

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Task Force on Research Student Training Framework

Research Student Development Activity (For AY2026/27)

1. Activity Title

SUPC1322 Conversational Cantonese for Beginners

2. Offering Department/ Unit

Language Centre

3. Target Student Group (e.g., All students, Research Postgraduate students)

Non Chinese Speaking students

4. Delivery Method (e.g., workshop, lecture, seminar)

lecture

5. Duration & Total No. of Hours (e.g., 2 hours per session per week for 3 weeks = Total 6 hours)

10 lessons (2 lessons x 5 weeks)

6. Aims & Objectives

The course is designed for beginners. This course aims to teach authentic conversational Cantonese used in Hong Kong to enhance students' speaking and communication skills for daily life. This course will introduce basic vocabulary, phonetic system, and grammatical features of Hong Kong Cantonese. It also teaches conversational phrases for different daily life situations, laying a solid foundation for students to communicate in Cantonese.

7. Expected Development Outcomes or Knowledge/Skills Attainment

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Recognize the basic Cantonese romanization system and identify common initials, finals, and the six tones, with an introductory understanding of simple tone changes and connected speech patterns.
2. Understand key differences between Cantonese and Mandarin in everyday vocabulary and basic sentence structures, and use appropriate Cantonese expressions in daily conversations.

3. Use common Cantonese learning resources to look up word pronunciations and meanings to support language learning.
4. Communicate effectively in simple Cantonese in common real-life situations, such as greeting others, asking for directions, ordering food, and making purchases.

8. Expected Graduate Attributes Attained

[Input will be sought after the University completes the review process]