

CLA Language Programmes for IAS Students

(Cantonese 2025-2026)

This guide for course selection is prepared by CLA for international students who are eligible to take language courses at CLA. Please feel free to check with the Head of the University Programme Section (Cantonese) if you want to take more than 6 credits or need further advice in choosing your language courses.

Programme type	Level	Semester	Course code
6-credit	1	Both terms	CLCC1113+CLCC1123 (*CLCC1113C+CLCC1123C)
	2	Both terms	CLCC2213+CLCC2223
3-credit	3	1 st term	CLCC3313; CLCC4413; CLCC4513
	4	2 nd term	CLCC3323; CLCC4423

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3-credit	1	Both terms	CLCE1103 (<i>this is a content-based course. Knowledge of Cantonese or Putonghua is not required. Credits earned will not be counted into one's Chinese language entitlement.</i>)

Note: For course descriptions, please visit our website at
<https://www.yccla.cuhk.edu.hk/chinese-for-international>

*CLCC1113C and CLCC1123C are designated for IASP students who have Chinese backgrounds.

CLCE1103

Chinese Language, Culture and Language Learning (UGED1146 is double-coded with CLCE1103.)

This is a knowledge-based course introducing Chinese language and culture. The course is designed for CUHK students (both native and non-native Chinese) who are interested in Chinese language and culture; Contents included theories and applications concerning Chinese language and culture; theories, practices and situations of teaching and learning Chinese as a second language (including Putonghua and Cantonese learning); the importance of culture in Chinese as a second language; and the language policies and its use in Hong Kong and in Mainland China.

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CLCC1113**Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I**

An elementary course designed to familiarise students with the use of romanization, basic vocabulary and sentence structure. Vocabulary introduced is based on everyday conversations and daily usage. The focus will be on appropriateness in language use.

CLCC1123**Oral Skills Practice I**

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

Level 2

CLCC2213**Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II**

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

CLCC2223**Oral Skills Practice II**

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 watch movies, discussing travel plans, talking about hobbies, etc.

Level 3

CLCC3313**Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III**

An upper-intermediate course designed to familiarise students with the use of newly acquired vocabulary and sentence structure. The focus will be on appropriateness in language use. Real-life settings are introduced, such as buying a computer, going to see a doctor, renting a flat, moving to a new home, etc.

CLCC3323**Oral Skills Practice III**

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

CLCC4413**Communication in Professional Settings**

An advanced course designed to help students communicate with extended vocabulary in advanced settings through real-life language tasks/activities and contextualised exercises. Topics include social issues in Hong Kong, environmental issues, Chinese customs and religion, etc.

CLCC4423**Colloquial Cantonese and Local Culture**

An advanced course designed to improve students' fluency in real-life communication settings through various language activities and discussions. Topics for discussion include comparative studies between formal and informal discourses, Cantonese colloquialisms and culture.

CLCC4513**Discussion Topics on Hong Kong Issues**

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