

## CLA Language Programmes for IAS Students (Putonghua 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 (Putonghua) 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	CLCP1113+CLCP1123; CLCP1133+CLCP1153
	2	Both terms	CLCP2213+CLCP2223
3-credit	2	1 <sup>st</sup> term	CLCP2233; CLCP2243; CLCP2253
		2 <sup>nd</sup> term	CLCP2233; CLCP2253; CLCP2843
	3	1 <sup>st</sup> term	CLCP3313; CLCP3323; CLCP3333
		2 <sup>nd</sup> term	CLCP3323; CLCP3333; CLCP3343; CLCP3353
	4	1 <sup>st</sup> term	CLCP4413; CLCP4443; CLCP4453; CLCP4533
	4	2 <sup>nd</sup> term	CLCP4423; CLCP4433; CLCP4463; CLCP4513

Programme type	Level	Semester	Course code
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>

**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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**CLCP1113****Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I**

A beginners' reading and writing course in Putonghua, focusing on acquiring elementary level vocabulary and grammar. Students are introduced to the romanization system of Putonghua (Pinyin) and the Chinese writing system (Chinese characters). Content covered in the course is based on daily situations. Appropriateness in application is emphasised.

**CLCP1123****Oral Skills Practice I**

A beginners' listening and speaking course in Putonghua, focusing on completing linguistic tasks through oral communication. Students are introduced to the romanization system of Putonghua (Pinyin) and colloquial usage. Content covered in the course is based on everyday conversations and daily situations. Pragmatic knowledge in language use is also supplemented.

**CLCP1133****Communication in Context I**

An upper elementary reading and writing course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP1113. Students will learn more vocabulary and grammar based on daily situations. Contextualised exercises will allow students to communicate in real-life settings.

**CLCP1153****Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations I**

An upper elementary listening and speaking course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP1123. Students will explore more language scenarios based on daily situations and learn how to present basic ideas orally in real-life settings. Accuracy in pronunciation, grammar, and usage is emphasised.

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**CLCP2213****Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II**

An intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua, focusing on acquiring intermediate level vocabulary and grammar. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in daily situations and semi-formal situations. Appropriateness in application is emphasised.

**CLCP2223****Oral Skills Practice II**

An intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua, focusing on completing linguistic tasks through oral communication. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in daily situations and semi-formal situations. Accuracy in pronunciation, grammar, and usage is emphasised.

**CLCP2233****Communication in Context II**

An intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP2213. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in more daily situations and semi-formal situations.

Contextualised exercises will allow students to communicate in real-life settings.

**CLCP2243****Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills II - Daily and Business Topics**

An intermediate business course designed for students who have completed CLCP2213/CPTH2213. Course contents focus on building up students' listening and reading abilities in daily and business settings, such as greeting clients, attending a welcome party, making hotel reservations, arranging a working schedule, etc.

**CLCP2253****Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations II**

An intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP2223. Students will be trained to use Putonghua in more daily situations and semi-formal situations.

Through various class exercises and group discussions, students will also have opportunities to present basic ideas orally in real-life settings. Accuracy in pronunciation, grammar, and usage is emphasised.

**CLCP2843****Comprehensive Putonghua I**

An intermediate Putonghua course designed for students who plan on taking the HSK (level IV). This course prepares students for the exam by teaching vocabulary and grammar from the HSK level IV test syllabus and equipping students with test-taking strategies. In addition to examination preparation, this course also enhances students' listening, reading, and writing abilities in Putonghua through various learning activities.

**CLCP3313****Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III**

An upper intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua, focusing on acquiring more intermediate level vocabulary and grammar. In addition to daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to various aspects of Chinese culture. Appropriateness in application is emphasised.

**CLCP3323****Oral Skills Practice III**

An upper intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua, focusing on students' fluency in speaking and appropriateness in usage. In addition to daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to various aspects of Chinese culture and society. Students will have opportunities to discuss topics introduced in the course with their classmates during class.

**CLCP3333****Communication in Context III**

An upper intermediate reading and writing course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP3313. In addition to more daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to more aspects of Chinese culture and society. Through the acquisition of more vocabulary and grammar, students will be ready for the advanced level of study upon completion of this course. Contextualised exercises will allow students to communicate effectively in real-life settings.

**CLCP3343****Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills III - Business Topics**

An upper intermediate business course designed for students who have completed CLCP2233/CPTH2233, CLCP2243/CPTH2243, or CLCP2253/CLCP2253. Course contents focus on building up students' listening, reading, and speaking abilities to improve their conversation skills in business settings, such as making an offer, making a negotiation, etc.

### **CLCP3353**

#### **Presentation Skills and Daily Situations**

An upper intermediate listening and speaking course in Putonghua and the continuation of CLCP3323. In addition to more daily situations and semi-formal situations, students will also be introduced to more aspects of Chinese culture and society. Through various class exercises and group discussions, students will also have opportunities to present their ideas orally and substantially. Students will be ready for the advanced level of study upon completion of this course.

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### **CLCP4413**

#### **News Media & Presentation Skills I**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3333 and CLCP3353 or CPTH3333 and CPTH3353. The course aims to increase students' abilities in reading articles from Chinese media and presenting their opinions on various topics. Students will expand their vocabulary and improve their presentation skills through reading extracts of articles, discussion, and presentation.

### **CLCP4423**

#### **Essay Writing and Presentation Skills**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3333 and CLCP3353 or CPTH3333 and CPTH3353. The course is designed for students who want to improve their essay writing skills. Students will express their opinion in Putonghua through a series of training, including reading, group discussions, essay writing, and oral presentations. Language functions include introduction, comparison, suggestion, and description, etc.

### **CLCP4433**

#### **Advanced Topical Conversation I - Hot Topics**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course is designed to enhance students' ability in using Putonghua to have a deeper discussion on selected social topics. Students will expand their vocabulary through a series of training, including listening comprehension, oral presentation, group discussion, etc.

### **CLCP4443**

#### **Advanced Communication Skills on Business Topics I**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course aims to increase students' ability to use Putonghua in business-related fields. It is designed to familiarise students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics and terminology, enhancing their abilities in listening, speaking, and reading.

### **CLCP4453**

#### **Advanced Communication Skills and Culture I**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course is designed to enhance students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of Chinese social customs and culture through a series of training, including listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.

### **CLCP4463**

#### **Special Topics I**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3353 or CPTH3353. The course provides special training focusing on specific aspects related to various professional fields.

### **CLCP4513**

#### **News Media and Presentation Skills II**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP4413 or CPTH4413. The course is designed to further increase students' abilities in reading articles from Chinese media and presenting their opinions on various topics. Students will expand their vocabulary and improve their presentation skills through reading extracts of articles, discussion, and presentation.

### **CLCP4533**

#### **Advanced Topical Conversation II – Social Life**

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP4433 or CPTH4433. The course is designed to enhance students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of life in China through a series of training, including reading and listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.