

# COURSE DETAIL

## HONG KONG ENGLISH AND ITS CULTURE

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

Chinese University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Linguistics Asian Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

17

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

HONG KONG ENGLISH AND ITS CULTURE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

HK ENGLISH&CULTURE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course gives an overview of the status, features, and use of Hong Kong English (HKE), the variety of English commonly used in Hong Kong. It introduces to the concept of 'world Englishes' and examines different theoretical frameworks for conceptualizing the evolution of new varieties of English. The course also examines the relationship between Hong Kong English and Hong Kong culture from cultural, social, historical, and educational perspectives, particularly in relation to and juxtaposition from Cantonese and Putonghua. The second part of the course examines both spoken and written features of HKE, including grammar, discourse particles, vocabulary, and pronunciation, as well as the practices of code-mixing and code-switching. This section of the course also focuses on the social impact of the use of these features in Hong Kong culture. In the third part of the course, language attitudes and ideologies towards 'standard' language varieties (for example American and British English) in relation to HKE are explored. The course also examines the relationship between the use of HKE and social identity as well as gender in Hong Kong culture.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

ENGE2530,UGEC2188

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### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

English

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