



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

CNTO_V 311 - Basic Cantonese for Mandarin Speakers

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CNTO 311 is a beginning level Cantonese language course for heritage Mandarin Speakers. It is designed for advanced speakers of Mandarin whose Mandarin proficiency level is beyond CHIN 243/244 but who have no background in Cantonese. Students will learn pronunciation, grammar, unique Cantonese vocabulary and expressions, sentence patterns, as well as written Cantonese. The course will be taught in both Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese. The emphasis of this course is training in basic conversational and presentational skills in Cantonese. It is designed to help students with Mandarin knowledge to understand the basic differences between Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese, and to learn about Cantonese culture and customs. By the end of the course, you should be able to carry out short conversations in Cantonese on various daily life topics, recognize frequently used Cantonese characters in the Traditional script, and understand and explain features of Cantonese culture and customs.

Mode of Delivery: This course will be delivered in a hybrid online format, with synchronous lectures that require attendance and asynchronous activities centered on the collective discussion of course texts.

Required Texts

Lee, Y.-P. C. & Kataoka, S. (2013). *A Shortcut to Cantonese: An Innovative Approach for English and Putonghua Speakers*. Hong Kong: Greenwood.

Assignments

Quizzes | 12% (4 x 3%)

Assignments | 22% (4 x 5.5%)

Individual Presentation and Group Presentation | 6% x 2

Monday Voice Tasks and In-Class Participation | 5% x 2

Midterm Oral Exam | 22%

Final Oral Exam | 22%