DALS

Doctor of Applied Language Sciences

應用語言科學博士

Programme Code: 03002

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Programme Host	Faculty of Humanities (FH)
Faculty Dean	Professor LI Ping
Contributing Departments	Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies Department of Computing Department of English and Communication English Language Centre
Mode of Study/Duration	Mixed-mode (Full-time: 4 years, Part-time: 5 years)
Total Credits for Graduation	48 credits (24-credit coursework and 24-credit thesis)
Student Intake No.	24
Programme Committee Chair	Professor ZHU Xinhua
Programme Leader	Professor Dennis TAY

Programme Aims

The DALS programme aims to help nurture and develop future leaders in language-related professions. Students will investigate 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 this 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 perspectives and local context

- Interaction with and dialogue between academics and practitioners

- Four focus areas for students to choose from and within which to develop their specialism(s):
  - Language Education
  - Intercultural and Professional Communication
  - Translating and Interpreting
  - Speech Sciences, Language Processing, and Cognition

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 (6 credits Compulsory + 18 credits Elective + 24 credits Thesis)

Compulsory Subjects [3 credits each]

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]

Notes
1. Not all subjects will be offered in a given year. They are subject to factors such as staff availability, student enrolment and programme resources.
2. Programme structure, subject titles and contents are subject to review and adjustment.
3. Starting from the 2022/23 intake cohort, students enrolled on taught postgraduate programmes are required to complete a 3-hour online module plus 3 hours of self-study on "National Education" and pass the assessment (multiple attempts allowed) in the form of multiple-choice questions online, normally within their first year of studies, as a graduation requirement. The Faculty may, based on the students' previous studies, consider granting waiver of the National Education Requirement.

Foundation Subjects [3 credits each]

Advances in Sociolinguistics
Discourse Analysis and Corpus Linguistics
Guided Study in Chinese Grammar
Linguistic Theories

Focus area: Language Education [3 credits each]

Curriculum and Assessment
Psycholinguistics and Language Acquisition
Research Methods for Second Language Education

Focus area: Intercultural and Professional Communication [3 credits each]

Glocalisation and Media Communication
Intercultural Communication
New Media
Professional and Organisational Communication

Focus area: Translating and Interpreting [3 credits each]

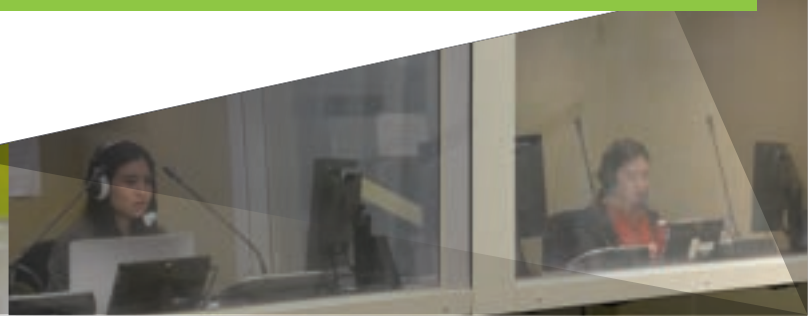Interpreting Studies
Theories of Translation

Focus area: Speech Sciences, Language Processing, and Cognition [3 credits each]

Advanced Topics in Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics
Advanced Topics in Research Methodology for Language Sciences
Computational Linguistics
Corpus-based Linguistics Research
Data Analytics for Applied Language Scientists
Lexical Semantics and Ontology
Speech Processing

Research Centres & Global Partners

The Faculty of Humanities collaborates with a number of internationally prestigious institutions as professional and academic partners to ensure that students can benefit from contributions overseas as well as local scholars, researchers and practitioners through formal and informal exchange initiatives. Our research centres include:

- ■ International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication
- ■ Research Centre for Chinese History and Culture
- ■ Research Centre for Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience
- ■ Research Centre for Professional Communication in English
- ■ The PolyU - Peking U Research Centre on Chinese Linguistics

Entrance Requirements

A Master's degree or equivalent in a related field PLUS five years post-undergraduate work experience
OR
A Master's degree or equivalent in a related field PLUS two years 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 intenet-based test (with a writing score of at least 23).

Comparable scores obtained from other internationally recognized public examinations may be considered.

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

Applicants are <u>required</u> to submit a Research Proposal. It should be written in English and to include information such as the name of proposed Chief Supervisor*, project title, project objectives, scope and background of research, reseach methodology and references.

*Admission to the programme does not imply approval of the proposed Chief Supervisor. The decision on the assignment of supervisors rests with the Programme Committee or its delegate. There is no guarantee that the proposed supervisor will be the assigned supervisor.

Tuition Fee

HK$7,250 per credit

We offer scholarships exclusively to outstanding students with excellent academic merits.

Online Application

via the Study@PolyU website:
www.polyu.edu.hk/study/pg/taught-postgraduate

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