

Foundation Certificate Programme in Chinese (Cantonese) for Non-Chinese Speakers



(Elementary I & II / Intermediate I & II)

Qualifications Register registration number: 19/001311/L2 QF level = 2
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About us

Yale-China Chinese Language Academy
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

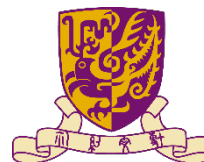
With 62 years of experience in teaching Chinese as a second language, CLA provides language training in Cantonese and Putonghua (Mandarin Chinese) to second/ foreign language learners.

Features

- For elementary-level learners to learn Chinese
- 80-hour programme, course fee at HK\$2000 with a reimbursement of HK\$1700
- Weekday evening and Saturday class options
- Classrooms are conveniently located (near the University MTR station)



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Applicant eligibility

Applicants should be non-Chinese speaking Hong Kong residents who have completed the education equivalent to or higher of grade 11, and currently not enrolled in any full-time programme.

Reimbursement eligibility

Students will receive a subsidy of 85% of course fee if they have:

- completed the application procedure and received the SCOLAR programme's acceptance confirmation prior to the commencement of study;
- completed the designated **CP2101 and CP2102** modules, or **CP2103 and CP2104** modules;
- attained a "pass" grade **OR** at least 80% attendance in each study module.

How to apply?

Applicants should read carefully and sign the Application Notes. Fill in an online application form exclusively for the SCOLAR-funded Foundation Certificate Programme.

The programme application will be processed only upon full submission of the documents, including Hong Kong visa/ permanent HKID information and education proof.

For 2025/26 cohort, the programme fee is HK\$2000. Upon satisfactory completion of the programme, students will be eligible for a subsidy reimbursement of HK\$1700. The net amount paid by students will be HK\$300.

The Study Programme

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對外漢語(粵語)基礎證書課程

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Programme description

This programme is for beginners of Cantonese who are non-Chinese speakers. It focuses on oral skills and listening comprehension, with proficiency-oriented activities based on useful vocabulary items, daily expressions and a wide variety of patterns. Cantonese sounds and tones in Romanization will be taught, supplemented with texts in traditional Chinese characters and English. Students are usually expected to spend at least 4 hours a week on revision to make meaningful progress.

Expected programme learning outcome:

Elementary I & II (CP2101 & CP2102)

Able to ask and respond to simple questions, convey minimal meaning and satisfy a very limited number of immediate needs.

Expected speaking & listening learning outcomes:

- Ability to understand and reply to utterances containing selected vocabulary items and grammar points at the sentence level in daily conversations.
- Ability to apply selected vocabulary items and grammatical patterns at the sentence level in daily conversations with appropriate usage.

Intermediate I & II (CP2103 & CP2104)

Able to participate in simple conversations on predictable topics, obtain information by asking and answering questions, combine learned materials to communicate personal meanings, and satisfy basic personal needs and social demands.

Expected speaking & listening learning outcomes:

- Ability to understand and reply to utterances containing selected vocabulary items and grammar points at the sentence level in daily conversations.
- Ability to apply selected vocabulary items and grammatical patterns at the sentence level in daily conversations with appropriate usage.

Plan A		
Module 1 (CP2101)	Introduction to Cantonese sounds and tones. Topics:	40
Elementary Cantonese I	Greetings, at school, time and date, a shopping day.	
Module 2 (CP2102)	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds &	40
Elementary Cantonese II	tones. Topics: Talk about hobbies, tell locations, meet my family, tour around HK, in the office.	
Total contact hours		80
Plan B		
Module 1 (CP2103)	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds &	40
Intermediate Cantonese I	tones. Topics: dining out, describing people, having fun, shopping around, going to see a doctor.	
Module 2 (CP2104)	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds &	40
Intermediate Cantonese II	tones. Topics: talking about media, working life, going abroad, moving into a new house, when I was young.	
Total contact hours		80

SCOLAR Reimbursement Requirement

- Completed the application procedure and received the SCOLAR programme's acceptance confirmation prior to the commencement of study;
- Completed the designated CP2101 and CP2102 modules, or CP2103 and CP2104 modules. No other modules are accepted. Students who have only completed one single module or started the programme from CP2102 or CP2104 are not eligible for tuition reimbursement.
- Attained a "pass" grade OR at least 80% attendance in each study module.
- Students should take the second module according to the specified schedule and complete it by August 2026. Applications for change of course will only be considered when other courses are not full.

Award Certificate Requirement

- Satisfactory assessment in each module/ course AND
- Minimum attendance rate of 70% in each module/ course.

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