Part I

Programme Title : Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language) (Five-year Full-time)
Programme QF Level : 5
Course Title : Language Assessment
Course Code : ENG4280
Department : Department of English Language Education (ELE)
Credit Points : 3
Contact Hours : 39
Pre-requisite(s) : Nil
Medium of Instruction : English
Course Level : 4

Part II

The University’s Graduate Attributes and seven Generic Intended Learning Outcomes (GILOs) represent the attributes of ideal EdUHK graduates and their expected qualities respectively. Learning outcomes work coherently at the University (GILOs), programme (Programme Intended Learning Outcomes) and course (Course Intended Learning Outcomes) levels to achieve the goal of nurturing students with important graduate attributes.

In gist, the Graduate Attributes for Undergraduate, Taught Postgraduate and Research Postgraduate students consist of the following three domains (i.e. in short “PEER & I”):

- Professional Excellence;
- Ethical Responsibility;
- Innovation.

The descriptors under these three domains are different for the three groups of students in order to reflect the respective level of Graduate Attributes.

The seven GILOs are:
1. Problem Solving Skills
2. Critical Thinking Skills
3. Creative Thinking Skills
4a. Oral Communication Skills
4b. Written Communication Skills
5. Social Interaction Skills
6. Ethical Decision Making
7. Global Perspectives
1. Course Synopsis

This course focuses on developing students’ knowledge of the role of assessment in realizing the goals of the English language curriculum and the skills to design and integrate different types of assessment tools for promoting learning in English language classrooms. Students will have a chance to collaborate in leading a discussion for one topic in class. Based on knowledge and skills gained in the Primary/Secondary ELT curriculum courses, students will further investigate issues relating to language assessment and critically analyse and design a range of creative and effective school-based assessment tools in a written group project. Students will also demonstrate ethical awareness of issues linked to professional judgements when designing assessment tasks.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

CILO₁ Apply the theoretical underpinnings, key approaches from a global perspective and current issues related to language assessment in designing various creative and effective assessment tasks in a group project using oral and written skills;

CILO₂ Critically evaluate a range of assessment tools designed for promoting learning in the English language classroom, and demonstrate ethical awareness of issues linked to professional judgements when designing assessment tasks; and

CILO₃ Demonstrate a critical understanding of how to use assessment as a resource to plan for effective students’ learning and further language development.

3. Course Intended Language Learning Outcomes (CILLOs)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

CILLO₁ Write ELT assessment criteria in accurate and appropriate language.

4. Content, CILOs, CILLOs and Teaching & Learning Activities

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<td>(1) Introduction to language assessment from a global perspective: critically evaluate assessment and testing, types of assessment, purposes of assessment.</td>
<td>CILO₁</td>
<td>Lecture, Tutorial, Online learning activities</td>
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<td>(2) Evaluation of language assessment: Key principles of validity, reliability, authenticity, practicality and washback.</td>
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<td>(a) Class participation: Each special interest group will take turn to lead the discussion for one topic to generate creative, ethical and effective approaches and ideas.</td>
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5. Assessment
(b) Individual reflections:
Two individual reflections on your own understanding of the language assessment theories, concepts, practices and how they can be applied in school contexts to assess students (around 300 words in each entry).

| 20% | CILOs 1,2 & 3 |

(c) Group project:
As a group, design (or adapt from existing language tests) an English language test or assessment portfolio with four papers targeting the four language skills as well as grammar and vocabulary use. Provide marking scheme and rubrics (with level descriptors) for your test paper. Try your test/assessment portfolio with a small sample of target students and conduct analysis of the results. Then write a report to introduce test purpose, components, and test development procedures, summarise your test design experience and evaluate the quality of your test using the key concepts of assessments (authenticity, validity, reliability, washback, practicality, and ethical concerns), test results analysis, and a plan to utilize test results to inform teaching and learning.

The group project will be assessed in terms of:
1. The overall quality of the test designed, and the rigor and thoroughness of the whole project (the same grade for all group members) (20%);
2. Oral presentation of the group project (10%):
   In groups, present your design (or initial analysis of the test results, if possible) to the class.
3. The writing quality in different sections (40%).

Part 1 and 2 will be assessed as a group; all members will receive the same grade. Part 3 will be assessed individually.

Note: The length of the project will be in accordance with the number of group members (4-5 members): 4,800-6,000 words for a group of 4 persons; 6,000-7,500 for a group of 5 persons (i.e., 1,200 to 1,500 words * 4/5 person).

| 70% | CILOs 1,2 & 3 | CILO1 |
6. **Required Text(s)**

Nil

7. **Recommended Readings**


8. Related Web Resources

http://Assesslang.eduhk.hk

The online English Language Assessment Item Bank developed for this course.
9. Related Journals

Language Testing
Language Assessment Quarterly
Second and Foreign Language Assessment

10. Academic Honesty

The University adopts a zero tolerance policy to plagiarism. For the University’s policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Academic Honesty, Responsibility and Integrity with Specific Reference to the Avoidance of Plagiarism by Students (https://www.eduhk.hk/re/modules/downloads/visit.php?cid=9&lid=89). Students should familiarize themselves with the Policy.

11. Others

This course is only offered to undergraduate students in their 3rd year of study or beyond.

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