

## 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

- 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) or Tertiary Putonghua Test (TPT), before graduation, will be deemed to have satisfied the LER for Putonghua (*please refer to the table below*).

**Table 1. English and Putonghua Language Exit Requirements**

Faculty	Programme	English LER	Putonghua LER	
		IELTS (Academic) – overall band score (or equivalent)	PSC - level 普通話水平測試 - 等級	TPT - level 大專普通話測試 - 等級
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (FLASS)	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Creative Arts and Culture	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Secondary) – Information and Communication Technology	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Primary) – General Studies and Mathematics	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Physical Education)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Business, Accounting and Financial Studies)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Creative Arts and Culture and Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Music) (Co-terminal Double Degree)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	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	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Geography)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2

Faculty	Programme	English LER	Putonghua LER	
		IELTS (Academic) – overall band score (or equivalent)	PSC - level 普通話水平測試 - 等級	TPT - level 大專普通話測試 - 等級
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (FLASS)	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Science)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Artificial Intelligence and Educational Technology	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Integrated Environmental Management	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sports Science and Coaching	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
Faculty of Education and Human Development (FEHD)	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Early Childhood Education)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology	IELTS 6.5	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Special Education	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Heritage Education and Arts Management	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
Faculty of Humanities (FHM)	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Studies and Digital Communication	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Language Studies – English Major	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Language Studies – Chinese Major	IELTS 6.0	PSC 2B	N/A
	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Language Studies and Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language) (co-terminal double-degree)	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language)	IELTS 7.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Chinese Language)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 2B	N/A
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (History)	IELTS 6.5	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2
	Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Chinese History)	IELTS 6.0	PSC 3B	TPT Level 2

Remarks: Individual programmes, e.g., BEd(English Language) and BA(Language Studies) and BEd(English Language) co-terminal double-degree, are 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 by the University to take the IELTS and PSC examinations. As a part of the course assessments, students have to take the exams to complete the English Enhancement Programme and Putonghua Enhancement Programme 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
  - (a) they have attained IELTS 6.5 [or equivalent] for non-English majors (except for BEd [History] and BSocSc [Psychology] which require IELTS 7.0 [or equivalent]); or IELTS 7.5 [or equivalent] for English majors;
  - (b) AND at least 80% of the courses within the curriculum are offered in English as the medium of instruction.The Centre for Language in Education (CLE) will consider the application on a case-by-case basis.

### 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 (on condition that they have already passed other required English/Putonghua course(s) in their language enhancement programme). Alternatively, students can choose to take the IELTS or PSC again before graduation.

### Language Enhancement Programmes

7. The Chinese Enhancement Programme, English Enhancement Programme and Putonghua Enhancement Programme will be provided with a view to strengthening biliteral and trilingual 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.

### EdUHK English Proficiency Test (EEPT)

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

9. EEPT is an internal English proficiency test developed by the CLE. To help students understand their English proficiency level upon entry, students who do not process the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination English results or other public examination (e.g. IELTS) results will be asked to take EEPT as 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. TPT is an internal Putonghua proficiency test developed by CLE. To help students understand their Putonghua proficiency level upon entry, they will be asked to take TPT as a Putonghua entry test. Students who attain the level equivalent to or above their Putonghua LER in TPT (either entry test or exit test) will be regarded as having attained the Putonghua LER. 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.

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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 1 of 2-yr programmes / 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.