



PROGRAMME ON PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Programme description

The Programme on Phonetics and Phonology for English Language Teaching comprises 2 short courses. It aims to equip teachers of English with a strong grounding in phonetics and phonology, which is among the requisite subject knowledge for English Language teachers specified by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR). The knowledge and skills participants gain from the courses will strengthen their confidence and ability in speaking English, teaching pronunciation, diagnosing learner errors, and making informed decisions on pronunciation-related matters in English Language teaching.

The courses are run by the Centre for Enhancing English Learning and Teaching (CEELT) of the Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Target participants

The courses in the programme are intended for educators involved in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Professionals in other fields who have a strong interest in phonetics and phonology will also be considered. All participants must already possess a university degree (in any discipline).

Course list

- A. Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology (42 hours)
- B. Proficiency in Phonetics and Phonology (24 hours)

Course description

Course A: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology

This course covers the fundamental concepts in phonetics and phonology, including the organs of speech, transcription systems, phonemes (vowels and consonants), allophonic processes, syllable structure and word stress, sentence stress and rhythm, and intonation and meaning. The course is made up of 12 three-hour meetings and 6 hours of Web-based study.

Course B: Proficiency in Phonetics and Phonology

This course focuses on the practical skills of phonetic and phonological analysis. Classes will take place in a multimedia language laboratory, and will include practical activities such as ear training (phonemes and allophones, word stress, intonation patterns, differences between accents), reading transcribed words and phonetic texts, transcribing from orthographic texts and from listening, and analyzing learner errors in pronunciation. The course is made up of 7 three-hour meetings and 3 hours of Web-based study.

Tutors

Dr Geoff Smith, Dr Paul Sze

Dr Geoff Smith

Dr Smith started to teach in his native England, and has since taught at tertiary level for almost 40 years in Africa, Papua New Guinea and Hong Kong. He retired as Associate Professor after 15 years at the English Centre, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 2007. Since then he has been teaching part time on a variety of programmes at HKU, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and is also an adjunct professor at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. He currently teaches courses in phonology, English pronunciation for Cantonese speakers, varieties of English, sociolinguistics and English through songs and is continuing with his life-long struggle to learn to speak Cantonese and read Chinese.

Dr Paul Sze

Dr Sze is an experienced TESOL teacher educator. He specializes in the teaching of listening and speaking, and has taught phonetics and phonology on teacher education courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. His research interests include pronunciation and phonics learning. He is an enthusiast in a variety of speech activities, being formerly an actor in the RTHK English radio drama series *Songbirds* (2000-02), and currently a reader for *Librivox*, an international non-profit audiobooks project, and producer of *Teachers' Stories*, an audio podcast for teachers. Dr Sze has a Certificate in English Phonetics from the International Phonetic Association. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Linguists, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Mode of delivery

Each course may be offered in one of three modes: (a) consecutive weekly meetings, (b) an intensive block, and (c) a combined mode of 'a' and 'b'.

Medium of instruction

English

Class size

Course A : 35 maximum

Course B: 30 maximum

Certificate of Attendance / Completion

The **Certificate of Attendance** is awarded to participants who have an attendance rate of 75% or above.

The **Certificate of Completion** is awarded to participants who:

- * have an attendance rate of 80% or above; AND
- * complete the assessment tasks satisfactorily.

Course selection and progress

- * Course A is an introductory course, and is suited for participants with no background knowledge in phonetics and phonology, or those who want a refresher course on the subject.
- * Course B is a proficiency course, and is suited for participants who have completed Course A, or a similar introductory course in phonetics and phonology. Those who wish to be proficient in the International Phonetic Alphabet and phonetic transcription, but do not need a comprehensive grounding in phonetics and phonology, may also find this course useful.

Dates, time and venue

Course A:

26 Sep - 19 Dec 2009 (Sat) (except 3 Oct – public holiday); 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Chung Chi Campus, CUHK

Course B:

9 Jan - 27 Feb 2010 (Sat) (except 13 Feb – public holiday); 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Chung Chi Campus, CUHK

Course fee

Course A: \$6,400

Course B: \$3,700 (10% reduction if applying for Course A simultaneously)

Course fee includes: course pack, and access to CUHK libraries, including the United College Wu Chung Multimedia Library.

Refund policy

Fees paid are under no circumstances refundable, except the course being fully enrolled or cancelled.

Course cancellation and other changes

CEELT reserves the right to cancel a course if enrolment is insufficient. CEELT also reserves the right to make alterations regarding instructors, class locations, class schedules and the content of courses as appropriate.

Application procedure

To apply, please send the completed application form, together with crossed cheque(s) payable to “The Chinese University of Hong Kong” to the following address before the application deadline (amount for Course A: \$6,400 ; amount for Course B: \$3,700, or \$3,330 if applying for Course A simultaneously). Please send a separate cheque for each course.

Centre for Enhancing English Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Education,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories

Successful applicants will be notified through email two weeks after the application deadline.

Application deadlines

Course A: 4 Sep 2009

Course B: 11 Dec 2009

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Enquiries

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APPLICATION FORM

Please tick the course(s) applied for:

- Course A** <26 Sep - 19 Dec 2009 (Sat) (except 3 Oct – public holiday); 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.>
- Course B** <9 Jan - 27 Feb 2010 (Sat) (except 13 Feb – public holiday); 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.>

Personal particulars:

Name in English (surname first): _____ Name in Chinese (if applicable): _____

HKID card/ Passport no.: _____ Sex: M F

Correspondence address (in English): _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (Office) _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Academic qualifications (in chronological order with most recent first):

Degree/ other postgraduate qualifications	Subjects	Institution	Date of award

Current employment:

- Teacher
- Mainly teaching English
- Mainly teaching other subjects (please specify) _____

Name of School: _____

- Non-teacher
- Employer: _____ Position: _____

Reason for applying (optional): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Details of cheque(s) paid:

Bank: _____ Cheque number(s): _____

An official receipt will be issued to participants.

Note: The application form is photocopyable, and can also be downloaded from CEELT website:
<http://www.fed.cuhk.edu.hk/~ceelt/>