

# Applied Learning Courses (2025-27 Cohort)

## Introduction

Applied Learning (ApL) is a valued senior secondary elective subject which complements other choices and cater for learner diversity, providing broad and balanced learning experiences for students. ApL focuses on practical learning elements linked to broad vocational and professional proper values and attitudes through simulated or authentic contexts, as well as enhances students' understanding of vocational and professional education and training (VPET), preparing them for further studies and work in future.

ApL covers six Areas of Studies, namely Creative Studies; Media and Communication; Business, Management and Law; Services; Applied Science; and Engineering and Production. In addition, Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) (ApL(C)) is provided exclusively to provide a simulated applied learning context to help NCS students build a foundation for using them for further studies and career pursuits.

The duration of each ApL course (except ApL(C)) is 180 contact hours, generally spanning two school years at the senior secondary level, commencing either at Secondary 4 (S4) (complete at Secondary 5 (S5)) or S5 (complete at Secondary 6 (S6)). The duration of each ApL(C) course is 270 contact hours, spanning S4 to S6.

The reporting of students' performance in ApL subjects (except for ApL(C)) is by three levels, namely, "Attained", "Attained with Distinction (I)" and "Attained with Distinction (II)". Performance of "Attained with Distinction (I)" is deemed comparable to Level 3 of Category A subjects of the HKDSE; and "Attained with Distinction (II)" is deemed comparable to Level 4 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE. As for ApL(C), students' performance is reported as "Attained" and "Attained with Distinction". For all ApL subjects, candidates with performance below the standard of "Attained", or whose attendance rates are below 80%, will be designated as "Unattained" and the results will

1. Students who have learned Chinese Language for less than six years while receiving primary and secondary education, or students who have learned Chinese Language for six years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in local schools.

2. For the purpose of admission to post-secondary education programmes, ApL(C) is in general accepted as an alternative subject.

## Application for ApL Courses

All students must apply through their schools. In general, each student can take a maximum of TWO ApL courses throughout his/ Teachers, students and parents are welcome to participate in the following events to obtain more information of ApL courses. Details are as follows:

Event	Applied Learning Online Exhibition	Applied Learning Taster Programmes
Content	Online resources on ApL Courses, e.g. course briefs, videos and students' sharing, will be provided by course providers	Course introduction, demonstration and/or workshops will be provided by course providers
Target	Students, parents, teachers and the public	Students
Enrolment	To visit through the following link ( <a href="http://www.apl-onlineexhibition2024.com">www.apl-onlineexhibition2024.com</a> ) or the ApL website ( <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/apl/en">www.edb.gov.hk/apl/en</a> )	Students can apply through schools. For details, please refer to the EDBC No. 95/2024.

## Quality Assurance

The EDB has institutionalised an ApL quality assurance mechanism involving the Curriculum Development Council Committee on ApL, the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Vocational Qualifications (HKVQ) and the Education and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) to ensure that courses are developed according to the design principles; the curriculum is delivered as designed; and the learning outcomes of students can meet the set standards.

## Assessment and Attendance Requirement

ApL courses are Category B subjects of the HKDSE and there is no public examination for ApL subjects. The assessment of each ApL subject comprises six to ten tasks undertaken within the period of study. Course providers will conduct the assessments of their respective ApL subjects while the HKEAA is responsible for moderation of the assessment results submitted by the course providers. After moderation, the results of "Attained" or above ZLOO EH UHFRIUGHG RQ WKH +. '6( FHUWL courses are required to attend lessons (e.g. lecture and e-learning) and other learning activities (e.g. application and practice activities, site visits and project learning) arranged by the course providers. The attendance rate of ApL courses has to reach at least 80% of the total contact hours.

## Reporting of Performance and Recognition

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successfully completed ApL courses that are registered in WKH 4XDOL courses that are registered in

## Further Studies and Employment

All along, student admission in tertiary institutions has followed the principle of institutional autonomy. For further studies in undergraduate programmes, tertiary institutions value the learning experiences that students acquire in ApL. ApL subjects are recognised as elective subjects, or considered for award of extra bonus or additional information, varying by individual institutions, faculties or programmes. For further studies in sub-degree programmes, the minimum entrance requirements for Associate Degree or Higher Diploma Programmes are Level 2 English Language). In general, applicants are allowed to use ApL subjects. As for ApL(C), currently, University Grants Committee-funded universities and most post-secondary institutions accept Language for the admission of NCS students with "Attained" as the minimum grade required. For details, please refer to the relevant websites of individual institutions or the EDB website ([www.edb.gov.hk/apl/en/quality-assurance-and-recognition](http://www.edb.gov.hk/apl/en/quality-assurance-and-recognition)).

The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) accepts students' ApL results in the HKDSE (including "Attained" and "Attained with Distinction", up to a maximum of two ApL subjects) in civil service appointments. For details, please refer to the CSB website ([www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html](http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html)).

