

Master of Arts (Teaching Chinese as an International Language)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Synopses	AU
MTCL901	Language Code: Theory and Practice	As Chinese characters are ideographic in nature, the phonetic functions are weak. Furthermore, the structure of Chinese characters are complex and difficult to recognize, to read as well as to write. Therefore, phonetic system, Hanyu Pinyin was developed to aid in learning Chinese. Chinese characters and Chinese phonics operates with two different set of rules. Chinese characters represent single syllables while Hanyu Pinyin operates with a set of standard basic rules in relation to different forms of Chinese words. As instructors of TCIL, it is important to understand the characteristics of these two codes in order to effectively teach Chinese as an international language.	4
MTCL902	Vocabulary and Grammar: Theory and Practice	The fundamental purpose of learning any language is for communication purpose. Be it in spoken or written communication, vocabulary and grammar are two of the most important components in any language learning, as they play a vital role in building up language proficiency. In teaching Chinese as an international language, instructors must understand the grammatical rules and its effect on vocabulary on the target language to bring about effective teaching. Hence, this course will lay a good foundation in Chinese vocabulary and grammar basics, so as to effectively teach Chinese as an international language.	4
MTCL903	Chinese-English Contrastive Analysis & Its Application	The use of translation in learning a foreign language is widely used as a teaching and learning strategy to help students remember, comprehend and acquire the use of the target language. The influence of the learners first language, however, will have substantial impact in the language acquisition process. Hence understanding the major difference between Chinese-English through contrastive analysis in theories and practice of translation and its application in TCIL is necessary to equip TCIL instructor with the fundamental understanding to implement the bilingual model in TCIL.	4

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MTCL904	Teaching of Listening & Speaking Skills in TCIL	Listening and speaking are two important skills required in any language learning. They are complex skills that need to be developed consciously. In any interaction, comprehending the language used is necessary for effective communication. Hence, as instructors for TCIL, it is important to acquire the various communicative language teaching pedagogical approaches in order to teach effective communication skills. Besides acquiring pedagogical approaches in teaching non-native learners, keeping abreast with recent developments and research on the teaching of Chinese language listening and speaking content and skills are also essential to build the competencies to effectively TCIL to the 21st century learners.	4
MTCL905	Teaching of Reading And Writing Skills In TCIL	Reading and writing are two important literacy skills one requires to function effectively in everyday life. These two skills are interconnected and can be developed together. With global economies and emerging new technologies, new literacies are already becoming part of the educational landscape. Hence, as instructors for TCIL, it is important to understand the various teaching pedagogical approaches to engage learners of this new age. Besides acquiring pedagogical approaches in teaching non-native learners, keeping abreast with recent developments and research on the teaching of Chinese language reading and writing content and skills are also essential to build the competencies to effectively TCIL to the 21st century learners.	4

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MTCL906	Application of Information Technology in TCIL	In today's 21st century education, the use of ICT for teaching and learning has infiltrated schools at a rapid pace. To ensure that today's digital learners are future-ready for the workforce of tomorrow, educators must understand and embrace the need to employ the use of ICT to create a 21st century learning environment. A 21st century educator must be competent to use technology with ease in teaching and learning, be it in the classroom or out of classroom where learning takes place anytime, anywhere. Hence, as TCIL instructors, it is important to understand the application of technological tools with content and pedagogical approaches, and appreciate how ICT can create an effective learning environment for TCIL.	4
MTCL907	Language Testing & Assessment in TCIL	Testing and assessment is an integral part of the learning process, and must be closely aligned with curricular objectives, content and pedagogy. It serves as the central function of getting the best possible evidence on what the students have learned. Teachers and students can then use this information to decide what to do next in the teaching and learning process. It is important that TCIL instructors be equipped with the necessary assessment competencies, so that quality teaching and learning can be achieved in all TCIL classrooms, bearing in mind the varied language backgrounds and proficiency levels of TCIL learners.	4
MTCL908	Analysis & Development of Instructional Materials for TCIL	<p>Over the last three decades, there are many TCIL curriculums and instructional materials developed for non-native learners globally. However, TCIL instructors find it challenging to identify proper instructional materials for learners of differing abilities.</p> <p>This course aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of TCIL instructors in analysing the instructional materials developed by different editors and publishers. In addition, through better understanding of principles of the curriculum design and instructional materials development for TCIL, instructors will be well equipped in developing instructional materials for different learners.</p>	4

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MTCL909	Global Chinese and Contemporary China	The rapid rise of China as a global economy has driven an increase to the educational and pragmatic value of learning Chinese language globally. Understanding the history and development of Chinas rise and economic globalization is essential to TCIL instructors as they thread beyond the grounds of China in TCIL to non-native learners.	4
MTCL910	Critical Inquiry in TCIL	Educational research is an important element to educators as it provides fresh perspectives and new ideas to enhance and enliven teaching and learning outcomes. Not only can educational research findings contribute to knowledge development, practical improvement, and policy information, educators can also use these research findings to improve their competences in the teaching and learning process. This course equips participants with the ability to incorporate what they have learned from the programme coursework in their respective specialisation into a proposal report that addresses a specific education issue.	4
MTCL911	Professional English for TCIL Instructors	All teachers need to possess skills that enable them to communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders in the educational settings. Being able to apply these skills in a second language is all the more critical for Chinese language teachers who will need to fulfill school related tasks and communicate with other members of staff, students and their parents in the English medium. This course helps to prepare participants who will be working in international settings as they move through their careers.	4

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MTCL912	Early Childhood Education in TCIL: Theory and Practice	Early childhood education is crucial as it has direct impact on the development of learning skills, social and emotional abilities of a child. It is during the early childhood years that we should accentuate the development of language, speech and literacy, as it will significantly enhance the child's learning in the later years. Educators should leverage on the varied learning styles and characteristics of early childhood learners, from infancy to the age of eight, apply corresponding learning theories into practice, to bring about effective teaching and learning of Chinese as an international language.	4
MTCL913	Chinese Language Education for International Schools	According to the study by International School Consultancy Research (2017), there is a rapid surge in the growth of international schools globally. With a growth in expatriate families and an increase in enrolment within the schools host country, the increasing trend is expected to continue in the next ten years. This growing demand corresponds to the need to develop professionally-trained Chinese language educators for International schools. Language offerings in international schools are unique and vary over different school programmes. However, each aims to provide students with an edge in this competitive and ever-changing world. Hence, this course will broaden participants' knowledge of teaching Chinese language in international school settings and provides constructive career development opportunities to participants.	4