

LANGUAGE COURSES (CANTONESE AND PUTONGHUA)

The New Asia--Yale-in-China Chinese Language Center (CLC) provides language training in Cantonese and Putonghua. It offers two types of credit-bearing programmes: one is Cantonese courses for non-local students and Putonghua courses for local students; the other is designed primarily for international students who either come to CUHK as exchange students or apply to CLC directly. The main purposes for all courses, including intensive summer courses, are to improve the language proficiency of students and their communicative ability in using Cantonese and Putonghua. Courses are divided into: 1) Cantonese for non-local students; 2) Cantonese for international students; 3) Putonghua for local students; and 4) Putonghua for international students.

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Course Description

Cantonese

(For non-local students)

CAN2013

Cantonese

3 U; 2 Lect. 4 Classwork; 1st term

This course introduces fundamentals of Cantonese to speakers of Putonghua, with emphasis on communicative skills in Cantonese. (Not for students who have taken CAN2213.)

CAN3013

Intermediate Cantonese

3 U; 2 Lect. 4 Classwork; Both terms

This course is a continuation of CAN2013, with emphasis on improving students' ability in discussion on selected topics, which reflects different aspects of Hong Kong culture and society. This course emphasizes on enhancing oral and aural proficiency through discussion and audio-visual materials. (Not for students who have taken CAN3213.)

CAN4013

Advanced Cantonese

3 U; 2 Lect. 4 Classwork; Both terms

This course is a continuation of CAN3013, with emphasis on improving students' ability in discussion for academic purpose and in work environment. This course emphasizes on enhancing oral and aural proficiency through group discussion and audio-visual materials.

(For international students)

CAN1103

Introduction to Chinese Scripts and Culture

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An elementary course to introduce basic Chinese characters with real life examples. Introduction will also be given to the formation of Chinese characters, stroke order, and the interesting stories behind some Chinese characters.

CAN1113

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An elementary course designed to familiarize students with the use of basic vocabulary and grammar points. Vocabulary introduced based on everyday conversations and daily usage. Focus will be on appropriateness in application.

CAN1123

Oral Skills Practice I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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

CAN1133

Communication in Context I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An elementary course designed to familiarize students with basic vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises. Real life settings are introduced such as shopping, introducing family members, asking directions etc.

CAN1143

Listening Comprehension Skills I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

This elementary course focuses on building up students' listening ability in real life context. Everyday settings are introduced such as shopping, introducing family members, asking directions etc.

CAN1153

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

This elementary course helps students to build up abilities in presenting basic ideas in real life communication settings. Tasks like picture description, speaking topics and simple presentation will be adopted to train students in presentation with various everyday settings.

CAN2203

Chinese Reading I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course to introduce the use of Chinese characters with real life examples and contextualized exercises. It will focus on recognition of Chinese characters and readings at sentence level.

CAN2213

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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

CAN2223

Oral Skills Practice II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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.

CAN2233

Communication in Context II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course designed to familiarize students with newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises in real life settings.

CAN2243

Listening Comprehension Skills II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course focused on building up students' listening ability. Real life settings are introduced such as going to the airport, attending a wedding party, going to see movies, discussing travel plans, talking about hobbies etc.

CAN3303

Chinese Reading II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course to introduce the use of Chinese characters with real life examples and contextualized exercises. It will focus on recognition of Chinese characters and readings at paragraph level.

CAN3313

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course designed to familiarize students with the use of newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points. Focus will be on appropriateness in application. Real life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home etc.

CAN3323

Oral Skills Practice III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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

CAN3333

Communication in Context III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course designed to familiarize students with newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises. Real life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home etc.

CAN3343

Listening Comprehension Skills III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course focused on building up students' listening ability. Real life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home etc.

CAN4403

Chinese Reading III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course to introduce the use of Chinese characters with real life examples and contextualized exercises in a wide variety of settings. It will focus on recognition of Chinese characters and readings at discourse level.

CAN4413

Communication in Professional Settings

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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.

CAN4423

Advanced Situations and Discussions on Cultural Issues

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to improve students' fluency in real life communication settings through various language activities and discussion practice. Topics for discussion include social issues in Hong Kong, environmental issues, Chinese custom and religion etc.

