and improve their reading and speaking skills in preparation for the examinations.

This course includes e-learning components, which not only provide targeted training on pronunciation and listening, but also allow students to complete online exercises, conduct recordings, and take examinations online or at the language laboratory.

Advisory: For local students speaking Cantonese or other Chinese dialects.