



The following courses/modules will be offered in the year 2000-2001:

## GRSC6001

### INTRODUCTION TO THESIS WRITING

#### Content:

The course will consider all aspects of writing a thesis. It will look at the overall organization of the thesis and writing an abstract, as well as the content, organization and language used in each chapter. It will cover how to formulate research questions and how to acknowledge sources. It will also discuss the writing of a research proposal.

#### Organization:

This is a twenty-four hour course, consisting of 2 two-hour lessons or 3 two-hour lessons each week over a period of six weeks or four weeks respectively. Each lesson will consist of brief input sessions from the teacher followed by small group discussions of texts which illustrate the points covered in the input sessions. There will be short exercises to practise the points covered.

#### Enrolment:

This course is compulsory for all MPhil students enrolling in or after September 1999, and is open to all other postgraduate students up to a maximum of 30 per class.

#### Assessment:

Assessment will take the form of a 2000-word paper related to the student's research area. The topic should be chosen by the student, preferably in collaboration with his/her supervisor, and the paper must be submitted to the English Centre for assessment within 2 weeks of completion of the course. The student will be graded Pass or Fail on the basis of this paper.

#### Date & Time

##### 1st Semester

6001A : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
October 23, 24, 26, 30, 31  
November 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16

6001B: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
2:00 - 3:50 pm  
October 23, 24, 26, 30, 31  
November 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16

6001C: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
November 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30  
December 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14

6001D: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
2:00 - 3:50 pm  
November 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30  
December 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14

6001E: Thursday 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm & Saturday  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
November 23, 25, 30,  
December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16

##### 2nd Semester

6001F: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
February 15, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27  
March 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13

6001G: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
2:00 - 3:50 pm  
February 15, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27  
March 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13

6001H: Thursday 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm & Saturday  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
March 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 & 31

6001I: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
May 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28,  
29 & 31

6001J: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
2:00 - 3:50 pm  
May 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28,  
29 & 31

6001K: Thursday 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm & Saturday  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
May 17, 19, 24, 26, 31  
June 2, 7, 9

**GRSC6002****WRITING WORKSHOPS I****Content:**

This course will cover those language points which have been observed to cause the greatest problems in students' writing as incorrect use leads to misunderstandings or ambiguities and makes the writing difficult to read.

The course will concentrate on how to create cohesive text by correct use of paragraph development, given-new information structure, vocabulary and pronoun reference. It will also look at the importance of certain grammatical choices, such as verb tense and voice, subordination and co-ordination and relative clauses. There will be provision for students to suggest other points to cover.

**Organization:**

This is an eight-hour course, consisting of 2 two-hour lessons over a period of two weeks. Each lesson will consist of brief input sessions from the teacher with small group discussions of examples and exercises allowing for the maximum amount of practice.

**Enrolment:**

Each offering of the module is limited to a maximum of 30 students.

**Assessment:**

Assessment will take the form of continuous assessment of classroom-based exercises and/or a short exam at the end of the course. Students will be graded Pass or Fail on the basis of this work.

**Date & Time****1st Semester**

- 6002A: Monday & Tuesday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
September 11, 12, 18 & 19
- 6002B: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
September 25, 26, October 3 & 4
- 6002C: Monday & Tuesday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
October 9, 10, 16 & 17

**2nd Semester**

- 6002D: Monday & Tuesday  
6:00 - 7:50 pm  
February 5, 6, 12 & 13
- 6002E: Monday & Tuesday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
March 19, 20, 26 & 27

- 6002F: Monday & Tuesday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
April 2, 3, 9 & 10

- 6002G: Monday & Tuesday  
10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
June 4, 5, 11 & 12

**GRSC6003****WRITING WORKSHOPS II****Content:**

This course will cover those language points which are of particular relevance to thesis writing. It will concentrate on citation techniques and reporting verbs; tentative language needed for criticising others and making claims about research findings; paraphrasing techniques; and summarising techniques.

NOTE: This course should preferably be taken after Writing Workshops I has been completed as it will be largely based on concepts that have been introduced in that course and will allow for more practice of the language previously introduced.

**Organization:**

This is an eight-hour course, consisting of one weekly two-hour lesson over a period of four weeks. Each lesson will consist of brief input sessions from the teacher with small group discussions of examples and exercises allowing for maximum amount of practice.

**Enrolment:**

Each offering of the module is limited to a maximum of 30 students.

