English Language Teaching Unit

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) helps students at CUHK to develop confidence and competence in using English, thereby enabling them to benefit fully from their undergraduate studies and improving their language-related knowledge and skills. The English language curriculum at CUHK has been designed to reflect a 4-3-2 language development model over the four-year normative curriculum and is kept abreast of the latest language education developments around the world. The three-year, 9-credit, 4-3-2 model progresses from English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to English for Specific Purposes (ESP) and finally to English for Professional Purposes (EPP). To cater for learner diversity, topic-based elective courses are in place, and the English Across the Curriculum (EAC) project is launched to enhance disciplinary literacy by collaborating with subject professors. In addition to the formal curriculum, students benefit from a wide array of out-of-class learning opportunities such as accessing information posts of the ELTU Facebook Page, Peer Tutoring Scheme, the online resources for independent learning, social events, and student-led activities.

The ELTU is staffed by approximately 50 full-time and 20 part-time teaching staff, representing a wealth of expertise in language education. Other strengths of the ELTU teaching team are a good balance of native and non-native speakers and its members’ experiences of living and working in multilingual and multicultural contexts worldwide.

Objectives of the Independent Learning Centre

- To make available expert advice on independent learning and communication issues in both English and Chinese.
- To provide a resource-rich and relaxing environment for students to engage in self-study.
- To provide online content and multi-media learning resources to help students reach their individual learning goals.
- To collaborate with teachers and units across CUHK to provide resources and activities to support and encourage independent learning.

What does the ILC offer for students?

- Tailor-made and discipline-specific workshops
- Intercultural awareness workshops
- Career preparation workshops
- Professional examination preparation workshops (e.g. CRE, JRE, IELTS, TOEFL)
- Individual consultations
- Guided study plans
- Online learning modules and print resources
- Communication partners platform
- Special guest workshops on specific skills and whole-person development
- Peer Mentoring Program (for selected colleges)
- Language Exchange Program (for local, mainland and international students)

What are some of the physical resources available in the ILC?

We have over 3,000 Chinese and English items which include:

- Books
- CDs
- Practice exercises & quizzes
- Learning guides
- Resource guides (CRE/JRE)
- Language learning software

What facilities does the ILC have for users?

- A leisure reading, self-study area, and seminar rooms
- Book and magazine displays for student use

Contact Us

The ILC is located on 1/F, Wu Chung Library, United College. Students are welcome to make appointments for consultation at 3943 8764 or 3943 8733 and to register for workshops via the ILC website at www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk.