

Philosophy

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Course Description

(Unless otherwise specified, all are 3 units term courses of three hours of lecture per week.)

Required Courses

PHI 1110

Introduction to Philosophy

3 U; 2 Lect. 1 Tut.

This course is to introduce the major areas and problems of philosophy from the critical point of view, and to train students to do some philosophical thinking and to acquire the habit of critical reflection. Topics to be discussed include: the meaning of philosophy, methods of philosophy, theory of value, with special emphasis on ethics, problems in metaphysics and in the theory of knowledge.

PHI 1310

Logic

3 U; 2 Lect. 1 Tut.

This course is designed to give the student a fundamental training in logic so that he can equip himself with the basic knowledge of logic, and accustom himself to logical thinking. The course includes the uses and misuses of language, deduction and induction. (Not for students who have taken GEE 110A or 111A.)

PHI 2000

Ethics

3 U; 2 Lect. 1 Tut.

This course is designed for students to acquire general knowledge of various ethical theories and to achieve fundamental understanding of ethical problems, so as to promote the ability of creative thinking on these problems and critical reflection on the moral issues of contemporary society.

PHI 2020/2030

History of Chinese Philosophy I/II

3/3 U; 3 Lect.; 2-term

Ancient Chinese philosophical wisdom as manifested in the Five Classics; philosophical thoughts in the Pre-Ch' in period; philosophies of the dual Han Dynasties; Neo-Taoism and Dark Learning of the Wei and Chin Dynasties; introduction of Buddhism during the Six Dynasties through the Sui and T' ang Dynasties; Neo-Confucianism of the Sung and Ming Dynasties; philosophical thoughts of the Ch' ing Dynasty.

PHI 2040

History of Western Philosophy I

Classical Greek and Hellenistic thoughts; Medieval Scholasticism; Renaissance and religious Reformation; the confrontation between rationalism and empiricism; Kant' s critical philosophy; nineteenth century and contemporary developments.

PHI 2050

History of Western Philosophy II

Same syllabus as PHI 2040.

PHI 3800

Metaphysics

3 U; 2 Lect. 1 Tut.

This course offers an overview of some important and perplexing problems in metaphysics. Topics include personal identity, the mind-body problem, free will, and meta-philosophical approaches to metaphysics.

PHI 3820

Epistemology

3 U; 2 Lect. 1 Tut.

This course is intended to provide general theoretical discipline in connection with the basic problems of cognitive activities, such as the structure and elements of knowledge, the role of sensation, perception and conceptual thinking (empirical and logical), the realm of possible knowledge, etc., as well as a brief exposition of the various doctrines of the epistemological schools in history with special reference to the fundamental issues in philosophy.

Elective Courses

Area I: Chinese/Eastern Philosophy

PHI 2301

Guided Studies in Chinese/Eastern Philosophical Classics

3 U; 3 Sem.

This course aims at guiding students through the detailed study of selected Chinese or Eastern philosophical classics and the discussion of philosophical issues involved. The course is conducted in seminar form. Special attention will be paid to the difficulties encountered by students in the understanding and interpretation of such classics.

PHI 3111

Pre-Ch' in Confucianists

Analytic study of classical writings of Confucian philosophers. Philosophical thoughts of Analects of Confucius, Mencius, Hsun Tzu, and Book of Rites, with study of important commentaries.

PHI 3131

Pre-Ch' in Taoists

Analytic study of classical writings of Taoist Philosophers. Philosophies of Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu, with study of some important commentaries. Their relations with other schools of philosophy and their influence on later Taoist philosophers.

PHI 3191

Indian Philosophy

This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of Indian philosophy. The contents include: the background of Indian philosophy; the Vedas and the Upanisads; Anti-Brahmanism: Materialism (Lokayata), Jainism, Buddhism; the six systems derived from Brahmanism: Samkhya, Yoga, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Mimamsa and Vedanta; contemporary Indian thought.

PHI 3211

Indian Buddhist Philosophies

This course deals with the main ideas of the various stages of Indian Buddhism based mostly on Chinese translated sources as well as on any available sources. It is divided into five parts: Early Buddhism, Abhidharma, Sunyavada (Madhyamika philosophy), Vijnanavada and Tathagatagarbha.

PHI 3531

Special Topics: Chinese Philosophy

PHI 3561

Special Topics: Eastern Philosophy

Special topics include those topics which are less frequently offered but are in demand from time to time. Students are allowed to take the above special topic courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

PHI 4111

Chinese Buddhist Philosophies

This course provides a critical survey of the basic problems of various schools of Chinese Buddhism based on an analytical study of their writings; it includes an exposition of the characteristics of Chinese Buddhism through a comparative study with Indian Buddhism.

PHI 4121

Ch' an (Zen) Buddhism

This course is intended to study the key concepts, presuppositions, approaches, and language based on the "Platform Sutra" and some cases of Enlightenment (*Koan*) in later Ch' an Buddhists.

PHI 4131

Sung Neo-Confucianists

Development of the problems and thoughts of Neo-Confucianism of Sung Dynasty. Intensive study of basic writings of Chou, Chang, Chengs, Chu, Lu as central figures, as well as other Neo-Confucianists, their relations with other Confucianists before or after.

PHI 4141

Ming Neo-Confucianists

Development of the problems and thoughts of Neo-Confucianism of Ming Dynasty. Intensive study of basic writings of Wang Shou-jen, Liu Tsung-chou, Huang Tsung-hsi as central figures, as well as other Neo-Confucianists, their relations with other Confucianists before or after.

PHI 4351

Moist Philosophers

A critical study of the philosophy of Mo Tzu and his followers, their principal ideas and theoretical development and their place in the history of Chinese philosophy.

PHI 4361

Legalist Philosophers

A critical study of the representative philosophers of the Legalist School, their forerunners or background, their principal ideas and theoretical development and their place in the history of Chinese philosophy.

Area II: Western Philosophy

PHI 2202

Symbolic Logic

This course is an introduction to modern symbolic logic, concentrating on standard first-order logic as its major theme, with elementary set theory as supplement to the course. Topics include: propositional logic and its decision procedures, quantification logic and its (partial) decision procedures, axiomatic method, natural deduction and naive set theory.

PHI 2302

Guided Studies in Western Philosophical Classics

3 U; 3 Sem.

This course aims at guiding students through the detailed study of selected Western philosophical classics and the discussion of philosophical issues involved. The course is conducted in seminar form. Special attention will be paid to the difficulties encountered by students in the understanding and interpretation of such classics.

PHI 3152

Ancient Western Philosophers

Intensive study of Plato's and/or Aristotle's philosophy with concentration on certain particular aspects of their philosophy, which may vary from year to year. For Plato's philosophy: at least one complete dialogue chosen annually plus selected readings from other dialogues. For Aristotle's philosophy: at least one complete work chosen annually plus selected readings from other works.

PHI 3172

Medieval Western Philosophers

Intensive study of St. Augustine's and St. Thomas Aquinas' philosophy, with concentration on a particular aspect of their philosophy, which may vary from year to year. For St. Augustine's philosophy: one complete work chosen annually plus selected readings from other works. For St. Thomas Aquinas' philosophy: selections from his writings chosen annually.

PHI 3302

Analytic Philosophy

This course attempts to discuss the ideas of the major analytic philosophers, to scrutinize the central problems of analytic philosophy, and to make a critical comparison between analytic philosophy and Continental philosophy. Topics to be discussed include: 1) Russell and other early analytic philosophers; 2) Carnap and other Logical Empiricists; 3) Wittgenstein and Ordinary Language philosophers; 4) Quine and recent analytic philosophers; 5) problems of meaning and analyticity; and 6) critical-comparative examination of analytic vs Continental philosophy.

PHI 3342

Mathematical Logic

This course will provide an introduction to mathematical logic. Topics treated include: heterodox logics such as modal logic and many-valued logic, the metatheory of standard first-order logic, axiomatic set theory, special topics in metamathematics, e.g., recursive function, arithmetization, Godel's Incompleteness Theorem.

PHI 3592

Special Topics: Western Philosophy

PHI 3622

Special Topics: Classical Philosophy

Special topics include those topics which are less frequently offered but are in demand from time to time. Students are allowed to take the above special topic courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

PHI 4212

Modern Western Philosophers: Continental Rationalism

The purpose of this course is to study the philosophical theories of the rationalists. The contents will include the philosophical systems of Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, etc.

PHI 4222

Modern Western Philosophers: British Empiricism

This course aims at giving a survey of the historical development of British Empiricism and a critical examination of the theories of some British Empiricists. Philosophers with special emphasis are: J. Locke, G. Berkeley, D. Hume, J.S. Mill, B. Russell and A.J. Ayer.

PHI 4232

Modern Western Philosophers: Kant

This course aims at a detailed discussion of the different aspects of the philosophy of Kant. Course material will be taken from major Kantian texts such as *Critique of Pure Reason*, *Critique of Practical Reason*, *Critique of Judgment*, and *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*, etc. The actual emphasis and textual coverage of the course will depend on the current need and interest of the students and be announced well in advance.

PHI 4242

Modern Western Philosophers: German Idealism

This course deals with the German philosophical development after Kant. It focuses on the discussion on the idealistic systems of Fichte, Schelling and Hegel. Important topics include: Fichte's *Science of Knowledge*; Schelling's philosophy of nature and absolute idealism; as well as Hegel's *Logic* and *Phenomenology of the Spirit*.

Students are allowed to take the above Modern Western Philosophers courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

PHI 4252

Contemporary Western Philosophers: Pragmatism

This course is to introduce and analyse the characteristics of American Pragmatism. The contents include the philosophy of language, epistemology, metaphysics and value theory of Charles S. Peirce, William James and John Dewey.

PHI 4262

Contemporary Western Philosophers: Existentialism

This course is to introduce and analyse the backgrounds and the characteristics of Existentialism. It will first introduce the common issues the Existentialists are concerned about, and then analyse respectively the philosophical thinkings of Kierkegaard, Heidegger and Sartre.

PHI 4272

Contemporary Western Philosophers: Phenomenology

This course is a general introduction to phenomenology and the phenomenological movement. The fundamental problems and issues of Husserl's phenomenology of the consciousness and Heidegger's phenomenology of Dasein will be discussed. The French phenomenology of Sartre and Merleau-Ponty will also be introduced.

PHI 4282

Contemporary Western Philosophers: Hermeneutics

This course aims at an introduction to the major problems and issues of hermeneutics. It begins with the discussion of the hermeneutic question of Schleiermacher and Dilthey, followed by Gadamer's establishment of philosophical hermeneutics through Heidegger's fundamental ontology. The later development of hermeneutics of Ricoeur will also be discussed.

PHI 4292

Contemporary Western Philosophers: Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy

The purpose of this course is to investigate the philosophical theories of some important Anglo-American philosophers. Among the philosophers that may be discussed are A.J. Ayer, J.L. Austin, Donald Davidson, Michael Dummett, Saul Kripke, Alasdair MacIntyre, G.E. Moore, Thomas Nagel, Robert Nozick, Derek Parfit, Hilary Putnam, W.V.O. Quine, John Rawls, Richard Rorty, Bertrand Russell, Gilbert Ryle, Wilfrid Sellars, Charles Taylor and Ludwig Wittgenstein.

PHI 4302

Contemporary Western Philosophers: The Frankfurt School (Critical Theory)

This course examines the main ideas and theories propounded by the Frankfurt School thinkers. The issues to be discussed will include: the Enlightenment, the concept of instrumental reason, the culture industry, the predicament of modernity, universal pragmatics, the theory of communicative rationality, etc.

Students are allowed to take the above Contemporary Western Philosophers courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

PHI 4512

Nietzsche

This course aims at a critical study of Nietzsche's philosophy. The main topics include: nihilism, perspectivism, genealogy of morals, immoralism (critique of presuppositions in morality), virtue ethics, will to power, artistic world view.

PHI 4522

Contemporary French Philosophy

This course aims at providing a concise understanding of the basic characteristics and main achievements of the thinking of important contemporary French philosophers. Their contribution to the innovation of philosophical activity as well as their influence on other disciplines in Humanities and the Social Sciences will also be discussed. The philosophers studied may be different from year to year, including: Merleau-Ponty, Lévinas, Ricoeur, Foucault, Derrida, Deleuze, Lyotard, etc.

Area III: Philosophical Problems

PHI 1413

Philosophies of Life

This course aims to help students to understand important theories and ideas in philosophies of life and to learn how to use these ideas and theories in thinking and analysing contemporary social, ethical and political issues in our everyday life.

PHI 2113

Philosophical Analysis

This course shows how to deal with philosophical problems from the analytic approach. The course consists of two parts: 1) the development and methodology of analytic philosophy; and 2) clarification and critical examination of major issues in epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, aesthetics, philosophy of religion, socio-political philosophy, philosophy of history, philosophy of education, philosophy of language, etc.

PHI 3223

Contemporary Political Philosophy

This course covers inter-related philosophical issues of justice, equality, freedom and wealth. We shall study and discuss works by leading contemporary political philosophers: John Rawls, Robert Nozick, Analytical Marxists (namely, Allen Wood, Ziyad Husami, Gary Young, Richard Miller and G.A. Cohen), Communitarians (e.g., Alasdair MacIntyre, David Miller, Charles Taylor and Michael Sandel), some contemporary Chinese thinkers (e.g., Mou Tsung-san and Fei Xiao-tong) as well as their critics. (Not for students who have taken GEE 2871 or 2881.)

PHI 3233

Social and Political Philosophy

An introduction to the key concepts and theories in social and political philosophy. Topics treated include the nature of man, the origin and justification of the state, the relation between ethics and politics, theories on rights, democracy and liberty, the problem of distributive justice, etc.

PHI 3253

Practical Ethics

This course aims to show how moral philosophy is able to contribute towards the solution of moral issues. Among the topics that may be discussed are theories of normative ethics, abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, the enforcement of morals, obligations to help poor nations, censorship, animal rights, deep ecology and environmental issues. (Not for students who have taken GEE 2841.)

PHI 3313

Aesthetics

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the main problems and solutions in aesthetics. Criticisms and reflections on these solutions will also be given. The contents include the meaning of beauty, the aesthetic attitude, the aesthetic experience, the essence of art, the creation, interpretation, and evaluation of art, the function of art, censorship, etc.

PHI 3323

Literature and Philosophy

This course is designed to examine the relationship between literature and philosophy. The contents include the meaning of literature and philosophy, literature and truth, literature and reality, philosophical questions in literature, the interpretation and evaluation of literature, etc.

PHI 3353

Business Ethics

This course is designed to examine some of the ethical problems involved in the conduct of business, e.g., ethical problems in advertisement, the problem of environmental protection. Some ethical theories of justice and rightness will be introduced first to provide students with some background for dealing with the more specific moral problems concerning business conduct.

PHI 3363

Legal Philosophy

This course examines normative and analytical topics concerning law. Normative topics include: Should the morality of the majority be enforced by the law? Should the law allow homosexual marriage? Should abortion be legalized? Should capital punishment be part of the law? As regards analytical topics, we shall study the writings of some of the following jurists: Austin, Hart, Dworkin, Fuller, Finnis, Marx and scholars of the Critical Legal Studies Movement. (Emphasis of the course may be different from year to year.) (Not for students who have taken GEE 2851 or 2861.)

PHI 3373

Philosophy of Love

This course aims at a discussion of the idea of love in the Western philosophical tradition, beginning from Plato's *eros*, Aristotle's *philia*, the Christian *agape*, through the idea of passionate love in the Middle Ages, to the phenomenology of love by Max Scheler in the 20th century. The problem of love, i.e. *qing*, in the Chinese philosophical tradition will also be discussed. (Not for students who have taken GEE 202P or 2891.)

PHI 3383

Philosophy of Death

This course examines philosophical reflections on death in both the Western and Chinese cultural traditions. Major topics include: the classical philosophy of death of Plato, Epicurus and the Stoics; the argument of immortality in Christian philosophy, Descartes and Kant; the phenomenological analysis of death by Heidegger, Lévinas and Derrida; and Chinese thought on death in Confucianism and Taoism.

