

**City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of English
with effect from Semester A 2019/20**

Part I Course Overview

Hong Kong Language and Society

Course Title:

Course Code:

EN3591

1 Semester

Course Duration:

3

Credit Units:

B3

Level:

Arts and Humanities

Study of Societies, Social and Business Organisations

Science and Technology

Proposed Area:

(for GE courses only)

English

**Medium of
Instruction:**

English

**Medium of
Assessment:**

Nil

Prerequisites:

(Course Code and Title)

Nil

Precursors:

(Course Code and Title)

EN2819 Hong Kong Language and Society

Equivalent Courses:

(Course Code and Title)

Nil

Exclusive Courses:

(Course Code and Title)

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

(A 150-word description about the course)

This course introduces students to the systematic study of language and society, and helps students achieve a better understanding of the relevant approaches and methodologies in the study of language and society, especially in the Hong Kong context. It also provides students with the appropriate tools, both theoretical and practical, to describe and analyse a number of language issues in Hong Kong society. Specifically, this course aims at enabling students to:

- Describe and exemplify some basic sociolinguistic concepts: biliteracy, trilingualism, code-mixing and code-switching, diglossia, standard language and dialect, written language and spoken language, speech community.
- Apply these concepts to analyse the main contextual variables of a communicative event: “who speaks what to whom when and where”.
- Apply these concepts to analyse the language situation in Hong Kong.
- Apply these concepts to analyse the language needs of ethnic minority groups in Hong Kong.
- Apply these concepts to analyse the relationships among language, identity, culture and society.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

No.	CILOs [#]	Weighting* (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Describe and give an example from their experience or everyday observations to illustrate some basic sociolinguistic concepts			√	
2.	Apply these concepts to analyse the main contextual variables of a communicative event: “who speaks what to whom when and where”.			√	
3.	Apply these concepts to analyse the language situation in Hong Kong.			√	√
4.	Apply these concepts to analyse the language needs of ethnic minority groups in Hong Kong.		√	√	√
5.	Apply these concepts to analyse the relationships among language, identity, culture and society.		√	√	√
		100%			

* If weighting is assigned to CILOs, they should add up to 100%.

[#] Please specify the alignment of CILOs to the Gateway Education Programme Intended Learning outcomes (PILOs) in Section A of Annex.

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to self-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

TLA	Brief Description	CILO No.					Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4	5	
Interactive lectures	Students learn to describe and give an account and example of sociolinguistic concepts through participating in interactive lectures where these concepts are introduced and illustrated through examples and case studies.	√	√	√	√	√	
Out-of-class reading tasks and in-class discussions	Students further learn to describe and give an account of sociolinguistic concepts through completing the required readings and consulting the recommended readings that are assigned to them each week along with a set of study questions based on these readings. Students are to prepare responses to the study questions and to share and discuss those responses in class.	√	√	√			
Group project work and presentations	Students work in small groups to choose a topic and design a study on a chosen topic. Students work in their groups to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. conduct fieldwork to collect linguistic data or data on one of the following topics: code-mixing and code-switching in Hong Kong, language needs of a minority group in Hong Kong, or, the main contextual variables of a communicative event in daily life in Hong Kong; b. analyse the collective findings of the group and relate them to the broader sociolinguistic context of Hong Kong, and to the hypothesize about relationships that exist between language, identity, society and culture; c. orally present their findings in class; and d. present the study in a written project report. 	√		√		√	

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.						Weighting*	Remarks
	1	2	3	4	5			
Continuous Assessment: <u>100</u> %								
1. Class Participation	√	√	√				20%	Individual: Based on how frequently, actively, and constructively students participate. In-class activities, discussions and presentations measure students' ability to apply newly learned principles to real contexts and situations.
2. Final Project			√		√		30%	Group work: Students will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge to critically analyze and evaluate authentic language data. Students will apply analytical methods in their analysis. Students will also have the opportunity to identify and reflect on the relationship between language and identity in Hong Kong society.
3. Final Project In-Class Presentation			√		√		20%	Group work: Students will demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge and analytical tools and report their findings in a succinct, organized, and professional manner in an oral presentation.
4. Quiz	√	√	√	√	√		30%	Individual: The quiz will be designed to test students' facility with theoretical concepts and analytical skills from lectures and readings. It will also test students' application of

								knowledge.
Examination: ____% (duration: _____, if applicable)								
<i>* The weightings should add up to 100%.</i>							100%	

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Class Participation	Attendance and active class participation	An excellent record of attendance and participation. Attended all classes punctually, always participated actively and constructively in class and group activities.	Satisfactory attendance and punctuality. Generally participated actively and constructively in class and group activities.	Satisfactory attendance and punctuality. Frequently participated actively and constructively in class and group activities.	Attendance and punctuality not fully satisfactory and/or participation in class and group activities was inconsistent.	Attendance and punctuality were unsatisfactory. Did not meaningfully engage with class and group activities.
2. Final Project	Written paper on a topic that presents data collected and analyzed using a sociolinguistic perspective.	Able to analyze and present a sociolinguistic issue very clearly and insightfully, applying the theoretical framework, accurately giving evidence from data collected, and synthesizing points into a coherent argument expressed in clear and accurate English and within the word limit.	Able to analyze and present a sociolinguistic issue clearly, applying the theoretical framework fairly accurately giving evidence from data collected, and synthesizing points into a relatively coherent argument expressed in clear and mostly accurate English and within the word limit.	There may be some inaccuracies in understanding the sociolinguistic issue under investigation. Sufficient evidence may not be provided. The paper may lack focus or be poorly argued. There may be problems with the organization or grammar of the paper. The paper may exceed the word limit.	There are serious flaws and/or inaccuracies in understanding the sociolinguistic issue under investigation. Sufficient evidence is not provided. The paper lacks focus or is poorly argued. There are serious problems with the organization or grammar of the paper. The paper is incomplete or incomprehensible due to a large number of language inaccuracies.	Unable to apply the theories in an accurate way, present a coherent analysis and/or communicate in written English to an acceptable standard.
3. Final Project In-Class Presentation	Organization/Delivery/ Grammar/Effectiveness /Timing of presentation	The presentation provides a very clear and insightful analysis. It	The presentation provides a clear analysis. It draws	The presentation provides an adequate analysis.	The presentation provides a poor analysis. It exhibits	The presentation does not identify an issue relevant to the course.

