

**HUMA4000P Cantonese Grammar in Contemporary Linguistic Theories [Pu] [C]
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A survey on the recent development in the study of grammar in Cantonese, highlighting the grammatical features that are unique to Cantonese and how they are of interest to the study of language in general.

Course description

This course provides a survey on the recent development in the study of grammar in Cantonese. Basic concepts and ideas of a number of syntactic theories are introduced. A comparative approach will be adopted in order to: (1) highlight the grammatical characteristics of Cantonese, (2) show how efforts have been made to account for the similarities and differences exhibited among Chinese dialects and languages, and (3) illustrate how the phenomena examined are of interest to linguists.

Intended learning outcomes

- Understand the characteristics of the Cantonese language from a linguistic perspective
- Acquire knowledge of contemporary linguistic concepts and theories
- Examine a linguistic phenomenon from different perspectives critically

Major topics to be covered (tentative)

Introduction (Week 1)

Word classes (Week 2 – Week 3)

Noun Phrase (Week 4 – Week 5)

Verb Phrase (Week 6 – Week 7)

Sentence-final particles (Week 8 – Week 9)

Word order (Week 10 – Week 12)

Class presentation (Week 12 – Week 13)

Assessment

Attendance, presentation and participation:	30%
Written assignments:	30%
Term paper:	40%

Office hours

Mon: 9:30 – 11:00

Wed: 13:30 – 15:00

General references

張洪年 (2007) 《香港粵語語法的研究》(增訂版)。香港：中文大學出版社。
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Matthews Stephen and Virginia Yip. 1994/2011. *Cantonese: A Comprehensive Grammar*. London: Routledge. [PL1733.M38 1994/PL1733.M38 2011]

鄧思穎 (2015) 《粵語語法講義》。香港：商務印書館。[PL1734.T36 2015]

Other references

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[PL1731.C482 1987]

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Norman Jerry (1988) *Chinese*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
[PL1075.N67 1988/c.2]

張斌主編 (2008) 《新編現代漢語》(第二版)。上海：復旦大學出版社。
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Databases

Hong Kong Cantonese Corpus

<http://compling.hss.ntu.edu.sg/hkcancor/>

Early Cantonese Colloquial Texts: A Database 早期粵語口語文獻資料庫

<http://database.shss.ust.hk/Candbase/>

Early Cantonese Tagged Database 早期粵語標註語料庫

<http://database.shss.ust.hk/Cantag/>

Database of Early Chinese Dialects 早期漢語方言文獻資料庫

<http://database.shss.ust.hk/5dialects/>

Hobson (1850) *Dialogues in the Canton Vernacular* (online version)

<http://www.livac.org/hobson/> (需註冊)

A Linguistic Corpus of Mid-20th Century Hong Kong Cantonese

<https://hkcc.edu.hk/> (需註冊)