Cantonese for International Students (Beginner Level)
對外粵語（一）

Course Title: Cantonese for International Students (Beginner Level)（對外粵語（一））

Course Code: LCC123

Category: Free Elective

Instructional Language: English

Course Length: One term

Class Contact Hours: 2 hours x 14 weeks = 28 hours

No. of Credits: Nil

Teaching Mode: Tutorial

Prerequisite: Nil

Course Description:

This is a non-credit bearing basic Cantonese course for international students who are native English speakers or comfortable with English as a medium language. As a beginner course of Cantonese, it aims to provide students with an enjoyable, stimulating and interactive learning experience by creating opportunities for them to learn the common colloquial expressions of Cantonese, to discover Hong Kong culture and daily life, and to practice using the language via singing, watching films and TV plays.

Aims:

Effective teaching methods will be applied to introduce Cantonese vocabulary and sentences with basic linguistic structures to international students so that they can
communicate with others at a basic level, understand Hong Kong culture, and have an easier time to integrate into Hong Kong society.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

1. use Cantonese expressions to communicate with others at a basic level;
2. preliminarily understand and master Cantonese phonological system; and
3. preliminarily understand Hong Kong’s local culture and customs and be able to better integrate into university life and Hong Kong society.

Indicative Content:

1. Learning materials
   A range of self-developed and authentic materials will be used to cater for the needs and interests of the students with the focus primarily on Hong Kong’s daily life, including self-introduction, words of courtesy, telephone conversation, visiting friends and receiving guests, dining and shopping, and traffic conditions.

2. Speaking practice
   Students will be asked to do situational conversation practice with the words and sentences learnt in class, simulating the content of readings.

3. Multi-media-aided learning in and outside of classroom
   Through singing/watching films/watching TV plays, students will be acquainted with Hong Kong culture, local customs and matters in daily life, in which they will learn more sentence forms of colloquial Cantonese and to put them into practice.

Teaching Method:

1. Lecturing in class.
2. Class or group conversation and discussion.
3. Learning phonetics by singing, watching films and watching TV plays.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes:
1. Through in-class performance in conversation, short speech and discussion to check students’ mastery of colloquial Cantonese phonetics; and
2. Through oral tests to check students’ level of general application of the knowledge acquired and their ability in colloquial Cantonese expression.

Assessment:

1. Continuous assessment (Attendance and oral ability): 50%
2. Oral tests (Recitation of colloquial Cantonese words and simple conversation, etc.): 50%
3. Grades: M (Merit), S (Satisfactory), U (Unsatisfactory)

Learning Materials

Learning materials will be compiled from but not limited to the following works:
2. 廬譚飛燕編譯: 《廣州話口語辭彙》(Cantonese Colloquial Expressions), 香港: 中文大學出版社, 2007。
3. 陳楓主編:《對外漢語教學法》[Teaching Method of Chinese as a Foreign Language], 北京: 中華書局, 2008。
4. 李曉琪主編:《博雅漢語——初級·起步篇Ⅰ》[Elegant Chinese – Elementary: Let’s Start I], 北京: 北京大學出版社, 2004。
5. 中華人民共和國教育部及對外漢語教學發展中心編:《中國全景——初級漢語》[China Overview – Elementary Chinese]（第一冊），北京: 語文出版社, 2001。
6. 劉珣主編:《新實用漢語課本》[New Practical Chinese Textbook], 北京: 北京語言大學出版社, 2004。
10. Supplemented teaching materials, self-access learning materials and reference books.

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