



香港中文大學 雅禮中國語文研習所

Yale-China Chinese Language Academy

The Chinese University of Hong Kong



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

非華語人士粵語基礎證書課程

New **Evening** Classes in **January, April, July & October**

New **Saturday** Classes in **January, May & September**

<Foundation Certificate in Chinese (Cantonese) for Non-Chinese Speakers> is recognized under the Qualifications Framework.
The programme title is changed with effect from January 2020.

Listening

Speaking

Widely spoken in Hong Kong, Macau, Guangdong Province, Cantonese is one of the seven major dialects of China. It is also the most widely spoken Chinese dialect by overseas Chinese communities. Its origin dates from as early as the Qin Dynasty (221 to 206 BC). During the Song Dynasty (960 to 1279 AD), the occupation of northern China by foreign invaders caused an exodus of the Han Chinese to southern China, where the Cantonese dialect took shape. Hong Kong is the only place in China where people think in their own dialect (Cantonese) and use it officially to discuss serious issues. Its long heritage and countless ties to ancient Chinese culture, together with the fact that Cantonese has far-reaching influence on the pop culture among the Asian Pacific region, all these have made Cantonese a very interesting and essential language.

The Academy

Founded in 1963 under the joint auspices of New Asia College and the Yale-China Association, CLA became part of the CUHK in 1974 and has been responsible for the teaching of Chinese language (Putonghua and Cantonese) of University students as well as other Putonghua and Cantonese learners. Courses are offered in two different series: for non-native Chinese speakers and for native Chinese speakers. All the series have different levels to meet the needs and aptitude of students.

The Programme

At beginner level, the modules focus on oral skills and listening comprehension, with proficiency-oriented activities based on useful vocabulary items, daily expressions and a wide variety of patterns. Upon intermediate and advanced level, more topics and activities will be linked to the needs shared by students of the similar profession or background. For reference only, students are usually expected to spend no less than 4 hours a week on revision to make progress.

Module 1 (CP2101) Elementary Cantonese I	Introduction to Cantonese sounds and tones. Topics: Greetings, at school, time and date, a shopping day.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 2 (CP2102) Elementary Cantonese II	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: Talk about hobbies, telling location, meet my family, tour around HK, in the office.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 3 (CP2103) Intermediate Cantonese I	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: dining out, describing people, having fun, shopping around, going to doctor.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 4 (CP2104) Intermediate Cantonese II	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: talking about media, working life, going abroad, moving into a new house, when I was young.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 5 (CP2105) Upper Intermediate Cantonese I	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: hiring a helper, a day in the office, entertainment and sports, dinner at teacher's home, at a wedding party.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 6 (CP2106) Upper Intermediate Cantonese II	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: at the airport, an evening get-together, seeing a film together, discussing travel plans, talking about hobbies.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 7 (CP2107) Advanced Cantonese I [^]	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: looking for a job, buying a computer and connecting to the web, renting a flat in HK, moving to a new home, going to the doctor.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 8 (CP2108) Advanced Cantonese II [^]	Revision on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones. Topics: picked pocket, Hong Kong news media, Hong Kong transportation, Hong Kong fashion, Hong Kong dining.	40 sessions	3 credits

- ♦ [^]Module 7 and above are outside the Foundation Certificate Programme framework.
- ♦ The Centre reserves the right to start or cancel a course due to operational concern. Applicants will be informed in due time. Please refer to the latest lesson schedule.

Internal Credit Transfer

Credits earned from Module 1 to 8 can be transferred to the Certificate/ Diploma/ Advanced Diploma Programme in Chinese as a Foreign/ Second Language (Cantonese) subject to conditions.

Assessment

Quiz (written/ oral), final exam (oral) and instructor's assessment.

* Note: students can take the course without assessment as long as they sign a declaration form. However, the students will not be eligible for the consideration of CUHK award-bearing certificate and any study grant available.

The Award

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Qualification Register registration no: 19/001311/L2. QF level = 2

First registration: 5 May 2008

Current registration effective date: from 1 January 2020 and on-going

Award Requirements:

- Completion of any two modules from CP2101 to CP2106.
- Minimum attendance rate of 70% in each module.
- Satisfactory assessment in each module.

Note: (1) The award title is changed with effect from January 2020. The former title is "Foundation Certificate in Chinese as a Foreign/ Second Language (Cantonese)". (2) This programme is NOT a Continuing Education Fund reimbursable course. (3) A special grant by external funding agent is given to a limited number of programme applicants who study together Module 1 (CP2101) and Module 2 (CP2102) together during October 2019 to January 2021. For more information, please contact the Centre.



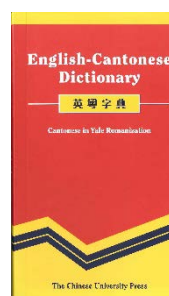
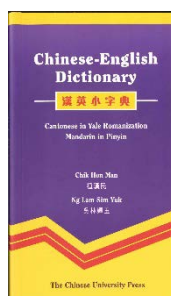
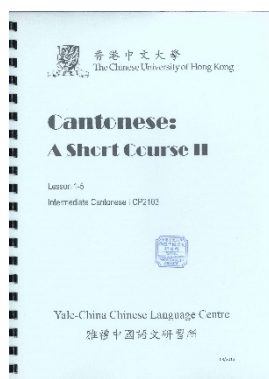
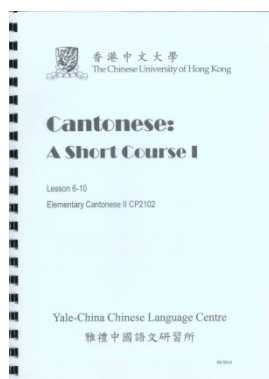
The Teachers

Well-qualified instructors of the CUHK who are experienced in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign/ Second Language.

Cantonese Programme Division (CPD) Head: Mr. CHANG, Kwun Hung, Jonathan (M.Phil. in Philosophy)

The Teaching Materials

Guided by teaching research findings, CLA publishes teaching materials and learning aids based on the ample teaching experience of teachers. *Cantonese: A Short Course I/ II* and supplementary materials prepared by CLA will be used in Cantonese for Non-native Speakers Series. Students are also advised to acquire a copy of *English Cantonese Pocket Dictionary* and *Chinese English Pocket Dictionary* to facilitate their learning.



Online Application

Application is done [online](#). To complete the application procedure smoothly, please take the following steps:

1. Study the [notes to application](#).
2. For those who apply for non-beginning course, please study the [placement guidelines](#) and complete a placement test.
3. Provide a softcopy of your HKID and/ or passport copy with HK visa to prove that your immigration status allows you to study in HK.
4. Those who would like to receive an award certificate issued by CUHK (upon fulfillment of study hours and assessment requirement), should submit a copy of education document certifying that you are at least have completed Hong Kong secondary five education or equivalent on or prior to 2011 or, have completed Hong Kong secondary six education (university admission level) or equivalent on or after 2012.
5. Payment can be made in form of credit card, bank transfer, cheque and cash. For credit card payment, please [download credit card payment authorization form](#) and submit together with your application. For bank transfer, please provide payment receipt along with your online application.
6. CLA staff will contact you after receiving your application.

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