

## Course Code & Title: CHIN9511 Cantonese as a Foreign Language I (6 credits)

### Course Description:

This intensive course is intended for foreign learners who have no prior knowledge of Cantonese. The course introduces students to present-day Cantonese, with an emphasis on learning correct pronunciation through the Jyutping phonetic romanization transcription system and basic structure. It aims to develop fundamental oral communication skills through a variety of situational conversations in a highly interactive classroom.

### 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.

### Assessment: 100% continuous coursework

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

### Course Study Load: 120 learning hours

Course activities	No. of hours
1. Classes contact hours	48
2. Presentation – preparation	15
3. Writing homework	15
4. Reading homework	15
5. Preparation & revision	27

### General Expectations of Student Performance at Various Grades

[http://arts.hku.hk/BAprogramme/2012/assessment/A92\\_311\\_amended\\_2014.pdf](http://arts.hku.hk/BAprogramme/2012/assessment/A92_311_amended_2014.pdf)