

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

English Language Teaching Unit

English Language Courses (Electives) for All Faculties and IASP (2025 – 2026)

Elective Courses (Click for details)

<u>ELTU1002 English Communication for University Studies</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
(Not for IASP students)	
<u>ELTU1005 Critical Thinking in English Language Communication</u>	<u>Register via CUSIS</u>
<u>ELTU2005 Speaking and Presenting like TED</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU2006 English through Performing Arts</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU2007 English Through Film, Television, and Society</u>	Not Available in 2025-26
<u>ELTU2008 Service-learning: The Spirit of Hong Kong</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU2412 Academic Writing for Arts and Social Science Students</u>	Not Available in 2025-26
<u>ELTU3024 Communicating Engineering Research</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU3413 Research Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU3414 Learn to Write Better! English through Great Essays</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU3415 English through Food</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU3502 Essentials of Public Speaking</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>
<u>ELTU3503 Intercultural Communication Through English</u>	<u>Register Here or Swap Here (Term 2)</u>



ELTU1002 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES

(3 – UNIT)

Elective Course

All Year 1 students who have attained level 5* or above in English Language in HKDSE or its equivalence can take this course as an elective (not for students who have taken ELTU1001).

Course Description

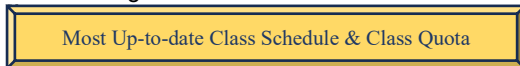
This course is designed to help students with a good level of English proficiency to learn essential academic English skills for university studies. In particular, the course will focus on the development of academic essays based on library and Internet research. Course content includes topic, purpose and audience analyses, evaluating digital source materials and research methods, summarizing, paraphrasing and synthesizing skills, proper documentation of sources, presentation practice, peer reviews and self-access online learning. Course-tied workshops will be provided in support of students' learning. This is an advanced foundation course which is compulsory for first-year students who have attained HKDSE level 5 or its equivalence and is a prerequisite for Level Two and Three courses. (This course is not suitable for students who have attained HKDSE level 5* or above or its equivalence.)

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

Eligible Education, Medicine, Science and Social Science students were able to register this course in Term 1. Please observe the following:

Course Offering and Pre-assignment in Term 2

Eligible Arts, Business Administration and Engineering students can register this course in Term 2. Please observe the following:



ELTU1005 CRITICAL THINKING IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION

(1 – UNIT)

Advisory

This course assumes the attainment of an advanced level of English language proficiency, as demonstrated by a grade of HKDSE level 5* or above or its equivalence.

Elective Course

All students who have attained level 5* in English Language in HKDSE or its equivalence can take this course as an elective (not for students who have taken ELTU1001 or ELTU1002).

Course Description

This course is designed for Year 1 students with an advanced level of English language proficiency (HKDSE level 5* or above or its equivalence). The aim of this course is to facilitate their development of analytical and critical reasoning skills through the study of inductive reasoning. In particular, this course will focus on the acquisition of skills necessary for the analysis and evaluation of inductive arguments in the English language. Topics that will be included in the course include: identifying assumptions, standardizing and diagramming arguments in the English language, fallacies of irrelevance, inductive reasoning, and inductive fallacies.

Samples of argumentation will be taken from both text-based sources (e.g. op-eds, articles, essays, etc.) and multimedia sources (e.g. movie clips, video recordings, advertisements, etc.) composed in the English language, to enhance students' awareness of and appreciation for argumentation techniques that are variously employed in both academic and non-academic settings.

As this is a Level 1 course requiring frequent intensive engagements with source materials, the importance of academic integrity and effective source-use skills will also be discussed.

Advisory: this course assumes the attainment of an advanced level of English language proficiency, as demonstrated by a grade of HKDSE level 5* or above or its equivalence.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it via CUSIS.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Register via CUSIS

ELTU2005 SPEAKING AND PRESENTING LIKE TED

(3 – UNIT)

Advisory

This course is suitable for students with above-average listening and speaking proficiency in English, e.g., HKDSE English level 4 or above.