The CSB also accepts "Attained" and "Attained with Distinction" in ApL(C) as meeting the Chinese language ranks. For details, please also refer to the CSB website ([www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html](http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html)).

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學習範疇 Area of Studies	課程組別 Course Cluster	科目代碼 Subject Code	課程 註一 Course Note 1	課程提供機構 註二 Course Provider Note 2	教學語言 Medium of Instruction
	設計學 Design Studies	736	1. 文創產品設計 Cultural and Creative Product Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		676	2. 時裝形象設計 Fashion Image Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		668	3. 室內與展覽設計 Interior and Exhibition Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	媒體藝術 Media Arts	669	4. 電腦遊戲及動畫設計 Computer Game and Animation Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		707	5. 數碼漫畫設計與製作 Digital Comic Design and Production	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		710	6. 流行音樂製作 Popular Music Production	HKCT	中文 Chinese
		表演藝術 Performing Arts	599	7. 舞出新機－舞蹈藝術 Taking a Chance on Dance	HKAPA
677	8. 由戲開始·劇藝縱橫 The Essentials of Theatre Arts		HKAPA	中文 Chinese	


電影、電視與廣播學 Films, TV and Broadcasting Studies	711	9. 數碼媒體及電台製作 Digital Media and Radio Production	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	702	10. 電影製作 Film Production	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
媒體製作與公共關係 Media Production and Public Relations	718	11. 數碼廣告 Digital Advertising	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	719	12. 多媒體故事 Multimedia Storytelling # @	HKBU (SCE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	708	13. 公關及多媒體傳訊 PR and Multimedia Communication #	HKCT	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	715	14. 應用學習(職業英語)－ 英文傳意 Applied Learning (Vocational English) – English Communication # *	VTC	英文 English
語言及文化 Language and Culture	723	15. 應用學習(職業英語)－ 商用服務英語 Applied Learning (Vocational English) – English for Business Services # *	HKCT	英文 English
	716	16. 應用學習(職業英語)－ 服務業專業英語 Applied Learning (Vocational English) – English for Service Professionals # *	HKU (SPACE)	英文 English
	728	17. 創意英語－ 商務與媒體 Creative English – Biz and Media	HKCT	英文 English

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	語言及文化 Language and Culture	726	18. 實用翻譯(漢英) Practical Translation (CHI-ENG)	LIFE	中文及英文 Chinese and English
		731	19. 應用日語及日本文化 Applied Japanese and Japanese Culture *	LIFE	中文及日語 Chinese and Japanese
		732	20. 生活日語及日本文化 Everyday Japanese and Japanese Culture *	HKU (SPACE)	中文及日語 Chinese and Japanese
		725	21. 韓國語文及文化 Korean Language and Culture	LIFE	中文及韓語 Chinese and Korean

	商業學 Business Studies	693	22. 商業數據應用 Data Application for Business	HKIT	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		734	23. 創新與創業 Innovation and Entrepreneurship	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		730	24. 金融科技入門 Introduction to Fintech	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		737	25. 現代物流學 Modern Logistics Studies	UOWCHK	中文 Chinese
		672	26. 香港執法實務 Law Enforcement in Hong Kong	HKBU (SCE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English

	食品服務及管理 Food Services and Management	688	27. 甜品及咖啡店營運 Pâtisserie and Café Operations #	HKCT	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		616	28. 西式食品製作 Western Cuisine #	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		709	29. 機場客運大樓運作 Airport Passenger Terminal Operations	HKCT	中文 Chinese
		615	30. 酒店營運 Hotel Operations	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		704	31. 幼兒發展 Child Care and Development #	CICE	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	個人及社區服務 Personal and Community Services	665	32. 幼兒教育 Child Care and Education #	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		610	33. 美容學基礎 Fundamental Cosmetology	CICE	中文 Chinese
		733	34. 樂齡科技與服務 Gerontechnology and Services	HKCT	中文 Chinese

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	食物科學 Food Science	735	35. 食品科技及營養 Food Technology and Nutrition	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English	
		592	36. 中醫藥學基礎 Foundation in Chinese Medicine	HKU (SPACE)	中文 Chinese	
		618	37. 健康護理實務 Health Care Practice	CICE	中文或英文 Chinese or English	
		660	38. 醫務化驗科學 Medical Laboratory Science	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English	
		713	39. 復康護理實務 Rehabilitation Care Practice	CICE	中文或英文 Chinese or English	
	醫療科學及 健康護理 Medical Science and Health Care	心理學 Psychology	662	40. 應用心理學 Applied Psychology #	LIFE	中文或英文 Chinese or English
			691	41. 實用心理學 Practical Psychology #	HKBU (SCE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
			674	42. 運動及體適能教練 Exercise and Fitness Coaching #	HKCT	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	運動 Sports		627	43. 運動科學及體適能 Exercise Science and Health Fitness #	HKBU (SCE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English