		draws effectively upon evidence from various types of data collected, and synthesizing findings into a coherent argument. The presentation is very well organized, delivered in clear and accurate, fluent and idiomatic English, and within the time limit.	upon evidence from various types of data collected, and synthesizing findings into an argument. The presentation is well organized, delivered in largely accurate, fluent and idiomatic English, and within the time limit.	It draws upon some evidence from data collected, and synthesizing findings into a coherent argument. The presentation is adequately organized and comprehensible, but the standard of the spoken English may need improvement. It may exceed the time limit.	insufficient evidence from data collected, and may lack a coherent argument. The presentation is incomplete or partially incomprehensible due to poor organization or the standard of the spoken English.	The presentation is incomplete or largely incomprehensible due to poor organization or significant problems in the standard of the spoken English.
4. Quiz	The quiz will be marked according to the accuracy of the answers. Correct answers will be awarded full marks of the respective questions, half-correct answers will be awarded half of the marks devoted to the respective questions, and wrong or irrelevant answers will be awarded zero.					

Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

(An indication of the key topics of the course.)

Biliteracy, trilingualism, code-mixing and code-switching, diglossia, standard language and dialect, written language and spoken language, speech community, language and identity, language and education, language in Hong Kong workplace

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

1.	Li, E. S. H. (2015). <i>Language, society and culture in Hong Kong</i> . Hong Kong: The Open University Press.
2.	Setter, J., Wong, C.S.P. & Chan, B.H.S. (2010) <i>Hong Kong English (Dialects of English)</i> . Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press Ltd.
3.	Bolton K. (Eds.). (2002). <i>Hong Kong English: Autonomy and creativity</i> . Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press

2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

1	Edwards, J. G. H. (2018). <i>The Politics of English in Hong Kong: Attitudes, Identity, and Use</i> . Oxon: Routledge.
2.	Evans, S. (2013). The long march to biliteracy and trilingualism: Language policy in Hong Kong education since the handover. <i>Annual Review of Applied Linguistics</i> , 33, 302-324.
3.	Evans, S. (2016). <i>The English Language in Hong Kong: Diachronic and Synchronic Perspectives</i> . London: Palgrave Macmillan.
4.	Halliday, M. A. K. (1998). Where languages meet: The significance of the Hong Kong experience. In Asker, B. (Ed.), <i>Teaching language and culture: Building Hong Kong on education</i> (pp. 27-37). Hong Kong: Longman.
5.	Lai, M. L. (2001). Hong Kong students' attitudes towards Cantonese, Putonghua and English after the change of sovereignty. <i>Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development</i> , 22(2), 112-133.
6.	Li, D. C. S. (1999). The functions and status of English in Hong Kong: A post-1997 update. <i>English World-Wide</i> , 20(1), 67-110.
7.	Lin, A. M. Y. (1997). Hong Kong children's rights to a culturally compatible English education. <i>Hong Kong Journal of Applied Linguistics</i> , 2(2), 23-48.
8.	Lin, A. M. Y. (2006). Beyond linguistic purism in language-in-education policy and practice: Exploring bilingual pedagogies in a Hong Kong science classroom. <i>Language and Education</i> .
9.	Luke, K. K. (1998). Why two languages might be better than one: Motivations of language

	mixing in Hong Kong. In M. C. Pennington (Ed.), <i>Language in Hong Kong at century's end</i> (pp. 145-159). Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.
10.	Pun J, Matthiessen C.M.I.M., Slade D, Murray K. (2015). Factors affecting communication in emergency departments: doctors and nurses' perceptions of communication in a trilingual ED in Hong Kong. <i>International Journal of Emergency Medicine</i> , 8:48, https://doi.org/10.1186/s12245-015-0095-y
11.	Pun, J. Chan, E.A., Wang, S. & Slade, D. (2018). Health professional-patient communication practices in East Asia: An integrative review of an emerging field of research and practice in Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Mainland China. <i>Patient Education and Counseling</i> . 101(7), 1193-1206. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pec.2018.01.018
12.	Macaro, E., Curle, S., Pun, J., An, J., & Dearden, J. (2018). A systematic review of English medium instruction in higher education. <i>Language Teaching</i> , 51(1), 36-76. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0261444817000350
13.	Pun, J. & Macaro, E. (2019). The effect of first and second language use on question types in English medium instruction science classrooms in Hong Kong. <i>International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism</i> . 22(1) 64-77. https://doi.org/10.1080/13670050.2018.1510368