

## **Intensive Programme in Putonghua, Cantonese and English**

All students in their first year of attendance are required to complete an Intensive Programme in Putonghua, Cantonese and English. The purpose of the Programme is to provide an opportunity for students to strengthen their ability to consult dictionaries for the correct pronunciation of individual characters or words. The Programme will provide a key for students to more advanced language courses offered by various units of the University and to promote among themselves an awareness of the importance of language ability.

The Cantonese course consists of three 3-hour sessions and is complemented by web-based teaching. The Putonghua and English courses are conducted on the web. Coordinators of the three courses are:

Putonghua	–	Department of Chinese Language and Literature
Cantonese	–	Department of Chinese Language and Literature
English	–	English Language Teaching Unit

### **Course List**

<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>
PCE 1001	The Hanyu Pinyin System
PCE 1002	Cantonese Romanization and Cantonese Rendering of Middle Chinese Pronunciation
PCE 1003	English Phonetic Transcription

### **Course Description**

PCE 1001

The Hanyu Pinyin System

This course covers the Chinese Phonetic Alphabet in the Pinyin system, tone differentiation and the use of modern Chinese dictionaries.

PCE 1002

Cantonese Romanization and Cantonese Rendering of Middle Chinese Pronunciation

This course covers the Cantonese phonetic symbols in the Cantonese Romanization system, tone differentiation, tone shifts in colloquial Cantonese, Cantonese rendering of middle Chinese pronunciation and the use of both traditional Chinese dictionaries and Cantonese pronouncing dictionaries.

PCE 1003

English Phonetic Transcription

This course covers the International Phonetic Alphabet, English pronunciation and the use of English dictionaries.

### **Programme Assessment**

The three courses are non-credit-bearing but students are required to attend an examination after taking each of the three courses, with the results shown as Distinction, Credit, Pass, or Failure on their academic reports and transcripts. A student who fails to obtain a Pass in a course may re-take the examination in his/her second year of attendance. Only under special circumstances will a student who has failed to obtain a Pass in two consecutive examinations be allowed to take the examination a third time. The grade obtained by a student who re-takes an examination in any one language will be final, and the student may gain only a Pass at most for that language.