

CLC Language Programmes for IAS Students (Putonghua 2021-2022)

This guide for course selection is prepared by CLC for international students who are eligible to take language courses at CLC. 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 st term	CLCP2233; CLCP2243
		2 nd term	CLCP2253; CLCP2843
	3	1 st term	CLCP3323; CLCP3333
		2 nd term	CLCP3313; CLCP3353; CLCP3343
4	1 st term	CLCP4433; CLCP4443; CLCP4453; CLCP4533;	
4	2 nd term	CLCP4413; CLCP4423; 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

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/ias>

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 their implementation in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

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CLCP1113

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I

An elementary course designed for students who have no knowledge of Chinese language. It aims to familiarize students with the use of basic vocabulary and grammar points. Vocabulary introduced in this course is based on everyday conversations and daily usage. Focus will be on appropriateness in application.

Upon completion of the course with CLCP1123, students will move up to study CLCP1133 and CLCP1153. Students who want to study Putonghua level 2 or above are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

CLCP1123

Oral Skills Practice I

An elementary course designed for students who have no knowledge of Putonghua. It focuses on students' oral skills and listening ability. Students will achieve fluency in communication with basic vocabulary and grammar points through various kinds of speaking practice. Real-life settings are introduced, such as greetings, asking for

directions, ordering of food, shopping, etc.

Upon completion of the course with CLCP1113, students will move up to study CLCP1133 and CLCP1153. Students who want to study Putonghua level 2 or above are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

CLCP1133

Communication in Context I

An elementary course designed for students who have completed CLCP1113 or CPTH1113 (and preferably CLCP1123 or CPTH1123). Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course. Students who take CLCP1133 will not be allowed to go back and take CLCP1123.

The course aims to enrich students' vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises. Students will be able to collect information through asking and answering questions and communicate in real-life contexts. Topics include simple self-introduction, common questions related to travelling and providing information, etc.

CLCP1153

Basic Presentation Skills and Daily Situations I

An elementary course designed for students who have completed CLCP1123 or CPTH1123 (and preferably CLCP1133 or CPTH1133). Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on improving students' pronunciation, enhancing their speaking and listening skills in Putonghua, and helping them build up abilities in presenting basic ideas in real-life communication settings. Tasks such as picture description, speaking topics, and simple presentations will be adopted to train students in spoken Putonghua.

CLCP2213

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar II

An intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP1133 or CPTH1133 (and preferably CLCP1153 or CPTH1153). Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course. Students who take CLCP2213 will not be allowed to go back and take CLCP1153.

Course contents focus on familiarizing students with the use of more vocabulary and grammar points. Vocabulary and grammar points introduced in this course are based on everyday conversations and daily usage. Focus will be on appropriateness in application.

CLCP2223

Oral Skills Practice II

An intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP1153 or CPTH1153 (and preferably CLCP2213 or CPTH2213). Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on familiarizing students with newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises in real-life settings.

CLCP2233

Communication in Context II

An intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP2213 or CPTH2213 (and preferably CLCP2223 or CPTH2223). Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course. Students who take CLCP2233 will not be allowed to

go back and take CLCP2223.

The course is designed to equip students with communicative skills to meet their daily needs in Putonghua, such as seeking help from passersby, the police, or a doctor, etc., through language tasks/activities and contextualized exercises in real-life settings.

CLCP2243

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills II - Daily and Business Topics

An intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP2213 or CPTH2213. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

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 course designed for students who have completed CLCP2223 or CPTH2223 (and preferably CLCP2233 or CPTH2233). Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on helping students improve their proficiency when communicating in authentic situations by integrating the newly acquired vocabulary items and grammar structures.

CLCP2843

Comprehensive Putonghua I

An intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP2213 or CPTH2213. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher

levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on building up students' listening and reading abilities in daily life situations.

Level 3

CLCP3313

Application of Vocabulary and Grammar III

An upper-intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP2233 and CLCP2253 or CPTH2233 and CPTH2253. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on familiarizing students with the use of newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points. Focus will be on appropriateness in application.

Topics include various aspects of Chinese language and culture.

CLCP3323

Oral Skills Practice III

An upper-intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP2233 and CLCP2253 or CPTH2233 and CPTH2253. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on students' fluency in speaking with newly acquired vocabulary and grammar points. Topics include various aspects of Chinese culture and society.

CLCP3333

Communication in Context III

An upper-intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP3313 or CPTH3313. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

The course aims to enrich students' vocabulary, enhance their reading comprehension skills, and familiarize them with the use of more vocabulary and grammar points. Topics include various aspects of Chinese traditions and customs.

CLCP3343

Listening and Reading Comprehension Skills III - Business Topics

An upper-intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP2243 and CLCP2253 or CPTH2243 and CPTH2253. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

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, using promotional skills, making a negotiation, etc.

CLCP3353

Presentation Skills and Daily Situations

An upper-intermediate course designed for students who have completed CLCP3323 or CPTH3323. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC. Students who have completed higher levels of similar Putonghua courses are not allowed to take this course.

Course contents focus on helping students further improve their proficiency to communicate in a variety of authentic situations by integrating the newly acquired vocabulary items and grammar structures. Topics include various aspects of Chinese culture and society.

CLCP4413

News Media & Presentation Skills I

An advanced course designed for students who have completed CLCP3333 and CLCP3353 or CPTH3333 and CPTH3353. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

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 bank in relevant fields 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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

The course is designed to enhance students' ability in using Putonghua to have a deeper discussion on selected social topics. Students will be enriched with related terminologies 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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

The course aims to increase students' ability to use Putonghua in business-related fields. It is designed to familiarize 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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

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 bank 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. Students who have not completed the above courses are invited to take the Putonghua placement tests offered by CLC.

The course is designed to enhance students' language skills in communication, as well as to increase their understanding of social life through a series of training, including reading and listening comprehension, special report, group discussion, etc.