CAN4433

Advanced Communication Skills, Negotiation and Presentation Skills

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to improve students' presentation and negotiation ability. Topics for discussion include social issues in Hong Kong, environmental issues, Chinese custom and religion etc.

CAN4443

Advanced Listening Comprehension Skills

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course focused on building up students' listening ability in advanced context and presenting students with multi-media authentic materials. Topics for discussion include social issues in Hong Kong, environmental issues, Chinese custom and religion etc.

CAN4503

Advanced Chinese Reading

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course to introduce the use of Chinese characters with authentic materials and contextualized exercises in professional settings. Readings will be based on materials such as prose, argumentative essays, descriptive essays, drama scripts, etc.

CAN4513

Topical Communication

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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 and international news and issues related to our society, such as education system, economy and immigration.

CAN4523

Professional Topics and Discussions on Societal Issues

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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 local and international news and issues related to our society, such as education system, economy and immigration.

CAN4533

Professional Communication Skills and Presentation Skills

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to train students' presentation and negotiation ability in professional settings. Topics for discussion include various local and international news and issues related to our society, such as education system, economy and immigration.

CAN4543

Listening Comprehension Skills in Professional Settings

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course focused on building up students' listening ability in professional context and presenting students with multi-media authentic materials. Topics for discussion include various local and international news and issues related to our society, such as education system, economy and immigration.

CAN4603

Chinese Writing and Chinese Literature

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to familiarize students with some Chinese literature and writing. Students will be exposed to selected classical Chinese stories. It will focus on reading ability and exposure to Chinese culture.

CAN4613

Cantonese Colloquialism

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to introduce Cantonese colloquialism used in various settings in Hong Kong. In less formal settings, lot of colloquial expressions can be found in discourse. This course helps students to understand and be able to use common colloquial expressions in real life.

CAN4623

HK Movies and Culture

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to train students' ability to comprehend authentic audio-visual materials in Cantonese, such as movies and TV programmes. Movies and TV abstracts are selected with listening comprehension exercises and discussion activities. Discussions will be used to train students to be aware of specific cultural issues in Hong Kong.

CAN4633

Newspaper Reading

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to improve students' language ability through the reading and discussion of selections from newspapers in standard written Chinese. Topics include international relations, political news, crime, economic news, accidents, etc.

CAN4643

Sector Specific Training in Cantonese

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

Courses designed for different kinds of working professionals, such as businesspersons, bankers, financial consultants, education specialists, religious and social workers, etc. Sector specific trainings are designed to cater for advanced students' needs. e.g. the Cantonese for religious workers course provides training on Bible reading, Sunday liturgy and Mass liturgy.

Putonghua

(For local students)

PTH1001

Putonghua I

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

This course is for undergraduate students who are beginners in Putonghua, with emphasis on oral and aural proficiency. Topics include foundations in daily conversation, Hanyu Pinyin. Students will improve their Putonghua pronunciation and communicative skills in Putonghua through well designed tasks and familiarization with Pinyin. (Not for Chinese Language and Literature Majors or students who have taken LED3520, PTH2003 or 3913.)

PTH2001

Putonghua II

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH1001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Topics covered include subjects on campus-living, pronunciation blind spots and neutral tone. Lexical differences between Putonghua and Cantonese will be pointed out. Students will improve their communicative skills in Putonghua through pair works, role-plays, discussions and seminars. Prerequisite: PTH1001 or equivalent*. (Not for Chinese Language and Literature Majors or students who have taken LED3520, PTH2003 or 3913.)

PTH2003

Elementary Putonghua

3 U; 6 Lect.; Both terms

This is a compulsory elementary Putonghua course for undergraduate students, with emphasis on oral and aural proficiency. Students will improve their Putonghua communicative and pronunciation skills through a series of well designed interactive tasks, dialogues, group discussions and individual presentation, focusing on Pinyin. Major topics include matters concerning campus life and students activities. (Not for students who are not required to take this course.)

