

## English Language

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) offers a range of courses that provide students with opportunities to improve their command of English and develop confident communication skills. There are four broad categories:

1. Foundation courses - focus on enhancing the essential language learning skills (e.g., grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary)
2. Skills-based courses - focus on developing a specific language skill (e.g., listening, speaking, reading or writing)
3. English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses - focus on specialist language use of a particular discipline (e.g., business, technology)
4. Integrated courses - focus on authentic language use within a particular context (e.g., literature, current affairs)

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**Course Description**

(Unless otherwise specified, all are 3-unit both-term courses of three hours of classwork per week.)

*Some sections of multi-section courses may be reserved for students of specific faculties/departments. Please refer to the "Full-time Undergraduate Teaching Timetable" for details.*

**Foundation Courses****ELT 1106****Grammar for University Studies**

This course is designed for students who wish to enhance their understanding of the basic concepts of grammar while clarifying any misconceptions they may have in relation to grammar and its use. It focuses mainly on enabling students to gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between meaning and grammar. It is expected that students who have taken this course will increase their confidence in using English with regard to grammatical accuracy in both speaking and writing. Coursework will include group discussions and pair and group assignment tasks to increase students' grammatical awareness. Students will also be able to measure their own progress through specially designed pre- and post-course tests. (Not for students who have taken ELT 1108S.)

**ELT 1107****English Improvement Strategies for Listening and Speaking**

This course is designed for students who want to improve their general abilities in listening and speaking in English. Specifically, it will focus on strategies aimed at solving language problems, as well as encouraging students to be responsible for managing their own language learning. Coursework will include group discussions, presentations, role-plays, pair work and diagnostic assessments, as well as practice activities to develop listening and speaking skills to be done in class and independently in the Independent Learning Centre (ILC). This course is particularly suitable for students in their first year of attendance.

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ELT 1108

English Improvement Strategies for Reading and Writing

This course is designed for students who want to improve their general abilities in reading and writing in English. Specifically, it will focus on strategies aimed at language improvement for study purposes, as well as encouraging students to be responsible for managing their own language learning. Coursework will include reading and writing assignments, group/individual projects, as well as practice activities to be done independently outside class. This course is particularly suitable for students in their first year of attendance.

ELT 1109

English Improvement Strategies for Vocabulary Expansion

This course is designed for students who want to expand their vocabulary in English. Specifically, it will focus on developing strategies for learning, remembering and using vocabulary appropriately. This course will also encourage students to assume responsibility for managing their own vocabulary learning. Coursework will include group discussions, pair work, presentations, practice activities, a project, and keeping a learning journal. This course is particularly suitable for students in their first year of attendance.

**Skills-based Courses**

ELT 2110

Listening and Speaking Enhancement for ELT I

This course provides prospective teachers of English with the opportunity to enhance their listening and speaking skills in English. Specifically, it will focus on effective strategies for listening and responding in an appropriate and professional manner in academic settings. Coursework will include discussions, interviews, roleplays, and individual and group presentations on topics related to teaching English in Hong Kong. (For LED students only.)

ELT 2111

Listening and Speaking Enhancement for ELT II

This course is a continuation of ELT 2110. (For LED students only.)

ELT 2120

Reading and Writing Enhancement for ELT I

This course is designed to help prospective teachers of English improve their academic reading and writing skills in English. Readings (e.g., newspaper and journal articles and reports) will focus on topics relevant to English language teachers in Hong Kong. Coursework will include group discussions of the readings and writing on related themes. Writing tasks will include formal and informal reports, letters, memos, announcements and reflective journal writing. (For LED students only.)

ELT 2121

Reading and Writing Enhancement for ELT II

This course introduces students to a variety of literary forms in English through the study of selected essays, fiction, drama and poetry of particular relevance to English language teachers. Students will be required to respond to the readings through reflective journal writing as well as through well developed, coherent essays. The overall aim of the course is to enhance students' power of appreciation of literary works as well as further enhance their writing skills. (For LED students only.)

ELT 2201

Listening and Response

This course is designed for students who want to improve their abilities in listening and responding appropriately. Specifically, it will focus on effective strategies for listening and response and explore ways of using English media for learning and cultural enrichment purposes. Coursework will include group discussions and projects, individual presentations and practice activities to be done outside of class such as listening to news/radio programmes and watching films/TV programmes. This course is suitable for students with an intermediate level of listening proficiency or above.