PHI 3653

Special Topics: Contemporary Philosophy

PHI 3683

Special Topics: Applied Philosophy

PHI 3713

Special Topics: Cross-area Problems

PHI 3743

Special Topics: Inter-disciplinary Problems

Special topics include those topics which are less frequently offered but are in demand from time to time. Students are allowed to take the above special topic courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

PHI 4153

Philosophy of Culture

This course provides an introduction to the relatively new field of the philosophy of culture. The emphasis will be on methodology and comparative study of different cultural fields and philosophical ideals.

PHI 4173

Scientific Methodology

This course examines: scientific explanation and prediction, the structure and function of scientific theories, and confirmation and acceptance of scientific theories. Related problems are also discussed.

PHI 4183

Philosophy of Science

This course discusses problems concerning the justification of induction, space and time, life and mind, principle of causality, the Uncertainty Principle, theory of paradigm, methodological pluralism, etc.

PHI 4313

Philosophy of Language

This course investigates the basic concepts and working principles in the philosophy of language. It includes, among other topics, theory of definition, synonymity and translatability, analyticity and syntheticity, language and truth, and language and reality. Emphasis is put on the recent developments of language analysis and its inspiration and contribution toward the solution of various philosophical problems.

PHI 4323

Philosophy of History

This course is an introduction to the philosophy of history. It investigates some of the central problems of the critical and the speculative philosophy of history. Topics that will be discussed include the nature of historical explanation, the objectivity of historical knowledge, the concept of causation in history, the problem of meaning in history, etc.

PHI 4333

Philosophy of Mind

This course investigates some principal theories of mind. Intensive analysis will be given to various concepts related to the notion of mind, e.g., the concepts of experience, consciousness, thought, feeling and person. Also included are problems of other minds, nature of artificial intelligence and explanation of human behaviour.

PHI 4343

Philosophy of Education

This course examines the purpose and meaning of education. It relates the discussion on education with various fields of philosophical investigation. Both traditional and modern philosophies of education will be scrutinized.

PHI 4413

Special Topics: Comparative Philosophy

PHI 4423

Special Topics: Philosophy Readings

Special topics include those topics which are less frequently offered but are in demand from time to time. Students are allowed to take the above special topic courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

Area IV: Other Elective Courses

PHI 1210

Philosophical Thinking through Writing

3 U; 2 Lect. 1 Tut.

This course aims to cultivate students' consciousness of language, in particular the philosophical discourse. Class discussion and debate, critical reading and writing will be used to improve the students' capability of language and their methodology of philosophical thinking. The nature and character of philosophical discourse will be discussed. Also addressed are topics such as conceptual vs pictorial thinking, creative vs explicative thought, literal and metaphorical meaning, definition, explication, interpretation and translation.

PHI 2400

Introductory Latin

3 U; 3 Lect. 3 Lab.

This course aims at providing a basic knowledge on Latin vocabularies and grammar with the intention to demonstrate the role played by Latin in medieval Western thoughts and modern Western culture. The course will also touch on the relation between Latin and Western philosophy, law, medicine and literature.

PHI 4800

Thesis

3 U; 3 STOT

This course comprises the individual guidance of thesis writing.

Area V: Graduate Courses

PHI 5010

Seminar on Chinese Philosophers

PHI 5030

Seminar on Western Philosophers

PHI 5050
Seminar on Eastern Philosophers

PHI 5070
Seminar on Chinese Philosophy

PHI 5090
Seminar on Western Philosophy

PHI 5110
Seminar on Eastern Philosophy

PHI 5130
Seminar: Special Topics in Chinese Philosophy

PHI 5150
Seminar: Special Topics in Western Philosophy

PHI 5170
Seminar: Special Topics in Eastern Philosophy

PHI 5180
Special Seminar on Selected Philosophical Issues
1 U; 1 Lect.

This is a special one-unit advanced level mini-course designed for internationally renowned visiting scholars to lecture on selected philosophical issues in the span of four weeks. Students can take this course more than once and gain units each time they pass the course provided that the lecturers or the issues discussed are different.

PHI 5190
Seminar on Comparative Philosophy: East and West
This course aims at a comparison between Eastern and Western philosophy. The specific content will be designed by the teacher who offers the course.

