

Information Sheet on the Chinese Language Elective Programme (CLEP)



Introduction

The Chinese Language Elective Programme (CLEP) was introduced by the Ministry of Education in 1990 to nurture the language talent of students who have an aptitude for the Chinese language so that they can attain a high level of proficiency and enhance their understanding of Chinese literature. The programme also aims to develop academically able students to become effectively bilingual so as to better serve the needs of our nation. Over the years, the CLEP has contributed immensely in nurturing effectively bilingual talents, and has seen a gradual increase in the number of students, having expanded from two CLEP centres in 1990 to the current five centres. They are Hwa Chong Institution (College), Temasek Junior College, Nanyang Junior College, Jurong Junior College and Dunman High School. Students who wish to join the CLEP must be offered a place to study in one of these schools.

N.B: Dunman High School currently only admits students from their own Integrated Programme (IP) for CLEP at Year 5 (i.e. Pre-U 1).

Course Content

The duration of the programme is two years. All CLEP students must offer H2 Chinese Language & Literature at A level. In addition, CLEP students must offer another CL-related subject, such as H1 General Studies in Chinese, H1 China Studies in Chinese, H2 China Studies in Chinese, H2 Translation (Chinese) and H3 Chinese Language and Literature.

Supplementary materials will be provided to students with no foundation in Chinese literature.

Enrichment Activities

The CLEP provides a wide range of activities to enhance students' learning and cultivate a deeper interest in Chinese language and culture, including literary lecture series, camp, immersion trips (PRC or Taiwan), editing and publishing of literary works, internships and school-based projects.

Eligibility

In the GCE O level examination, students must obtain at least:

- Grade B3 in Higher Chinese (HCL) or
- Grade B4 in HCL and B3 in Literature in Chinese (Full or Elective) or
- Grade A2 in Chinese (CL)

Centres offering IP can admit IP students directly into the CLEP based on the examination results for relevant subjects.

Programme Incentives

❖ Bonus Points

- Students who apply and are selected for the CLEP are eligible to enjoy 2 bonus points for admission to the respective schools.
- However, students who use the 2 bonus points for entry will not be allowed to withdraw from the CLEP. Students may, otherwise, be asked to leave the school.

❖ Chinese Language Elective Scholarship (CLES)

CLEP students who are Singapore Citizens and achieved outstanding academic results in secondary school or GCE 'O' Level examination will be considered for the CLES awarded by MOE.

- The CLES is tenable for 2 years.
- Recipients will receive an annual scholarship allowance of \$1,000. School fees will also be covered, subject to an annual cap of \$2,400. Recipients are not required to enter into a bond with the Singapore government.
- The CLES is awarded on the condition that the student remains in the CLEP, offer H2 Chinese Language and Literature and another CL-related subject. There is no restriction on the choice of the remaining subjects that the student offers.
- The renewal of the CLES is subject to the recipient's Pre-U 1 examination performance and conduct.

❖ Best Improvement Award

The "Best Improvement Award", set up by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning and sponsored by the Chinese Language and Culture Fund, will be presented to 1 student each from Pre-U 1 & Pre-U 2 in all CLEP centres.

Students who are Singapore Citizens will be considered for the award if they have met the following criteria:

- show remarkable improvement in CL subjects
- contribute actively to CLEP
- possess good character

Awardees will each receive a cash award of \$500.

❖ CLEP certificate

A certificate of recognition will be presented to students upon completion of the 2-year programme.



华文语文特选课程简介

绪言

为了栽培精通双语的人才，提高学生的华文水平和文学素养，教育部在 1990 年开办了华文语文特选课程（简称语特），鼓励对华文和文学有浓厚兴趣的学生加入。这些年来，语特在培养精通双语的人才方面作出了极大的贡献，选择本课程的学生人数逐年增加，开办语特的院校也从原来的 2 所增加到目前的 5 所。它们是华侨中学（高中部）、淡马锡初级学院、南洋初级学院、裕廊初级学院及德明政府中学。有意加入语特的学生，必须进入这 5 所院校的其中一所就读。

注：德明政府中学目前只允许校内直通车课程的学生加入语特。

课程内容

本课程为期两年，学生的必修科目是 H2 华文与文学。此外，语特学生也须选修一门华文相关科目。供选择的科目包括 H1 华文理解与写作、H1 中国通识、H2 中国通识、H2 翻译和 H3 华文与文学。

教育部将为没有修读过中学华文文学的学生提供辅助资料。

深广活动

本课程也提供学生机会参与多姿多彩的学习活动，例如文学讲座系列、语特营、海外浸濡计划（中国或台湾）、出版文艺刊物、实习计划和校本专题研究等。

录取资格

选择加入本课程的学生，其剑桥普通教育证书（普通水准）会考成绩必须达到以下标准：

- 高级华文 B3 或
- 高级华文 B4 与中学华文文学 B3（完整或配对课程）或
- 华文 A2

此外，开办直通车课程的院校可以根据学生在相关科目中的成绩，直接录取该课程的学生加入语特。

奖励措施

❖ 优待分

- 凡获录取修读语特的学生，在报读初级学院时一律可选择享有两个优待分。
- 如果选择使用语特优待分，将不允许退出语特课程，否则可能需要转校。

❖ 华文语文特选课程奖学金

- 符合下列条件的语特学生，可申请教育部语特奖学金：
 - 中学校内考试或会考成绩优异；
 - 新加坡公民。
- 奖学金为期 2 年，学生每年可获 1000 新元，同时免缴学费（学费津贴每年最高达 2400 新元）。
- 奖学金得主无须与新加坡政府签约。
- 奖学金得主不能退出语特课程，并且必须修读 H2 华文与文学和一门华文相关科目。至于其他科目的选择，则不受限制。
- 奖学金得主的高一成绩必须达到一定标准，而且品行优良，否则奖学金可能被取消。

❖ 语特飞跃奖

推广华文学习委员会与中华语言文化基金也为每所语特院校提供 2 份语特飞跃奖，分别颁发给高一和高二华文科目成绩进步显著、对语特有贡献以及品行优良的学生。奖项金额为 500 新元，只颁发给新加坡公民。

❖ 语特证书

完成两年的语特课程后，学生将获颁证书以资肯定。