

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Course Syllabus

Cantonese for Chinese Background Learners (Level 2)

Non-Credit Bearing

Pre-/co-requisites: Learners should have at least 30 hours of prior Cantonese lessons or equivalent. Learners must be able to read Chinese.

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If you have any questions, your first point of contact should be your section instructor. Please find the email address on Canvas.

Office Hours of Course Coordinator: Available by appointment only.

Course Description

This is ten-week Level 2 Cantonese course for Chinese background students who wish to continue learning Cantonese after completing the beginners' course. The course aims at building learners' proficiency and confidence in using Cantonese for everyday communication. Through in-class learning and online practice, learners will acquire vocabulary and colloquial expressions relevant to their needs and consolidate their mastery of Cantonese phonology and grammar.

Course outlines:

Week	Course Topics
1	• Review on sentence structure, Cantonese sounds & tones
2	• Talking about family and friends
3	• Making appointments
4	• Going places
5	• Dining out
6	• Shopping and bargaining
7	• Festivals and holidays
8	• Talking about the weather
9	• Introduction to common Cantonese slang
10	• Knowing the differences between Cantonese and Putonghua in lexical and syntactic choice

Methods of instruction: interactive tutorials support active learning through group discussion, collaborative activities, peer learning, input, practice and feedback.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

By the end of this course, learners should be able to:

1. consolidate their comprehension of Cantonese phonology and grammar;
2. use a range of Cantonese vocabulary appropriately;
3. speak fluent, colloquial Cantonese in various settings;
4. learn about elements of Hong Kong culture;
5. consolidate their comprehension of differences in Cantonese and Putonghua vocabulary and expressions

Required Texts and Materials

Course materials and additional resources are provided via Canvas.

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