**Assessment:**

Assessment will take the form of continuous assessment of classroom-based exercises and/or a short exam at the end of the course. Students will be graded Pass or Fail on the basis of this work.

**Date & Time****1st Semester**

- 6003A: Thursday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
September 14, 21, 28, October 5
- 6003B: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50 pm  
October 11, 18, 25, November 1
- 6003C: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50 pm  
November 15, 22, 29, December 6

**2nd Semester**

- 6003D: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50 pm  
February 7, 14, 21 & 28
- 6003E: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50 pm  
March 14, 21, 28, April 4
- 6003F: Thursday 6:00 - 7:50 pm  
April 19, 26, May 3, 10

**GRSC6004****ORAL ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES****Content:**

This course will teach students the skills required to make an effective academic presentation in English. It will provide students with the opportunity to practise presentations in front of a small audience. These presentations will be videotaped to allow for self-assessment and detailed individual feedback from the teacher.

**Organization:**

This is an eight-hour course, consisting of one weekly two-hour lesson over a period of four weeks. Examples of presentations will be shown to introduce the skills being taught and students will then be able to give presentations to put the skills into practice.

**Enrolment:**

Each offering of the module is limited to a maximum of 30 students.

**Assessment:**

Assessment will be in the form of continuous assessment of presentations given during the course.

**Date & Time****1st Semester**

- 6004A: Tuesday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
September 12, 19, 26, October 3
- 6004B: Thursday 2:00 - 3:50 pm  
September 14, 21, 28, October 5
- 6004C: Tuesday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
October 10, 17, 24, 31
- 6004D: Tuesday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
November 7, 14, 21 & 28

**2nd Semester**

- 6004E: Tuesday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
February 6, 13, 20 & 27
- 6004F: Thursday 6:00 - 7:50 pm  
April 19, 26, May 3, 10
- 6004G: Tuesday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
May 8, 15, 22 & 29

**GRSC6007****DATA ANALYSIS & MANAGEMENT****Content:**

Based on students' basic knowledge in measurement and statistical concepts, this course aims to equip students with computer-aided skills in organizing, transforming and analyzing data. It emphasizes proper usage of data analysis by computer software and intelligent interpretation of results, through

hands-on learning during and after classes. An interactive data analysis module with mouse and menus, SAS software, will be used in the course.

**Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours (two hours per week for four weeks). The module is offered once per year.

**Enrolment:**

Enrolment is restricted to students who have passed GRSC6012, Basic Statistics for Research, or who are able to provide documentary evidence that they have passed an equivalent course. There is no formal limit to the number of students who can enrol in this module.

**Assessment:**

Pass/Fail: Report on manipulation of a data set.

**Date & Time**

- For new MPhil students: Tuesday 6 - 8 pm  
March 27 - April 17, 2001
- For other students: Tuesday 6 - 8 pm  
April 24 - May 22, 2001

**GRSC6008****TRANSFERABLE SKILLS****Content:**

This course aims at providing essential survival skills for postgraduate students and to prepare them to manage pro-actively the major blocks in their study. The major skills fall into four areas including managing relationship with supervisor, time management, communication for effect and oral presentation. Each student is encouraged to fully participate in the exercises and discussions. They will be given chances to practise their skills openly. No matter the skill-level of the students, they will find this course an excellent investment to obtain a more successful learning experience.

**Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours (two hours per week for four weeks). The module is offered four times per year, including once after office hours in each semester to cater for part-time students.

**Enrolment:**

Each offering of the module is limited to a maximum of 30 students. PhD students and MPhil students who registered prior to September 1999 may also enrol.

**Assessment:**

- 1 Participation in class activities and role-play performance (60%)
- 2 Homework exercise and assignment (40%)

## **Date & Time**

### **1st Semester**

- 6008A: Friday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
October 20, 27, November 3, 10
- 6008B: Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
October 18, 25, November 1, 8

### **2nd Semester**

- 6008C: Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
February 21, 28, March 7 & 14, 2001
- 6008D: Friday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
February 16, 23, March 2 & 9, 2001

## **GRSC6009**

### **ETHICS AND RESEARCH**

#### **Content:**

This module is a practical introduction to ethical issues likely to confront research students. The objective is a thoughtful and critical understanding of the theoretical and practical bases of ethical decision-making in research. Examples from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences will be explored, including such matters as genetically modified foods, physician-assisted suicide, environmental degradation, cloning and weapons-development. Students will be encouraged to consider ethical questions related to their own research.

