English Enhancement Initiatives

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The ideal Graduate

• Professor Way Kuo:
  – “[W]e are conscious that our graduates must find their way among the cross-currents of diverse cultures. To prepare them for this challenge we emphasize the value of a study of Chinese culture and social life, the dynamics of regional developments, especially in the Pearl River Delta, English language acquisition, and exposure to other cultures.”
Activity 1:

• Please list down as many English learning opportunities (courses & activities) as possible.
Outline:

1. Credit-bearing courses
2. Co-curricular activities
3. Self-Access Learning Centre
   a) Resources
   b) Services
4. Language companion Course (LCC)
1. Credit-bearing courses

a) Students of bachelor’s degree programmes

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Credit –bearing Courses

- c) 6 language credits for degree students (180 hours)

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Credit-bearing Courses

- b) CCCU students

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<td>HKCEE Eng Lang (Syllabus B)</td>
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## Credit –bearing Courses

- d) 6 Language credits for associate degree students

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2) Co-curricular Activities

- English Language Mentoring Scheme (ELMS)
  - Provides opportunities for first year students to speak English out of the classroom
## ELMS Figures

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ELMS Snaps
Practical Language Activities

• Provides a wide range of interesting activities for students to acquire English in a fun and interesting environment

• e.g. Board Games, Conversation club, Debates, Pop culture, Pronunciation Games, Film Club, Sharing Life stories, Reading Club, Current Affairs, TV Club, Grammar Games, Vocab Games
Lounge Activities

• Meeting Exchange students
  – Collaboration project with Syracuse University
Lounge Activities

• Voice of Love in ELC
  – Song dedication on Valentine’s Day
Lesson on Demand

• Provide help in an area of English language specified by students (a min. of four people)

• e.g.
  Writing job application letter, Social conversation, note-taking skills, summarising a text
Workshops

• Designed to help assess student needs
• Find resources to help improve specific skills and functions in English
  – Pronunciation Workshop

IELTS support

• Give students guidance on the test and practice to prepare for it
On-line learning materials

• Road to IELTS
• Materials specifically designed for courses
e.g. Marketing & Social Studies
• CALL programmes
  – Writing, Speaking, Reading, Listening &
    Integrated skills
  e.g. Virtual Language University
3) Self Access Learning Centre

- SAC-G 2513
  - A place where students can work on their English in the areas they want independently and on their own pace.
SAC Resources

- Books
- Worksheets
- Computers (CALL)
- Multi-purpose room
SAC Resources

- VCRs, DVD & Laserdisc players
- Tape recorders
- Magazines & newspapers
SAC Services

1) Language Learning Advisor Service (LLAS)
   - Help students to identify areas of need
   - Show resources
   - Provide advice on English learning
   - Help students to make a study plan
   - Follow up referral cases