

**HUMA5280 Cantonese Grammar in Contemporary Linguistic Theories[Ca] [C]  
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A survey on the recent development in the study of grammar in Cantonese, highlighting the grammatical features that are unique to Cantonese and how they are of interest to the study of language in general

**Course description**

This course provides a survey on the recent development in the study of grammar in Cantonese. Basic concepts and ideas of a number of syntactic theories are introduced. Grammatical characteristics of Cantonese are examined in order to show: (1) how they are approached from different perspectives; and (2) how they are of interest to linguists.

**Intended learning outcomes**

- Be aware of the linguistic characteristics of the Cantonese language which are of linguistic significance
- Have knowledge of contemporary linguistic concepts and theories
- Be able to critically examine a linguistic phenomenon from different perspectives

**Assessment**

Attendance, presentation and participation (1-2 class presentations):	40%
Term paper:	60%

**Office hours**

Wed: 17:00 – 18:30

Thur: 10:00 – 11:30

**Suggested readings (tentative)**

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