	土木、電機及機械工程 Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering	727	44. 智能數碼建築 Digital Construction	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		683	45. 電機及能源工程 Electrical and Energy Engineering	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	資訊工程 Information Engineering	722	46. 人工智能與機械人 AI and Robotics	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		684	47. 電腦鑑證科技 Computer Forensic Technology ^	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		738	48. 網絡安全 Cybersecurity	HKCT	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		714	49. 電競科技及管理 eSports Technology and Management	HKU (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		706	50. 資訊科技精要 Tech Basics	HKBU (SCE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
		服務工程 Services Engineering	640	51. 航空學 Aviation Studies	HKU (SPACE)
	698		52. 鐵路學 Railway Studies	HKCT	中文或英文 Chinese or English

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應用學習中文 (非華語學生適用) Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students)		695	53. 商業服務中文 Chinese in Business Service	PolyU (SPEED)	中文 Chinese
		700	54. 實用情境中文 Chinese in Practical Context	HKBU (SCE)	中文 Chinese
		699	55. 實務中文 Practical Chinese	HKCT	中文 Chinese

**註一**  
 除香港中學文憑學歷外，學生成功完成已載錄於資歷名冊的應用學習課程(屬於資歷架構第三級證書課程)，亦會獲課程提供機構頒發資歷架構證書。應用學習中文(非華語學生適用)(下稱「應用學習中文」)與資歷架構第一級至第三級掛鉤，而應用學習(職業英語)則與資歷架構第二級至第三級掛鉤。修讀應用學習中文/應用學習(職業英語)的學生，達到不同級別的評核及出席率要求，會獲課程提供機構頒發有關課程相應級別的資歷架構證書。詳情可瀏覽資歷名冊網頁 ([www.hkqr.gov.hk](http://www.hkqr.gov.hk))。

**註二**  
 該課程不會於 2024/25 學年中四級提供。  
 # 學生在同一個課程組別內只可修讀一個「#」標示的課程。  
 \* 學生只可修讀一個「\*」標示的課程。  
 ^ 學生只可修讀一個「^」標示的課程。  
 @ 「@」標示的課程為試點課程，屬於「鼓掌一創新教育歷程 (CLAP-TECH)」計劃的一部分，計劃旨在發展業界參與其中的學習路徑。有關詳情，請聯絡課程提供機構—香港浸會大學持續教育學院。

**NOTE 1**  
 In addition to the HKDSE qualification, students who have successfully completed Apl. courses that are registered in the Qualifications Register (as certificate programmes at Qualifications Framework (QF) Level 3) will obtain QF certificates issued by the course providers. Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) (ApL(C)) is pegged at QF Level 1 to Level 3, and Applied Learning (Vocational English) (ApL(VocE)) is pegged at QF Level 2 to Level 3. Students taking ApL(C)/ApL(VocE) will obtain the respective QF certificate(s) issued by the course providers upon meeting the assessment and attendance requirements of different QF levels of the courses. Details are available at the Qualifications Register website ([www.hkqr.gov.hk](http://www.hkqr.gov.hk)).

**NOTE 2**  
 The course will not be available for Secondary 4 in the 2024/25 s.y.  
 # For courses marked with “#”, only one course in the course cluster could be taken by a student.  
 \* For courses marked with “\*”, only one course could be taken by a student.  
 ^ For courses marked with “^”, only one course could be taken by a student.  
 @ The course marked with “@” is a pilot course which is part of the CLAP-TECH project that aims to develop a learning pathway with the engagement of industries. For details, please contact the course provider, HKBU(SCE).

課程提供機構	課程提供機構
CICE	明愛社區書院 Caritas Institute of Community Education
HKAPA	香港演藝學院 The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
HKBU (SCE)	香港浸會大學持續教育學院 School of Continuing Education, Hong Kong Baptist University
HKCT	香港專業進修學校 Hong Kong College of Technology
HKIT	香港科技專上書院 Hong Kong Institute of Technology
HKU (SPACE)	香港大學專業進修學院 School of Professional and Continuing Education, The University of Hong Kong
LIFE	嶺南大學持續進修學院 Lingnan Institute of Further Education
PolyU(SPEED)	香港理工大學專業進修學院 The School of Professional Education and Executive Development, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
UOWCHK	香港伍倫貢學院 UOW College Hong Kong
VTC	職業訓練局 Vocational Training Council

**註**  
 在資助中學、官立中學、按位津貼學校、直接資助計劃中學及設有高中班級的特殊學校修讀由課程發展議會所編訂並由教育局公布之高中課程的學生，將獲教育局全數資助課程費用。

**REMARK**  
 Students in aided, government and caput schools, schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme and special schools with senior secondary classes studying the senior secondary curriculum prepared by the Curriculum Development Council and published for use in schools by EDB will be fully subsidised by EDB to take Apl. courses.