#### **Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours (two hours per week for four weeks). The module is offered once per year.

#### **Enrolment:**

There is no formal limit to the number of students who can enrol in this module.

#### **Assessment:**

Pass/Fail: written assignment

#### **Date & Time**

Monday 2:00 pm - 3:50 pm  
October 9 - 30, 2000

## **GRSC6010**

### **LOGIC & CRITICAL THINKING**

#### **Content:**

This module aims to develop students' logical and critical reasoning skills, and to enable them to apply these skills in conducting and evaluating scientific research. Students are introduced to concepts and skills in the construction and analysis of logical arguments, such as critical questioning, 'lateral thinking', deduction and induction, problem solving, research writing, and the like. These skills in critical thinking are then applied to the conduct and evaluation of scientific research,

including issues in setting up hypotheses and testing, in scientific methods, in the conduct and interpretation of experiments, and the like. The module explores different paradigms of research, and the epistemological and ethical assumptions which underlie each, in order that students will be able to conduct and evaluate research logically and critically.

#### **Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours (two hours per week for four weeks). The module is offered once per year.

#### **Enrolment:**

There is no formal limit to the number of students who can enrol in this module.

#### **Assessment:**

Pass/Fail: written assignment

#### **Date & Time**

Friday 10:40 am - 12:30 pm  
September 15, 22, 29 & October 13, 2000

## **GRSC6011**

### **SAFETY IN THE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Content:**

This module provides a broad overview of safety issues at the University. Multidisciplinary presentations and demonstrations include safety ordinances and codes of safe practice, chemical and biological hazards, radiation protection and the dangers in a hi-tech environment.

#### **Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours. It is a one day workshop. The module is offered once per year.

#### **Enrolment:**

There is no formal limit to the number of students who can enrol in this module.

#### **Assessment:**

Pass/Fail: Continuous assessment and/or one hour exam

#### **Date & Time**

Saturday 9 am - 6 pm  
October 28, 2000

## **GRSC6012**

### **Basic Statistics for Research**

#### **Content:**

Basic statistical concepts to allow students to make good sense of the statistical figures and numbers they are exposed to in daily life. The following topics will be covered in the courses: Presentation of data;

Measures of central tendency and dispersion; Probability and its applications; Standard probability distributions; Concepts of statistical inference, estimation and hypothesis testing; Categorical data and contingency table.

**Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours (two hours per week for four weeks). The module is offered twice per year.

**Enrolment:**

Enrolment is restricted to students who have no, or a very limited background in statistics. There is no formal limit to the number of students who can enrol in this module.

**Assessment:**

Pass/Fail: Continuous assessment and/or exam

**Date & Time**

**1st Semester**

6012A: Tuesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
September 12, 19, 26 & Oct 3

**2nd Semester**

6012B: Monday 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2001

**GRSC6013**

**INTERMEDIATE STATISTICS FOR RESEARCH**

**Content:**

The course will cover the following topics: Statistical concepts, Experimental designs and analysis of variance, Regression analysis: Simple linear regression and multiple regression, Logistic regression.

**Organization:**

Each offering of the module comprises eight hours (two hours per week for four weeks). The module is offered twice per year.

**Enrolment:**

This module is designed for students who are familiar with basic statistical concepts or have obtained a PASS in Basic Statistics for Research (GRSC6012). There is no formal limit to the number of students who can enrol in this module.

**Assessment:**

Pass/Fail: Continuous assessment and/or exam

**Date & Time**

**1st Semester**

6013A: Tuesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
October 31, November 7, 14 & 21

**2nd Semester**

6013B: Monday 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
March 26, April 2, 9, & 23, 2001

**INDUCTION PROGRAMMES**

**GS0001-0005**

**COMPUTER INDUCTION PROGRAMME**

A good working familiarity with PCs and the University network is essential if you are to take advantage of the facilities which are intended to help you with your research and the timely completion of your thesis. Each course listed below has 25 places and consists of a half day session:

- Introduction to MS Win 98 (GS0001)
- PC & Network Services (GS0002)
- MS Word 97 for Windows 98 (GS0003)
- MS Excel 97 for Windows 98 (GS0004)
- MS Powerpoint 97 for Win 98 (GS0005)

**Class A**

GS0001A	Oct 10, 2000	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0002A	Oct 12, 2000	2 - 5 pm
GS0003A	Oct 17, 2000	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0004A	Oct 19, 2000	2 - 5 pm
GS0005A	Oct 24, 2000	9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Class B**

