

## THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**Notification to Admittees of the UGC-funded Programmes on  
the Language Enhancement Courses and  
other measures pertaining to the University's Language Policy**

### The University's Language Policy

1. Under the language policy of The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), all full-time undergraduate students<sup>1</sup> are subject to the minimum Language Exit Requirements (LERs) for English and Putonghua. Students who have attained the minimum exit level in International English Language Testing System (IELTS), before graduation, will be deemed to have satisfied the LER for English; students who have attained the minimum exit level in Putonghua Shuiping Ceshi (PSC), before graduation, will be deemed to have satisfied the LER for Putonghua (*please refer to the table below*).

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>English LER</b>	<b>Putonghua LER</b>
		IELTS (Academic) – overall band score (or equivalent)	PSC - level 普通話水平測 試 - 等級
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Creative Arts and Culture	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Secondary) – Information and Communication Technology	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Primary) – General studies and Mathematics	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Physical Education)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Business, Accounting and Financial Studies)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Creative Arts and Culture and Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Music) (Co-terminal Double Degree)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Creative Arts and Culture and Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Visual Arts) (Co-terminal Double Degree)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B

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		IELTS (Academic) – overall band score (or equivalent)	PSC - level 普通話水平測試 - 等級
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Geography)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Science)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor Science (Honours) in Artificial Intelligence and Educational Technology	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Integrated Environmental Management	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sports Science and Coaching	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
Faculty of Education and Human Development	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Early Childhood Education)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology	IELTS 6.5	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Special Education	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B
Faculty of Humanities	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Language Studies – English Major	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Language Studies – Chinese Major	IELTS 6.0	PSC 2B
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Language Studies and Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language) (co-terminal double-degree)	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language)	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Chinese Language)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 2B
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (History)	IELTS 6.5	PSC 3B

Table 1. English and Putonghua Language Exit Requirements

*Remarks: Individual programmes, e.g., BEd(English Language) and BA(Language Studies) and BEd(English Language) co-terminal double-degree, might be subject to language graduation requirements.*

## EdUHK–sponsored IELTS and PSC

2. All full-time undergraduate students<sup>2</sup> enrolled in the UGC-funded undergraduate programmes will be sponsored to take the IELTS and PSC once after the students have completed the English enhancement programme (EEP) and Putonghua enhancement programme (PEP) at specific semesters of their respective programmes.
3. A student who is exempted from the LER for English and/or Putonghua may still take the EdUHK–sponsored IELTS and/or PSC on an optional basis.

## Exemption from English LER

4. Students are eligible to apply for English LER exemption before the penultimate year if they have attained
  - (a) IELTS 6.5 [or equivalent] for non-English majors (except for BEd [History], BSocSc [Psychology] and BSocSc [Global and Environmental Studies] which require IELTS 7.0 [or equivalent]); or
  - (b) IELTS 7.5 [or equivalent] for English major; AND at least 80% of the courses within the curriculum are offered in English as medium of instruction.

## Exemption from Putonghua LER

5. Students are eligible to apply for Putonghua LER exemption if
  - (a) they have attained one level higher than the requirement of their respective programmes (e.g., if the Putonghua LER of BEd(English Language) – Primary/Secondary is PSC 3B, students must have attained PSC 3A in order to meet the exemption requirement of the programme); or
  - (b) they have provided adequate documentation showing that they have no knowledge of Putonghua.

## Alternative measures for fulfilling the LERs

6. Students whose IELTS or PSC result falls short of the required minimum exit level (*please refer to the table under para. 1*) may choose to fulfil the stipulated LER for English/Putonghua by completing a relevant supplementary language enhancement course offered by the University. Alternatively, students can choose to take the IELTS or PSC again before graduation.

## Language Enhancement Programmes

7. The EEP, PEP and Chinese enhancement programme will be provided with a view to strengthening English, Putonghua and Chinese (including Cantonese) enhancement support for all students.
8. A student who is exempted from the LER for English and/or Putonghua may still take the EEP and/or PEP on an optional basis.

## English entry test [Applicable to Year 1 entry new non-English-major students only]

9. To help students understand their proficiency level upon entry, students who do not possess Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination English results or other public examination (e.g. IELTS) results will be asked to take an English entry test. Upon the programme registration in August, students should pay due attention to emails in their EdUHK email account for the test date, time and venue.

Tertiary Putonghua Test (TPT) [Applicable to Year 1 entry new non-Chinese-major students only]

10. During the four/five years of studies at EdUHK, students are required to take the TPT in their Year-1, in order to get exempted from Putonghua enhancement courses. Upon the programme registration in August, students should pay due attention to emails in their EdUHK email account for the test date, time and venue.

***For enquiries about the above Language Policy, please contact the Centre for Language in Education (CLE):***

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***For admission enquiries, please contact the Registry at (852) 2948-6886.***

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<sup>1</sup> Students admitted to the full-time undergraduate programmes with a normal study period of two years or below (e.g. students who are admitted into year 3 of 4-yr programmes) will be exempted from the language enhancement courses and LERs.

<sup>2</sup> Senior-year entrants who are exempted from LERs could opt for the EdUHK-sponsored IELTS and PSC, on condition that those who apply for the sponsorship would be required to complete the fee-paying supplementary language enhancement courses if their IELTS and/or PSC scores fall below the requisite level (i.e., LERs). If their IELTS and/or PSC scores meet the requisite level (i.e., LERs), there will not be any consequences when they apply for the sponsorship.