

# Cantonese for English Background Learners (Level 1)

## 1. Course Information:

This is a ten-week Level 1 Cantonese course for English background students and staff. With a focus on speaking and listening skills, the course aims at building learners' proficiency and confidence in using Cantonese for daily communication as well as a fast integration into the local culture. Through a communicative and functional approach, and the use of interactive activities and online learning, the course will help students to acquire vocabulary and basic structures for use in real-life situations.

**2. Pre-requisites:** This course is open to UST students and staff of English background at the beginners' level.

## 3. Aims of the course: Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

Learners will develop the ability to use Cantonese to communicate appropriately and effectively. Upon successful completion of the course, learners will be able to:

- converse in Cantonese in everyday situations;
- use a range of Cantonese vocabulary appropriately;
- learn about elements of Hong Kong culture;
- acquire knowledge of the Cantonese phonological and tonal systems;

## 4. Course Content

Week	Topics
1	Greeting and getting to know each other
2	Talking about self and others
3	Asking for and giving personal information
4	Telling the time and date
5	Making appointments
6	Ordering food and drinks
7	Going places
8	Talking about likes, dislikes, interests and hobbies
9	Asking for prices and bargaining
10	Basic knowledge of Cantonese Phonology