GS0001B	Feb 12, 2001	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0002B	Feb 14, 2001	2 - 5 pm
GS0003B	Feb 16, 2001	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0004B	Feb 19, 2001	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0005B	Feb 21, 2001	2 - 5 pm

**Class C**

GS0001C	May 3, 2001	2 - 5 pm
GS0002C	May 8, 2001	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0003C	May 10, 2001	2 - 5 pm
GS0004C	May 15, 2001	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
GS0005C	May 17, 2001	2 - 5 pm

**GS0006**

**CANTONESE COURSES FOR SOCIAL PURPOSES FOR EXPATRIATES**

The workshop is based on the textbook "A Cantonese Book", in which a great variety of dialogues, exercises and activities are designed according to authentic situations in Hong Kong. Students will start to learn simple phrases, and eventually develop themselves to be able to express their ideas and speak in full sentences.

There will be 15 units which covers over 300 vocabularies and about 50 grammar points. Topics include:

- 1 To count numbers
- 2 Daily greetings
- 3 To ask and give directions to drivers
- 4 To introduce someone
- 5 Making and answering phone calls
- 6 Shopping
- 7 Eating out
- 8 Weather
- 9 To ask and tell location
- 10 Daily conversations about living in Hong Kong and learning Cantonese

### Date & Time

Monday & Thursday, 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm  
October 5, 2000 - March 5, 2001

**Quota:** 15 students/class

### GS0007

### CANTONESE COURSES FOR MAINLAND STUDENTS 粵語課程

本課程對象為以普通話為母語之內地研究生。課程旨在幫助學生能在日常生活環境中用粵語與本地學生交流及討論，享受校園生活。教學方法以老師講解及示範，學生跟讀和個別練習，分組討論為主。內容包括：

- 一 發音原理：
  - 甲) 介紹粵語聲母及韻母
  - 乙) 比較粵語及普通話之聲母及韻母
- 二 發音練習：
  - 甲) 單音節及多音節練習
  - 乙) 變調
- 三 介紹常用短語
- 四 日常生活對話
- 五 粵語俗語

A班：星期二及星期五 4:15 pm - 5:05 pm  
二零零零年十月三日至二零零一年三月二日

B班：星期三及星期五 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm  
二零零零年十月四日至二零零一年二月二十八日

C班：星期三及星期五 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm  
二零零零年十月四日至二零零一年二月二十八日

每班限收 15 人。

### ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLMENT

Starting from 1999-2000, all MPhil students are required to complete two compulsory Graduate School courses (Course GRSC6001 and any three of the modules on offer) under the MPhil curricula. Existing research postgraduate students (including

F/T & P/T) are also welcome to take any of the Graduate School courses which they find useful.

Relevant Course Brochures and Application Forms are available in all Faculty/Department offices and the Graduate School office.

To enrol in the above courses and Induction Programmes, please complete the required application form and return it **IN PERSON** to the Graduate School office. The enrolment period for Graduate School courses is from August 30 to September 4, 2000. During this period, the School office will be open from 9 am - 6 pm on weekdays and 9 am - 5 pm on Saturday (Sunday : closed). The deadlines for applications for the induction programmes are :

GS0001-0005 : 7 days before the course commences

GS0006 & GS0007 : September 20, 2000

Please note that any application is subject to the availability of places.

The Graduate School is located in P403 Graduate House. We can be contacted through the following :

Tel: 2857-3470 Fax: 2857-3543

Email: [research@hkucc.hku.hk](mailto:research@hkucc.hku.hk)

URL: <http://www.hku.hk/research>

### RESEARCH STUDENT INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2000

The Induction Programme for all newly registered research students will take place this year on Saturday September 30 at 9:30 am in Rm 217 Main Building. The event will be opened by the Acting Dean of the Graduate School, and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Felix Wu, will give a closing remark to all research postgraduate students.

The programme is designed to give an introduction to the University's courses, facilities and services that are designed to help research students in their research, and in their personal development. It will also provide an opportunity for new students to meet fellow students in faculties other than their own, and the staff in charge of various University units.

The programme will finish by 12:30 pm, and it will be immediately followed by lunch and an Information Fair, which will take place in the Convocation Room, Main Building. Refreshments and lunch are provided free!

All new research students should have received a personal invitation in August. If you have not received it, please contact the Graduate School immediately.