



THE HONG KONG
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
香港理工大學

Faculty of Humanities
人文學院

Doctor of Applied Language Sciences 應用語言科學博士

Programme Code: 03002



Doctor of Applied Language Sciences

Programme Host	Faculty of Humanities (FH)
Faculty Dean	Professor Hung-lam CHU
Contributing Departments	Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies Department of Computing Department of English English Language Centre
Mode of Study/Duration	Mixed-mode (Full-time: 3 years, Part-time: 5 years) Maximum duration: 8 years
Total Credits for Graduation	48 credits (24-credit coursework and 24-credit thesis)
Student Intake No.	24*
Programme Committee Chair	Professor Christian M.I.M. MATTHIESSEN
Programme Leader	Dr Gail FOREY

Programme Aims

DALS programme aims to help nurture and develop a critical mass of future leaders in language-related professions. Students will be informed of the developments in language sciences and develop an advanced understanding of the inextricable link between theory and practice. They will be able to integrate linguistic knowledge and research skills with reflective practice in coping with the demands and development of their careers as language professionals in the age of globalisation and digitalisation.

本課程旨在培育語言應用領域的專家和領導人才，以適應全球化、數位化時代對語言應用、語言科學發展的要求和挑戰。課程著重提高學生對現代語言學理論和應用語言學研究方法的認識，引導學生探索和分析多語、多文化社會中的語言教育、專業語言應用以及語言信息處理等方面的問題，培養學生發展創新性的學術研究和解決問題的能力。

Significant Features of the Programme

- Interdisciplinary, cross-linguistic and/or cross-cultural perspective of epistemology
- Integration of international perspective and local context
- Interaction and dialogues between academics and practitioners
- Four strands or areas of enquiry for students to choose from and within which to develop their specialism(s):
 - Second Language Education
 - Intercultural and Professional Communication
 - Translating and Interpreting
 - Language and Information Technology

本課程適合語言應用領域的資深工作者報讀，包括語言教師、語言界別資深行政人員、翻譯或傳譯專才及語言信息專才等。

Programme Structure

Compulsory Subjects [6 credits required]

Research Methods for Applied Language Sciences I
Trends in Applied Language Sciences

Thesis [24 credits required]

DALS Thesis I (Seminar & Proposal Development) [9 credits]
DALS Thesis II (Thesis Writing) [15 credits]

Elective Subjects [18 credits required]

(comprising of regular electives and strand electives)

Regular Electives

Advances in Sociolinguistics
Computational Linguistics
Discourse Analysis and Corpus Linguistics
Intercultural Communication
Linguistic Theories
New Media
Research Methods for Second Language Education

Strand Electives

Strand 1: Second Language Education

Curriculum and Assessment
Perspective in Second Language Education
Psycholinguistics and Language Acquisition

Strand 2: Intercultural and Professional Communication

Glocalisation and Media Communication
Professional and Organisational Communication

Strand 3: Translating and Interpreting

Interpreting Studies
Theories of Translation

Strand 4: Language and Information Technology

Natural Language Processing Techniques
Speech Processing

All subjects carry 3 credits unless otherwise specified

Research Centres & Global Partners

Faculty of Humanities has enlisted collaboration with a number of internationally prestigious institutions as professional and academic partners to ensure that students can benefit from inputs contributed by overseas as well as local scholars, researchers and practitioners of high standard through formal and informal exchange initiatives. Our research centres and academic partners include:

- Centre for Translation Studies
- China Europa Centre (with China-Europa Forum Foundation)
- International Research Centre for Communication in Healthcare (with University of Technology, Sydney)
- Research Centre for Professional Communication in English
- Speech Therapy Unit
- The Hong Kong Chapter of Corporate Communication International (with Corporate Communication International at Baruch College, CUNY)
- The PolyU - Peking U Research Centre on Chinese Linguistics (with Peking University)
- The Inter-University Centre for Applied Language Sciences (with Tsinghua University and Zhejiang University)
- The PolyU - Xi'an Jiaotong University Research Centre in Creative Culture Industries for Western China (with Xi'an Jiaotong University)



Entrance Requirements

A Master's degree or equivalent in a related field PLUS 5 years of post-undergraduate work experience

OR

A Master's degree or equivalent in a related field PLUS 2 years of post-Master's work experience

The English Language Requirements for those who do not have a degree from a recognised university at which the language of instruction is English are:

■ An overall score of at least 6.5 (all sub-scores should be at least 6.0) in International English Language Testing System (IELTS);

OR

■ A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 90 for the internet-based test (with a writing score of at least 23), or at least 575 in the paper-based test (with a score of at least 4 out of 6 in the Test of Written English).

Alternatively, consideration will be given to acceptable scores in other internationally-recognised public examinations.

All English language test scores are considered valid for five years after the testing date.

Tuition Fee

HK\$6,300 per credit*

We offer scholarships exclusively to outstanding students with excellent academic merits and teaching assistantship to qualified candidates.

Online Application

via the Study@PolyU website:
www.polyu.edu.hk/study

* subject to change

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