

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Centre for Applied English Studies
CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

The Centre for Applied English Studies (CAES) offers courses to enhance students' academic and professional English communication skills. CAES offers a non-credit bearing first-year course *Academic Communication in English (ACE)* which is a graduation requirement for non-exempt students (Applicable to students admitted in academic year 2025-26 and thereafter). All HKU undergraduates are required to successfully complete a *6 credit English-in-the-Discipline (ED)* course, taken in years 2-4. ACE and ED courses are categorized as Language Enhancement Courses. CAES also provides 6-credit elective courses.

Each course consists of 120 hours of student learning activity (including both teacher-student contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity). This includes 36 teacher-student contact hours. All courses conduct 100% continuous assessment.

The teaching/learning mode includes lectures, seminars, small group tutorials, and individual/small group consultation sessions. Courses vary in the degree to which these formats are utilized. In addition, students complete out-of-class learning which may include independent learning tasks, assignment preparation, and group tasks. Assessable outputs include essays, project reports, other genres of writing, portfolios, oral presentations, oral reflections, press conferences, podcasts, digital stories, infographic posters, tests and related group and/or independent learning work. The expected output for a CAES course is 4,000 to 6,000 words or its equivalent in oral performance or a similar amount of output in more than one modality.

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