ELT 2402

Introduction to Academic Writing

This course introduces students to academic writing that is required at the university level. The course will focus on the development of informative and persuasive writing based on library research. Coursework will include audience analysis, summary and paraphrase writing, as well as library methods. This course is suitable for all students.

ELT 2500

Improving Pronunciation

This course is designed to help students improve their pronunciation. Students will be trained to recognize various aspects of English pronunciation, including sentence stress, linking and individual sounds. Special emphasis will be placed on practising pronunciation both individually and in communicative situations. Coursework will consist of listening, individual work, roleplays and presentations. This course builds on the PCE intensive language course, and is suitable for all students. Students who have completed ELT 1107 are particularly invited to join.

ELT 2501

Effective Oral Communication

This course is designed for students who want to improve their oral English communication skills. Specifically, it will focus on helping students handle various types of oral communication effectively. These will include interpersonal communication, various types of group communication, and public communication for informing and persuading. Coursework will include pair/group discussion, oral presentations and speaking improvement activities. This course is suitable for students with an intermediate level of oral proficiency or above.

ELT 3508

Public Speaking

This course is designed for students who want to reach a high level of competence and confidence in public speaking. Specifically, it will include such topics as the process and ethics of public speaking, critical listening, audience analysis, critical thinking, debating, narrating and making speeches on special occasions. Particular emphasis will be placed on attaining a high level of competence in the language, rhetoric and delivery of speeches. This course is suitable for students who already have at least an intermediate proficiency (e.g., those who have completed one or more ELT courses) in spoken English. (Not for students who have taken ELT 2002: Special Topic B or ELT 4501.)

**English for Specific Purposes (ESP) Courses**

ELT 1100

English Enhancement for Business Studies

This course provides students in their first year of attendance in the Faculty of Business Administration the opportunity to enhance their English skills required for their major studies. Specifically, it will focus on skills required in reading textbooks and business news,

listening to lectures, conducting discussions, writing assignments and making presentations. Coursework will include group discussions, reading journals, projects and presentations. (For Faculty of Business Administration students admitted from 2000-01 with Grade D/E in AS Level Use of English only.)

ELT 1110

Communication for Business Studies

This course is designed for students who wish to communicate effectively in a business context. Students will develop the confidence as well as skills in English language and communication, with emphasis on oral skills, needed for studies and a career in business and management. Working with real cases in business, students will be expected to participate actively in classroom activities including role plays of business meetings and case discussions. Students will also be required to make oral and written presentations in pairs/groups. This course is suitable for all students in their first and second years of attendance. Students in the Faculty of Business Administration will find it particularly relevant.

ELT 1111

Technical Communications

This course is designed for students who wish to communicate effectively in a technical context. Specifically, it will focus on developing research and organizational skills, as well as those needed to present technical information. Coursework will consist of writing reports, memos, letters, procedures and a proposal. It will include work on developing students' oral skills. This course is particularly suitable for Engineering students in their first or second year of attendance.

ELT 2408

Bilingual Historians: English Writing

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This is a compulsory language course designed for History Major students in their second year of attendance to help them improve their English writing skills in preparing well-organized position papers/proposals. Using a step-by-step approach in essay writing, students will be engaged actively in model-text analysis, group discussion, collaborative writing and peer review. Portfolio assessment will be carried out to measure the progress individual students make over the two writing assignments which are hypothetical proposals promoting certain ideas.

ELT 2410

English Writing for Architectural Studies

This course is designed for students in Architectural Studies in their second year of attendance. It aims at developing students' English reading and writing skills necessary for studies in architecture. Specifically, it will focus on the expansion and consolidation of the linguistic competence in understanding the language used in a variety of architectural contexts and expressing the well-formulated thoughts on architectural issues in writing. Coursework will include critical reading of architectural texts and writings on direct observations, reflections and summaries associated with building projects.

ELT 2418

Advanced Critical English Literacy for Historians

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This is a compulsory language course designed for third-year History Major students to develop their critical literacy for effective functioning within an academic community. Specifically, it aims to enhance students' critical reading skills as well as their abilities in writing critiques for history. Authentic materials of history texts such as journal articles,

book chapters, editorials and famous speeches would be used to generate discussions and interpretations from multiple perspectives. In addition, a process approach would be adopted in learning how to respond to controversial issues or situations critically.

