

Engineering Tripos Part IIA Project, SL7: Chinese, 2017-18

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Timing and Structure

Wednesdays morning (group teaching) plus timeslots to be determined (compatible with the other project timetable) for a weekly supervision with a PhD student (native speaker) and a weekly meeting with the project leader (for language support).

Prerequisites

'Intermediate or advanced ' projects are intended primarily for students who have studied Chinese to GCSE level at school, and who also attended ' Intermediate or advanced' level classes during Part I of the Engineering Tripos.

Aims

The aims of the course are to:

- To teach Chinese within the framework of the Council of Europe guidelines contained in the theme of 'languages for work and life' by including specific engineering tasks which require significant technical input and knowledge.
- To encourage students to adopt the mode of 'learning languages for life' by taking responsibility for their own learning.
- To consolidate and develop linguistic competence in listening, speaking and reading skills, and to extend competence using writing skills within work-related situations.
- To develop technological knowledge and understanding of Chinese industry.
- To learn to handle authentic materials, in any medium, in Chinese.

Content

NB First introductory session of 2 hours on **Wednesday 9th May**

All students will have to submit a report (up to 8 pages) and do a 10 minute oral presentation.

Students will choose a topic in agreement with the project leader and/or the PhD student that will support them throughout the project.

FORMAT

4 hours contact teaching + 1 hour supervision + 12 hours untimetabled / week for 4 weeks.

Group teaching, group work, pair work and individual work will be employed.

The projects will be run from the Language Unit to enable full use of the resources therein.

Assessment will be based on current and technical language (60%) and engineering (40%) content.

ACTIVITIES

Class activities will aim to develop students' oral and aural skills, as well as their reading and writing skills (including report writing).

PRIZES

Shell Language Project Prizes to be shared by the best students undertaking a Foreign Language Project.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A talk on Foreign Language Projects will be given on Wednesday 1 November from 1-2pm in the Language Unit seminar room.

Coursework

Coursework	Due date	Marks
Interim reports	Friday 25 May 2018	20
Final report	4pm Friday 8 June 2018	60

Examination Guidelines

Please refer to [Form & conduct of the examinations](#) [2].

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