

## Course Description

### LANG 1133 Cantonese for Chinese Language Background Students I

**1. Course Information:** LANG 1133 is a credit-bearing Cantonese elective course for UST undergraduates of Chinese language background. It equips students with Cantonese communicative competence necessary for living and net-working in Hong Kong, thus facilitating their smooth integration into the local community. The learning activities involve developing students' listening and speaking skills in an attempt to build learners' confidence and fluency in using Cantonese for daily communication. Students attend three hours of class and complete up to six hours of out-of-class work, per week. The course is offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

**2. Pre-requisites:** LANG 1133 is open to UST undergraduates of Chinese language background (including exchange students) and for complete beginners only. This course is restricted to students with Chinese language backgrounds but have no prior knowledge in the Cantonese dialect. No pre-requisites and co-requisites are required.

### 3. Aims of the course: Intended Learning Outcomes

<b>1. Knowledge and Content Related</b>	You can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. acquire knowledge of the Cantonese phonological and tonal systems</li><li>b. demonstrate interest in and appreciation of Cantonese culture, and show cross-cultural awareness</li></ul>
<b>2. Academic Skills and Competencies</b>	You can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. achieve basic communicative tasks in listening and speaking on the topics or conversations closely related to personal and school contexts for daily and social interactions</li><li>b. understand basic Cantonese grammar for effective oral communication</li><li>c. recognize differences between Cantonese and Putonghua in lexical and syntactic choice</li></ul>

#### 4. Course assessment

Assessment	Weighting	ILOs
Speaking: Video-recorded speech (2 minutes, individual)	20%	1. a 2. a, b, c
Project Writing: Individual research report (1000 Chinese words, topic - an aspect of Hong Kong culture)	20%	1. a, b 2. a, b, c
Listening & Speaking: Part 1: Video-recorded speech (1 minute, individual) Part 2: Dialogue with instructor (2 minutes, individual)	30%	1. a, b 2. a, b, c
Learning Tasks---Listening & Speaking: Listening tasks (individual assignments, throughout the semester) Speaking tasks (individual and group assignments, throughout the semester)	20%	1. a, b 2. a, b, c
Preparation, engagement and online contribution---pre and post-class activities, in-class engagement, online contributions via Canvas discussions throughout the semester.	10%	1. a, b 2. a, b, c

#### 5. Course Content

- Greeting and getting to know each other
- Talking about self and others
- Asking for and giving personal information
- Exchanging phone numbers and making phone calls
- Telling the time and date
- Talking about schedules and timetables
- Making appointments
- Ordering food and drinks
- Going places
- Talking about likes, dislikes, interests and hobbies
- Asking for prices and bargaining
- Introduction to common Cantonese slang
- Basic knowledge of Cantonese Phonology
- Recognizing frequently used Cantonese characters and phrases
- Knowing the differences between Cantonese and Putonghua in lexical and syntactic choice