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):

- ELTU2011 English Through Literary Analysis
- ELTU2013 English for Education Students I
- ELTU2014 English for Engineering Students I
- ELTU2016 Communication for Nursing Professionals
- ELTU2020 English for Social Science Students I

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year two or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

The course aims to inspire students to speak and present more like TED. The course adopts a learning-by-doing approach: students are expected to come to class prepared to share their critical analyses of TED talks and present ideas in their respective academic discipline. More importantly, students should be prepared to try out alternative ways of presenting which may not conform to the presentation norms in their discipline. Students will teach each other by:

- a) analyzing the content, delivery, language, design and use of visuals in TED talks;
- b) presenting their critical analyses in class;
- c) applying the results of the analyses in mini-presentations;
- d) creating strategies to deal with discipline-specific norms; and
- e) evaluating and giving feedback to each other.

Advisory: For students with above-average listening and speaking proficiency in English, e.g., DSE 4 or above.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it by submitting an online registration form.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Swap Request Form / Course Registration



ELTU2006 ENGLISH THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS

(3 – UNIT)

Advisory

Recommended for Year 2 students of the Faculty of Arts.

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU2011 English Through Literary Analysis

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year two or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

“English through Performing Arts” is a second year course specially designed for students from Faculty of Arts. Interested students from other disciplines and fields are also welcomed.

This course is developed to strengthen written and spoken communication skills of students based on the genre-based approach, with a focus on introducing the function and language of descriptive texts, discussion texts and information texts and formulating one of them. Students will learn about these genres and use English in the contexts of three main forms of performing arts – theatre, music and dance through lessons and activities adapted from a wide range of authentic materials including theatre reviews, programme notes, selected scenes from films and concerts, online seminars, articles from magazines and newspaper, and an actual play from National Theatre Live.

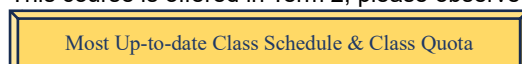
Learning topics include a module on theatre, two modules on music, and a module on stagecraft and engineering. During the term, students will also attend a guest lecture delivered by experts in particular fields and participate in a field trip. Coursework consists of a group project with a 20-minute group presentation and a 1200-word individual writing assignment, a reflection assignment on the field trip in no more than 500 words, and an in-class end-of-term language quiz with no revision required.

Course Offering in Term 1

This course is **NOT** offered in Term 1.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:





ELTU2007 ENGLISH THROUGH FILM, TELEVISION, AND SOCIETY

(3 – UNIT)

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU2011 English Through Literary Analysis
ELTU2020 English for Social Science Students I

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year two or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses.

Course Description

As an alternative for Year 2 students of the Faculty of Social Science and Faculty of Arts, this course is designed to introduce students to the role of film and television in the contemporary society. Broadly speaking, it is a course that examines the relationship between cinema and television as two art forms and the society. In this connection, various genres of film and television will be covered. The course will specifically explore a) the text structures and language of the two art forms; b) the way in which those texts are produced; and c) the way in which they are consumed by critical viewers.

Course Offering and Registration

This course is **NOT** offered in 2025-26.



ELTU2008 SERVICE-LEARNING: THE SPIRIT OF HONG KONG

(3 – UNIT)

Advisory

Priority will be given to non-local students and those who do not speak Cantonese. All services will be conducted in English.

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year two or above students.

Course Description

Goals:

The goals of the service-learning course are to:

1. enhance student academic learning through real-world experiences,
2. increase students' sense of civic identity and awareness of Hong Kong culture,
3. nurture socially responsible future leaders,
4. support meaningful projects that positively impact communities, and
5. provide students the opportunity to holistically participate and ethically discuss a wide range of social issues in Hong Kong.

Aims:

The course aims to:

1. provide students the opportunity to holistically participate and ethically discuss a wide range of social issues in Hong Kong.
2. use a whole person approach to language enhancement by strengthening students' existing knowledge of English presentation skills.
3. empower students to reflect on how their actions may positively impact the global and local community in preparation for them becoming a global citizen.

Advisory: Priority will be given to non-local students and those who do not speak Cantonese. All services will be conducted in English.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it via CUSIS.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

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Swap Request Form / Course Registration



ELTU2412 ACADEMIC WRITING FOR ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS (3 – UNIT)

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU2011 English Through Literary Analysis
ELTU2020 English for Social Science Students I

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year two or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from this course. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

The main objective of this course is to help Arts and Social Science students become more effective writers by guiding them through the process of writing. More specifically, the course will focus on the development of informative and persuasive writing based on library and Internet research. Advisory: Not for students who have taken ELTU1002.

Course Offering and Registration

This course will **NOT** be offered in 2025-26.



