

Course Exemption from CLE Language Enhancement Courses

1. Students may be granted an exemption from specific language enhancement courses offered by Centre for Language in Education (CLE), based on the requisite grade achieved in the pre-test of the relevant courses. In this case, CLE will notify Registry of the course exemption status of students and students do not need to apply for any course exemption via Registry. For the course exemption criteria, please pay attention to the announcement made in the lesson of the relevant courses.
2. Non-Chinese-speaking (NCS) students who have little or no knowledge of Putonghua and/or (written) Chinese may be granted an exemption from the **non-credit-bearing** Chinese and Putonghua enhancement courses:
 - (a) **Non-local NCS** students could be exempted from non-credit-bearing Chinese and Putonghua enhancement courses offered by CLE. These students do not need to apply for the exemption via Registry.
 - (b) **Local NCS** students who lack Chinese literacy skills could apply for exemption from non-credit-bearing Chinese and Putonghua enhancement courses offered by CLE. These students should submit an application to CLE by emailing cle@eduhk.hk with their high school transcript(s) and any other supporting documents to prove that they lacked Chinese literacy and/or Putonghua training before their undergraduate studies.
3. NCS students who have little or no knowledge of written Chinese may be granted an exemption from the **credit-bearing** Chinese enhancement course “CLE1221 Chinese Language I” in Year 1 on the condition that they will take another 3-credit-point course as make-up¹ from the pool of courses² tabulated below in any semester during their undergraduate studies in the University (for the most updated details, see http://www.eduhk.hk/cle/en/about_us/CLE1221).

Offering unit	Course code	Course title
CLE	CLE1224	Cantonese for Non-Chinese Speakers
CLE	CLE1225	Putonghua for Non-Chinese Speakers
CLE	CLE1248	Intermediate Chinese for Non-Chinese Speakers
CCA	CAC4016	The Chinese Narrative: Art and Music

¹ Same as CLE1221, students should note that the grade of the “make-up” course they registered and indicated in the said e-form mentioned below will not be counted towards their GPA.

² Not all the courses stated in the table herein will be offered in 2025/26 and there might be new courses offered in 2025/26. Please pay attention to the details listed in http://www.eduhk.hk/cle/en/about_us/CLE1221

PS	GEG1010	Being Chinese: Insights from Cross-cultural Psychology
LCS	CHI3564	Chinese Literature in English Translation
LML	LIN1012	Japanese I
LML	LIN1014	French I
LML	LIN1018	Korean I

(a) **Non-local NCS** students will be exempted and de-registered from the course CLE1221. However, as mentioned above, they need to take one “make-up” course (chosen from the table above) to replace CLE1221. These students should register for any ONE course stated in the table above by themselves during the online course registration period (as assigned by the Registry). After online registration for the course, students should indicate their choice for CLE’s record via the e-form: https://eduhk.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cVbIFvAGU5tPAnH within the add-drop period. Any late indications must be accompanied by a valid justification.

(b) **Local NCS** students who have little or no knowledge of written Chinese should provide CLE with the supporting documents, e.g., certificates of public exams, high school transcripts, etc., stating they have not studied Chinese language and/or have little exposure to Chinese language before their undergraduate studies. Unless they have provided supporting documents to CLE **before the commencement of the semester 1 of Year 1** and get confirmation from CLE about the exemption status, they will be required to take CLE1221 in Year 1. Upon confirmation of the “NCS” status by CLE, these students will be exempted and de-registered from the course CLE1221. However, as mentioned above, they still need to take one “make-up” course to replace CLE1221. These students should register for any ONE course stated in the table above by themselves during the online course registration period (as assigned by the Registry). After online registration for the course, students should indicate their choice for CLE’s record via the e-form: https://eduhk.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cVbIFvAGU5tPAnH within the add-drop period. Any late indications must be accompanied by a valid justification.

4. For the English Enhancement Programme, students who have completed the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic module)³ at any officially authorized IELTS testing provider (such as the British Council or IDP Education Pty Ltd) before taking CLE2253 University English II and CLE2254 Skills for English Language Tests II

³ Only Paper-based/Computer-based IELTS Academic Tests conducted in a single sitting at test centres will be accepted.

can apply for exemption from both courses if they have met the programme's Language Exit Requirement (LER) within the study period. Students are required to submit their official IELTS test report form and proof of the test venue, which clearly shows their name to CLE Ms Yumi YE at ypwye@eduhk.hk **before the commencement of the course**. Once CLE confirms their exemption status, these students will be exempted from and de-registered from CLE2253 and/or CLE2254.

Should students have any enquiries regarding the CLE course exemption, please feel free to email CLE at cle@eduhk.hk.

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