The content of the above seminar courses may vary according to the need. Students are allowed to take the above seminar courses for more than once, and gain the units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course codes more than once in a single term.

Study Scheme

1. Major Programme

A. Applicable to students admitted in 2002-03 and thereafter

Students are required to complete a minimum of 66 units of courses as follows:

- (i) Required Courses: 27 units
PHI 1110, 1310, 2020/2030, 2040, 2050, ELT 1108,
and two courses from PHI 2000, 3800, and 3820

- Notes: 1. Students are required to take PHI 1110, 1310, 2040 and ELT 1108 in their first year of attendance. They will be allowed to take also PHI 2020/2030 if they so wish.
2. Students are required to take PHI 2020/2030 and 2050 in their second year of attendance. They are required to take PHI 2020/2030 if they have not taken them in their first year of attendance.

3. Students should obtain Grade “C-” or above in each of the courses of PHI 1110 and 1310. Otherwise, they are required to repeat the courses. The repeat of these courses will not, however, affect the normal sequence of students’ selection of courses. Students who cannot meet the grade “C-” requirement in any one of the courses mentioned above after two attempts will be required to withdraw from the University. Please refer to Reg.15.2 (d) of the General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies.
- (ii) Elective Courses: 39 units
 RST 3111[#] and all Philosophy courses other than the required 27 units of courses listed in (i) are elective courses. All elective courses are classified into five areas. (Please refer to the Course List above.) Students are required to take at least 6 units from Areas I, II and III respectively. Final year students are allowed to take graduate courses, but not exceeding 6 units.

Total: 66 units

[#] to be included in the Major GPA as well

Requirements for students given permission to take two minor programmes

Exemption of units may be granted to students who have permission to take two minor programmes. The Department of Philosophy will consider each application individually.

B. Applicable to students admitted in 2001-02

Students are required to complete a minimum of 66 units of courses as follows:

- (i) Required Courses: 27 units
 PHI 1110, 1310, 2020/2030, 2040, 2050, ELT 1108,
 and two courses from PHI 2000, 3800, and 3820

- Notes: 1. Students are required to take PHI 1110, 1310, 2040 and ELT 1108 in their first year of attendance. They will be allowed to take also PHI 2020/2030 if they so wish.
2. Students are required to take PHI 2020/2030 and 2050 in their second year of attendance. They are required to take PHI 2020/2030 if they have not taken them in their first year of attendance.
3. Students should obtain Grade “C-” or above in each of the courses of PHI 1110 and 1310. Otherwise, they are required to repeat the courses. The repeat of these courses will not, however, affect the normal sequence of students’ selection of courses. Students who cannot meet the grade “C-” requirement in any one of the courses mentioned above after two attempts will be required to withdraw from the University. Please refer to Reg.15.2(d) of the General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies.

- (ii) Elective Courses: 39 units
 RST 3111[#] and all Philosophy courses other than the required 27 units of courses listed in (i) are elective courses. Final year students are allowed to take graduate courses, but not exceeding 6 units.

Total: 66 units

[#] to be included in the Major GPA as well

Requirements for students given permission to take two minor programmes

Exemption of units may be granted to students given permission to take two minor programmes. The Department of Philosophy will consider each application individually.

2. *Minor Programme*

Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 units of courses including PHI 1110. Students may also select RST3111 to fulfil the Minor programme requirements.

3. *Faculty-based Core Courses Requirement*

All Major students of the Faculty of Arts admitted in 2001-02 and before are required to complete before graduation one of the specified Faculty-based core courses (please refer to the list of the Faculty-based core courses).

4. *Faculty Language Requirement*

English

Philosophy Majors are required to complete ELT 1108 English Improvement Strategies for Reading and Writing in their first year of attendance.

Chinese

Philosophy Majors who have obtained Grade "E" in "Chinese Language and Culture" of HKALE* (AS Level) are required to complete CHI 1630 Chinese for Faculties of Arts and Education in their first year of attendance.

* *Only applicable to students admitted on the strength of HKALE results. The HKALE results to be deemed necessary for the Faculty language requirement must be obtained in that particular sitting of HKALE which the University has used to assess the admission qualification of the student concerned.*