PTH3001

Putonghua III

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH2001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua, with emphasis on increased fluency and expressive conversation based on campus life and daily situations. Lexical differences between Putonghua and Cantonese will be pointed out. Students will improve their communicative skills in Putonghua through discussions, oral reports and multimedia listening trainings. Prerequisite: CHI1901, PTH2001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken LED3520, PTH2003 or 3913.)

PTH3011

Putonghua in Business (A)

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Students will improve their communicative skills in Putonghua on selected topics of business and trade through listening exercises, trainings in lexical differences between Putonghua and Cantonese, discussions and oral reports. A wide range of business-related terminology will be introduced. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3101.)

PTH3021

Putonghua in Business (B)

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Students will improve their language skills in Putonghua on selected topics of business and trade, and corporate management through listening exercises, trainings in lexical differences between Putonghua and Cantonese, discussions and oral reports. A wide range of business management-related terminology will be introduced. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3201.)

PTH3031

Putonghua in Current Affairs

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Students will improve their language skills in Putonghua on selected topics of current affairs through listening exercises, trainings in lexical differences between Putonghua and Cantonese, discussions and presentations. A wide range of current affairs-related terminology will be introduced. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3301.)

PTH3041

Putonghua in Tourism and Hotel Management

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

This is an advanced Putonghua course and is one of the sector-specific courses designed for students either majoring or interested in hotel management and tourism. Main objectives of the course are to improve the students' ability in using Putonghua in communication and in solving real-life problems in work. A variety of teaching methodology will be used to help students increase their vocabulary and learn to express themselves in Putonghua, including the use of multi-media, listening comprehension, group activities, short speech and sharing of travel experience. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3401.)

PTH3051

Putonghua in Chinese Medicine

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

This is one of the sector-specific Putonghua courses for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. It is designed to meet the needs of students in the School of Chinese Medicine and those who are interested in this subject. Students will improve their communicative competence in Putonghua through listening exercises, group discussion, presentations and oral reports. Prerequisite: PTH3001 or equivalent*.

PTH3061

Putonghua in Law and Politics

1 U; 2 Lect.; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Students will improve their language skills in Putonghua on selected topics of law and politics through multimedia listening exercises, trainings in lexical differences between Putonghua and Cantonese, discussions and presentations. A wide range of terms and usage relevant to law and politics will be introduced. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH4101.)

PTH3913

Summer Intensive Putonghua

3 U; Summer term; 65 hours (fee-based summer intensive language course)

This course covers the material of PTH1001, 2001 and 3001 but with greater concentration, aims to achieve more effective results. Students completing this course will be qualified to select PTH3011, 3021, 3031, 3041, 3051, 3061, 3923, 3933, 3943 or 4001. Application information will be announced in early April. (This course is for beginners only and not for students who have taken any PTH course(s), except PCE1001. If it is taken by negligence, only the units of PTH3913 will be counted towards the requirements for graduation.) (Not for students who have taken PTH3103.)

PTH3923

Topical Putonghua: Business and Trade

3 U; Summer term; 65 hours (fee-based summer intensive language course)

An intermediate Putonghua course designed to improve both the communicative ability of students and their knowledge in sectors related to their major or personal interests. Through intensive training, students are expected to be able to express themselves in Putonghua with topics related to business and trade. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3203.)

PTH3933

Topical Putonghua: Current Affairs

3 U; Summer term; 65 hours (fee-based summer intensive language course)

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Students will improve their communicative skills in Putonghua on selected topics of current affairs related to their major or personal interests through intensive language trainings with the support of multimedia equipment. Upon completion of the course, students are able to confidently deliver their presentations in Putonghua. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3303.)

PTH3943

Topical Putonghua: Tourism and Hotel Management

3 U; Summer term; 65 hours (fee-based summer intensive language course)

An intermediate Putonghua course designed to improve both the communicative ability of students and their knowledge in sectors related to their major or personal interests. Through intensive training, students are expected to be able to express themselves in Putonghua with topics related to travel, entertainment and hotel management. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH3403.)

PTH4001

Putonghua IV

1 U; 2 Lect; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course for undergraduate students who have completed PTH3001 or with equivalent competence in Putonghua. Topics covered in the course include subjects on social and current affairs. Students will improve their communicative skills in Putonghua through discussions on selected topics, presentations and debates. The course also strengthens students' listening skills by multimedia training exercises. Prerequisite: CHI1901, LED3520, PTH3001 or equivalent*.

