

CHIN9511 *Cantonese as a Foreign Language I*

I. Course Duration:

One semester
4 sessions per week

II. Target Learners:

Non-Chinese speaking undergraduate students in all Faculties of The University
(Complete beginners – no prior knowledge of Cantonese is necessary)

III. Credit Units: 6

IV. Course Objectives:

1. To understand the basic characteristics of the Cantonese dialect
2. To learn the phonetic structure and the transcription system of Cantonese
3. To acquire basic communication skills in daily life
4. To learn some simple sentence constructions
5. To have a better understanding of Chinese culture and Hong Kong people

V. Course Required Text:

Chow, Bun-Ching (2021) *Cantonese for Everyone (Jyutping version)*, 2nd edition,
The Commercial Press (HK) ISBN: 978-962-07-0572-4

VI. Course Content:

1. Introduction of the language
2. Study of Cantonese phonetic system
3. Practice of useful expressions & numerals
4. Practice of everyday life vocabulary and situational conversation
5. Study of simple sentence structure & usage

VII. Course Requirements:

1. **All** students must **formally register** in the course. Please note that the grade/credits gained from the course will be shown on your academic transcript, regardless of whether you have successfully completed all requirements of the course.
2. Students are required to attend all the classes and complete the assignments as instructed.
3. Do study preparation and review at home (at least an hour for each meeting).
4. Listen to and practice with the recordings by yourself outside class (at least half an hour after every meeting).

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VIII. Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic ability to communicate and express ideas in Cantonese using correct and appropriate expressions.
2. Demonstrate mastery of 400+ frequently used Cantonese words or short phrases, and about 100 sentence patterns/structures.
3. Demonstrate an ability to write down any Cantonese sounds in Jyutping in order to check them with on-line dictionary.
4. Demonstrate an ability to read out any Cantonese sounds written in Jyutping transcription correctly in order to continue learning Cantonese by oneself.

IX. Assessment of Learning Outcomes: 100% continuous coursework

Assessment methods	Weighting (%)
1. Class participation & exercises	10
2. Individual presentation	20
3. Two Jyutping reading tests (Mid-term & Final)	30
4. Two written test (Mid-term & Final)	40

X. Course Instructors:

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