

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

HKU SUMMER INSTITUTE

English Proficiency Declaration Form

Applicants for HKU Summer Institute programmes for Undergraduate and Post-graduate students must have a level of English that will allow them to follow the teaching in an adequate way.

Self-assessment of English language proficiency

Listening

I can understand extended speech and lectures in English and follow even complex lines of argument provided that the topic is reasonably familiar. I can understand most TV news and current affairs programmes. I can understand the majority of films in standard English.

Reading

I can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints. I can understand contemporary literary prose.

Speaking

I can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers of English possible. I can take an active part in discussions in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining my views. I can present clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects related to my field of interest. I can explain a viewpoint on a topical issue, giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Writing

I can write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to my interests. I can write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view. I can write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences.

Exemption from English proficiency requirement

Applicant is exempted from the English proficiency requirement if he/she:

- is a native English speaker and/or resides in a country where English is the primary or official language;

(Native speaker exemption requests will be reviewed as part of the application process. HKU Summer Institute reserves the right to request additional information and/or require language proficiency exam scores.)

- is attending a university where English is the medium of instruction for the majority of courses taught;
- has attended schools at secondary level (high school) or above for at least one year full-time where English is the medium of instruction (as in the United States, the United Kingdom, and in some international schools).

To be signed by student

By signing below I declare that I have met at least one of the following exemption criteria and that my English language proficiency level corresponds to the criteria described in the self-assessment grid .

Please tick as appropriate	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a native English speaker and/or resides in a country where English is the primary or official language.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am attending a university where English is the medium of instruction for the majority of courses taught*;	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have attended schools at secondary level (high school) or above for at least one year full-time where English is the medium of instruction (as in the United States, the United Kingdom, and in some international schools)*.	
* Must be supported with official transcript of the university/secondary school	
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Student's signature:</i>

To be confirmed by a university official

I certify that _____ (student's name) has the English language proficiency level in English required to successfully complete his/ her study programme at HKU Summer Institute, corresponding to the minimum recommended level according to HKU Summer Institute Entrance Requirement for Undergraduates/Postgraduates.

<i>Signature of a university official</i>	
<i>Name</i>	
<i>Position/ Title</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Stamp</i>

This form is to be signed and scanned for submission through the HKU Summer Institute online application system as a supporting document for English Proficiency.