PTH4053

Putonghua Advanced Course

3 U; 3 Lect; Three terms including the summer term

This Putonghua Advanced Course is designed to improve and assess the speaking ability of Putonghua students, focusing on specific aspects such as pronunciation, reading aloud and speaking practice in different contexts. Topics covered in this course include pronunciation diagnosis, special training on words and passage reading, topic-oriented approach in speaking, as well as a brief introduction to relevant public examinations with tailor-made exercises for common tasks found in these examinations. Students having taken this course will find themselves better prepared for any public Putonghua proficiency examinations now available. Prerequisite: PTH4001 and any one course from PTH3011, 3021, 3031, 3041, 3051, 3061 or equivalent*. (Not for students who have taken PTH4503.)

(For international students)

PTH1113

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An elementary course designed to familiarize students with the use of basic vocabulary and grammar points. Vocabulary introduced based on everyday conversations and daily usage. Focus will be on appropriateness in application.

PTH1123

Oral Skills Practice I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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

PTH1133

Communication in Context I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An elementary course designed to familiarize students with basic vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises. Real life settings are introduced such as shopping, introducing family members, asking directions etc.

PTH1143

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

This elementary course focused on building up students' listening ability in real life context. Everyday settings are introduced such as shopping, introducing family members, asking directions etc.

PTH1153

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

This elementary course helps students to build up abilities in presenting basic ideas in real life communication settings. Tasks like picture description, speaking topics and simple presentation will be adopted to train students in presentation with various everyday settings.

PTH2213

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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

PTH2223

Oral Skills Practice II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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.

PTH2233

Communication in Context II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course designed to familiarize students with newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises in real life settings.

PTH2243

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course focused on building up students' listening ability. Real life settings are introduced such as going to the airport, attending a wedding party, going to see movies, discussing travel plans, talking about hobbies etc.

PTH2253

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An intermediate course to help students improve their proficiency to communicate in authentic situations by integrating the newly acquired vocabulary items and grammar structures.

PTH3313

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course designed to familiarize students with the use of newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points. Focus will be on appropriateness in application. Real life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home etc.

PTH3323

Oral Skills Practice III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

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

PTH3333

Communication in Context III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course designed to familiarize students with newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises. Real life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home etc.

PTH3343

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An upper intermediate course focused on building up students' listening ability. Real life settings are introduced such as buying a computer, going to the doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home etc.

PTH3353

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A higher intermediate course to help students further improve their proficiency to communicate in a variety of authentic situations by integrating the newly acquired vocabulary items and grammar structures.

PTH3363

PRINCH (ILS): Language Practice in Context

1 U; Three terms including the summer term; 42 hours in one week

PRINCH (ILS) is a task-based course designed to provide intermediate level students (ILS) 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 daily life. Class format consists of three parts: 1) Pre-trip activities with teachers; 2) Theme-based trip in small groups led by Teaching Assistants (TAs); and 3) Post-trip tasks with teachers, such as Q&A, discussion and presentation. Prerequisite: PTH3353 or equivalent*.

PTH4413

News Media and Presentation Skills I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to familiarize students with journal articles, focusing on expansion of vocabulary through reading, discussion and presentation based on selected readings from Chinese newspapers.

PTH4423

Speech Preparation and Presentation Skills I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed for students who want to improve their expression proficiency through writing practices. Topics covered in other courses of the same level are used for practicing purposes in this course.

PTH4433

Advanced Topical Conversation I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to enhance students' ability in communication on selected daily life topics such as clothing, food, work, vacation, illnesses, marriage, use of internet, life-style, etc.

PTH4443

Communication Skills on Business Topics I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to familiarize students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics and terminology, focusing on topics related to Hong Kong and mainland China.

PTH4453

Communication Skills and Culture I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to improve students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of Chinese culture and society through selected readings.

PTH4463

Special Topics I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course tailor-made to provide special training focusing on specific aspects related to various professional fields.

PTH4473

TV Commercial I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to improve students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of Chinese culture and society through watching and discussion of Chinese TV programmes, including language used in commercial advertisements.