**ELT 3110**

**Business Communication (For BBA and PAC Only)**

This course is designed for students who want to improve their business communication skills. Specifically, it will focus on job search skills as well as oral and written communication required in the business workplace. Coursework will include job search communication, memos, letters, reports, meetings, group discussions and oral presentations. This course is only for BBA and PAC students in their fourth semester of study or thereafter.

**ELT 3112**

**Business Communication**

This course is designed for students who want to improve their business communication skills. Specifically, it will focus on job search skills as well as oral and written communication required in the business workplace. Coursework will include job search communication, memos, letters, reports, meetings, group discussions and oral presentations. This course is particularly suitable for students in their second and final years of attendance.

**Integrated Courses**

**ELT 2000**

**English for Career Preparation**

This course will consist of two core components: writing tasks and oral response to work situations. Coursework will focus on the appropriate use of English writing in business or other job settings and on the authentic use of spoken English at work. Assignments will centre on authentic writing tasks and role-playing activities designed to develop job-related communication skills. This course will help students assess their level of English proficiency so that they can work towards achieving an acceptable level upon graduating from university. This course is particularly suitable for students in their second year of attendance. (Note: the course will not include job application and interview skills).

**ELT 2390**

**Language Through Literature: Stories from America**

This course focuses on language acquisition through literature. Students will read a variety of contemporary American short stories, each providing lessons in useful vocabulary, including idioms, expressions, slang and dialects, all presented “in the American context.” Aside from learning correct pronunciation and gaining an expanded vocabulary, students will learn valuable lessons of cultural diversity, customs and traditions, as seen through the eye of American characterization as well as narration. This course will prove to be extremely helpful to those students who wish to prepare themselves for today’s “globalization.” (Not for students who have taken ELT 2301.)

**ELT 2391**

**Language Through Literature: Stories from Britain**

This course focuses on language acquisition through literature. Students will read a variety of contemporary British short stories, each providing lessons in useful vocabulary, including idioms, expressions, slang and dialects, all presented “in the British context.” Aside from learning correct pronunciation and gaining an expanded vocabulary, students will learn valuable lessons of cultural diversity, customs and traditions, as seen through the eyes of British characterization as well as narration. This course will prove to be extremely helpful to those students who wish to prepare themselves for today’s “globalization.”

ELT 2392

Language Through Literature: Stories from the World

This course focuses on language acquisition through literature. Students will read a variety of contemporary short stories taken from cultures and civilizations from around the globe. Each story (translated into an English anthology) will provide students with unique lessons in useful vocabulary, including idioms, expressions, slang and dialects, all presented “in a multi-cultural context.” Aside from learning correct pronunciation and gaining an expanded vocabulary, students will learn valuable lessons of multi-cultural diversity, customs and traditions, as seen through the eyes of characterization as well as narration. This course will prove to be extremely helpful to those students who wish to prepare themselves for today’s “globalization.”

ELT 2399

Language Through Literature: English from Drama

This final course in the language acquisition through literature series will provide students with the opportunity to put into practice their newly-acquired language skills by reading and “acting out” short drama skits, including scripts from an ESL text as well as those written by the students themselves. The design of this course will provide the platform from which students can not only expand their working vocabulary but also improve their pronunciation and intonation by working closely with the instructor. This course will prove to be extremely helpful to those students who wish to prepare themselves for today’s “globalization.”

ELT 3102

English Through Nature and the Environment

This course is designed for students who want to improve their critical thinking skills, as well as their general English-language ability while raising their awareness of the relationship between humanity and nature. Specifically, it will focus on wildlife and conservation issues. Coursework will include group discussions, multi-media presentations and report-writing. There will also be field trips to a number of sites. This course is particularly suitable for students who feel confident in their English-language abilities.

ELT 3103

English Through Current Affairs and Issues

This course is designed for students who want to improve their language ability and vocabulary through interpretation of current issues in the media. Specifically, it will focus on a variety of media sources, e.g., newspapers, news magazines, radio and TV. Coursework will include reading, watching and listening to current affairs programmes, group discussions, language-focused activities, and public speaking. This course is particularly suitable for students who feel confident in their English language abilities.

ELT 3104

English Through Film

This course is an integrated English course designed for students who want to improve their English analytical, discussion and written skills. Specifically, it will focus on the analysis of linguistic, cultural and intellectual aspects of films. Coursework will include class discussions of assigned films viewed outside of class, written analytical reports and a presentation. This course is particularly suitable for students who feel confident in their English language abilities. (Not for students who have taken GEE 211B.)