ELTU3024 COMMUNICATING ENGINEERING RESEARCH

(2 – UNIT)

Advisory

Preferably for students in their third year of study or above who plan to do primary and secondary research in their capstone course / final-year thesis.

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU3014 English for Engineering Students II

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year three or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses.

Course Description

The course is designed to strengthen engineering students' skills in communicating research ideas in written and oral forms. The writing component addresses both higher-order concerns (e.g. organisation and idea development) and lower-order concerns (e.g. grammar and sentence structure) in research writing while the speaking component highlights rhetorical strategies as well as language and delivery skills needed in relevant presentations. An emphasis is placed on how ideas can be communicated clearly and effectively in an academic context. Some sessions are run as interactive workshops, where students are given an opportunity to engage actively in discussion, textual analysis and peer review. The course is particularly suitable for students wishing to prepare for a research-based final year project or pursue future research opportunities.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course is **NOT** offered in Term 1.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Swap Request Form / Course Registration

ELTU3413 RESEARCH WRITING IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

(2 – UNIT)

Advisory

Preferably for students in their third year of study or above who plan to do primary and secondary research in their capstone course / final-year thesis.

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU3011 Professional Communication for Arts Students
ELTU3013 English for Education Students II
ELTU3020 English for Social Science Students II

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as alternative)

- ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses **AND**
- ELTU2004 or ELTU2005 or ELTU2006 or ELTU2011 or ELTU2013 or ELTU2020 or ELTU2022 or ELTU2406 or ELTU2412 or exemption from these courses.

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year three or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as elective)

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

This course aims to prepare students for the capstone course / final-year thesis in their major study and the application for postgraduate study by equipping them with research writing skills. Students will receive language support to write different sections of a research paper and a range of research-related genres, with an emphasis on literature review and research proposal writing. With the consideration that students taking this course are from diverse academic backgrounds, the course will be delivered in the form of a seminar, allowing students to share and explore the research writing conventions in their discipline, learn from peers, as well as complete hands-on information search tasks, language practice, and textual analysis.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it by submitting an online registration form.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Swap Request Form / Course Registration

ELTU3414 LEARN TO WRITE BETTER! ENGLISH THROUGH GREAT ESSAYS

(2 – UNIT)

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU3011 Professional Communication for Arts Students
ELTU3013 English for Education Students II
ELTU3014 English for Engineering Students II
ELTU3016 Medicine Across Cultures
ELTU3018 English for Science Students II
ELTU3020 English for Social Science Students II

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as alternative)

- ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses **AND**
- ELTU2004 or ELTU2005 or ELTU2006 or ELTU2011 or ELTU2013 or ELTU2014 or ELTU2016 or ELTU2017 or ELTU2018 or ELTU2019 or ELTU2020 or ELTU2022 or ELTU2023 or ELTU2024 or ELTU2026 or ELTU2406 or ELTU2412 or exemption from these courses.

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year three or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as elective)

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

In this course, students will read, every week, one 'great' essay and engage actively in discussion of both the contents of the essays and the writing strategies employed by the authors. The essays cover topics ranging from the meaning of education, through questions of language and identity, to ideas about wealth and poverty, social class, cultural imperialism and politics. The authors represent different nationalities, genders and historical eras. These essays will serve as models of a variety of persuasive and argument-writing strategies including narration and description, the use of anecdotes and examples, satire, the extended definition, etc. The student is expected to apply these persuasive devices and methods to his/her own writing and to critically evaluate his/her work and the work of other students in the class. Participation in the class discussion of the readings is crucial – which means reading the texts in preparation for each class is essential.

Course Offering and Registration

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it by submitting an online registration form.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2. Please observe the following:

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Swap Request Form / Course Registration

ELTU3415 ENGLISH THROUGH FOOD

(2 – UNIT)

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU3011 Professional Communication for Arts Students
ELTU3013 English for Education Students II
ELTU3014 English for Engineering Students II
ELTU3016 Medicine Across Cultures
ELTU3018 English for Science Students II
ELTU3020 English for Social Science Students II

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as alternative)

- ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses **AND**
- ELTU2004 or ELTU2005 or ELTU2006 or ELTU2011 or ELTU2013 or ELTU2014 or ELTU2016 or ELTU2017 or ELTU2018 or ELTU2019 or ELTU2020 or ELTU2022 or ELTU2023 or ELTU2024 or ELTU2026 or ELTU2406 or ELTU2412 or exemption from these courses.