PTH4513

News Media and Presentation Skills II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4413, designed to familiarize students with language input from a wider variety of sources, such as TV programmes and news broadcasts. Prerequisite: PTH4413 or equivalent*.

PTH4523

Speech Preparation and Presentation Skills II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4423, designed to improve students' speaking proficiency through writing practice. Topics covered in other courses of the same level are used for practicing purposes in this course. Prerequisite: PTH4423 or equivalent*.

PTH4533

Advanced Topical Conversation II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4433, designed to enhance students' ability in communication on selected daily life topics related to social issues and current affairs, such as cuisine, fashion, terrorism, globalization, etc. Prerequisite: PTH4433 or equivalent*.

PTH4543

Communication Skills on Business Topics II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4443, designed to familiarize students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics and terminology. Course materials include selected readings from Chinese newspapers. Prerequisite: PTH4443 or equivalent*.

PTH4553

Communication Skills and Cultural II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4453, designed to improve students' language skills in communication, as well as their understanding of Chinese culture and society through a wider variety of selected readings. Prerequisite: PTH4453 or equivalent*.

PTH4563

Special Topics II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

Courses designed for different kinds of working professionals, such as businesspersons, bankers, financial consultants, education specialists, religious and social workers, etc. Sector specific trainings are designed to cater for advanced students' needs. Prerequisite: PTH4463 or equivalent*.

PTH4573

TV Commercial II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4473 with a wider variety of input from TV commercials and programmes. Prerequisite: PTH4473 or equivalent*.

PTH4583

Chinese Literature

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course focusing on analysis and discussion on selected literary works, including prose and poetry, to enhance students understanding of Chinese culture and history.

PTH4593

Fiction and Film I

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

An advanced course designed to enhance students' oral and aural proficiency through fiction and film, as well as to improve their understanding of Chinese culture and society through in-depth discussions based on movies.

PTH4613

News Media and Presentation Skills III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4513, designed to build up students' confidence in discussing issues covered by journal articles, TV programmes and news broadcasts. Prerequisite: PTH4513 or equivalent*.

PTH4623

Speech Preparation and Presentation Skills III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4523, designed to build up students' confidence in speaking through writing practices. Topics covered in other courses of the same level are used for practicing purposes in this course. Prerequisite: PTH4523 or equivalent*.

PTH4633

Advanced Topical Conversation III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4533, designed to enhance students' ability in communication on a wider variety of topics. Prerequisite: PTH4533 or equivalent*.

PTH4643

Communication Skills on Business Topics III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4543, designed to familiarize students with a wider range of business and economy-related topics. Prerequisite: PTH4543 or equivalent*.

PTH4653

Communication Skills and Culture III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4553, designed to build up students' confidence in communication related to social and cultural issues. Prerequisite: PTH4553 or equivalent*.

PTH4663

Special Topics III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4563 with a similar design, but specific training related to popular assessment tools (such as HSK, COPA and PSC) will also be provided. Prerequisite: PTH4563 or equivalent*.

PTH4673

TV Commercial III

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4573 focusing on a deeper understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture through TV programmes. Prerequisite: PTH4573 or equivalent*.

PTH4683

Classical Chinese for International Students

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH4583 focusing on classical works only. General introductions to the format, style, vocabulary and grammar of classical Chinese will be covered. Prerequisite: PTH4583 or equivalent*.

PTH4693

Fiction and Film II

3 U; 1 Lect. 2 Classwork; Three terms including the summer term

A continuation of PTH 4593, designed to enhance students' proficiency in reading, speaking and listening comprehension. Students are expected to improve their understanding of Chinese culture and society through selected readings from contemporary literary works, movies and in-depth discussions. Prerequisite: PTH4593 or equivalent*.

PTH4713

PRINCH (ALS): Language Practice in Context

1 U; Three terms including the summer term; 42 hours in one week

PRINCH (ALS) is a task-based course designed to provide advanced level students (ALS) 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 issues. 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. Prerequisite: PTH4693 or equivalent*.

- * Students who wish to take a course without prerequisite must take a placement test. For detailed information, please refer to the Chinese version.