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year three or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as elective)

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce the reading, writing, speaking and presenting skills already acquired by third-year students through the study of a subject both essential to our bodies and dear to our hearts: food. The content-focus of this class will include a variety of topics such as food as a symbol of culture, food in the media and in literature, and new trends in the production and consumption of food in modern society. Required readings and short videos will be assigned and posted to Blackboard every week, which students should come to class prepared to discuss. In this course, students will have the opportunity to explore and document their individual relationships with food, write critical reviews of food businesses, research and write summaries of various food-related texts, and work collaboratively to devise, script and film their own original 10-minute food programme. ELTU3415 will help students to become more fully aware of food, its provenance and production, history and fads, and to understand how their own food choices are made and the impact those choices can have on society. Additionally, by strengthening their English proficiency through digital and online mediums, students will be encouraged to perceive their everyday media practices as a rich field of English language production and contribute to global discourses on food.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it by submitting an online registration form.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Swap Request Form / Course Registration

ELTU3502 ESSENTIALS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

(2 – UNIT)

Advisory

This course is particularly suitable for students who have already attained some basic presentation skills and want to further improve their spoken English.

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU3011 Professional Communication for Arts Students
ELTU3013 English for Education Students II
ELTU3014 English for Engineering Students II
ELTU3016 Medicine Across Cultures
ELTU3018 English for Science Students II
ELTU3020 English for Social Science Students II

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as alternative)

- ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses **AND**
- ELTU2004 or ELTU2005 or ELTU2006 or ELTU2011 or ELTU2013 or ELTU2014 or ELTU2016 or ELTU2017 or ELTU2018 or ELTU2019 or ELTU2020 or ELTU2022 or ELTU2023 or ELTU2024 or ELTU2026 or ELTU2406 or ELTU2412 or exemption from these courses.

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year three or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as elective)

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

This course aims to help students become more effective and confident public speakers. Learning topics include vocal variation, diction, rhetoric, formality and delivery. Throughout the course students will learn to conduct critical analyses of exemplary speeches and be given opportunities to write, rehearse, and perform informal and formal speeches using techniques they have acquired. This course is particularly suitable for students who have already attained some basic presentation skills and want to further improve their spoken English.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it by submitting an online registration form.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Swap Request Form / Course Registration

ELTU3503 INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION THROUGH ENGLISH

(2 – UNIT)

Alternative Course

This is an alternative course for the following course(s):
ELTU3011 Professional Communication for Arts Students
ELTU3013 English for Education Students II
ELTU3014 English for Engineering Students II
ELTU3016 Medicine Across Cultures
ELTU3018 English for Science Students II
ELTU3020 English for Social Science Students II

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as alternative)

- ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses **AND**
- ELTU2004 or ELTU2005 or ELTU2006 or ELTU2011 or ELTU2013 or ELTU2014 or ELTU2016 or ELTU2017 or ELTU2018 or ELTU2019 or ELTU2020 or ELTU2022 or ELTU2023 or ELTU2024 or ELTU2026 or ELTU2406 or ELTU2412 or exemption from these courses.

Elective Course

All students can take this course as an elective, preferably for year three or above students.

Prerequisite Requirement (for students who wish to take this course as elective)

ELTU1001 or ELTU1002 or exemption from these courses. No prerequisite requirement for IASP students.

Course Description

Developing intercultural competencies is a lifelong process. This course aims to enhance students' intercultural communication skills in English, while fostering global citizenship. Throughout the course, students are guided to develop the attitudes, skills, and knowledge which can facilitate meaningful intercultural communication. Students will engage in tasks such as reading, watching videos, discussions, and the analysis of intercultural dialogues to help them to become more global-minded interculturally competent speakers of English.

The main course objectives are to practice deep listening (i.e., listening for understanding), suspend snap judgments about cultural difference, and increase cultural awareness of self and others. In other words, the course aims to develop some of the core attributes that are expected of CUHK graduates i.e., intercultural understanding and sensitivity, and global-mindedness.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 1

This course was offered in Term 1 and students registered for it by submitting an online registration form.

Course Offering and Registration in Term 2

This course is offered in Term 2, please observe the following:

Most Up-to-date Class Schedule & Class Quota

Swap Request Form / Course Registration