Language Workshops

In order to better prepare students for the dissertation and project, the following workshops will be made available to all MSc(CompSc) students. Students are required to complete these workshops offered by Centre for Applied English Studies (CAES).

(1) Writing workshop

Course overview:
The aim of this 20-hour course is to enhance participants' awareness of the skills needed to complete a project / dissertation in Computer Science. On course completion, it is hoped that students can approach project / dissertation writing more systematically and with greater confidence.

Classes are conducted in an interactive manner requiring participants to discuss the language used in text extracts from a variety of computer science, engineering, science-related disciplines so that they can deploy the use of such language in their own writing.

Course learning objectives:
By the end of this course, students should be able to
- apply knowledge of overall organization and language features in a project / dissertation when writing about your own research,
- demonstrate awareness of language devices (i.e., linking words/connectors) used to create cohesive text and appropriate grammatical choices to clarify meaning and indicate relative importance of ideas; and
- identify and apply language features and the citation and referencing format used by academic in writing up research in their study discipline.

Organization:
This is a 20-hour course.

Group	Date and Time (2023)
A	Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 9, 30, Nov 6, 13 (Mon) 10:30am – 12:50pm
B	Sep 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 3 (Fri) 10:30am – 12:50pm
C	Sep 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 24, 31 (Tue) 10:30am – 12:50pm
D	Oct 3, 10, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 7:00pm – 9:20pm
E	Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 25, Nov 1 (Wed) 10:30am – 12:50pm
F	Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2 (Thu) 10:30am – 12:50pm
G	Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2 (Thu) 3:30pm – 5:50pm
H	Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 7:00pm – 9:20pm
I	Sep 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 3 (Fri) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
J	Sep 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 3 (Fri) 7:00pm – 9:20pm

(2) Presentation Skills workshop

This workshop is aimed to enhance participants' understanding and use of strategies for effective and professional presentations.

Topics include:
- Understanding features of effective presentations
- Planning using the Assertion-Evidence approach
- Enhancing vocal delivery with visuals
- Incorporating articulation and understanding the effective usage of body language and gestures

Organization:
This is a 10-hour course.

Group	Date and Time (2023)
1	Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Mon) 7:00pm – 9:20pm
2	Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tue) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
3	Oct 3, 10, 24, 31 (Tue) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
4	Sep 29, Oct 6, 13, 27 (Fri) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
5	Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24 (Fri) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
6	Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 (Thu) 7:00pm – 9:20pm
7	Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2 (Thu) 7:00pm – 9:20pm
8	Sep 29, Oct 6, 13, 27 (Fri) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
9	Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 2:30pm – 4:50pm
10	Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 (Fri) 2:30pm – 4:50pm

Note: It is OK for students who enrol in the writing workshop and the presentation skills workshop in the same semester.

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Teaching Format: face-to-face classes

Assessment:
To pass each workshop, students should participate during classes and submit the coursework.

Students who fail the workshop are required to re-take the workshop.

Attendance:
Students are expected to attend all classes. Students who missed the writing class are required to do make-up work assigned by the teacher.

For the presentation skills workshop, if students missed the class, they are required to re-take the workshop.

Enrolment:
These workshops are compulsory for MSc(CompSc) students. The maximum class size is 20 per class.

Any class with an enrolment of less than 10 will be cancelled.

Application:
Before you register, we would like to suggest the following:

  a) Check the timetable for Semester 1 courses and the language workshops.
  b) You should not enroll in the workshop if
       i.   it has time-clash with the other courses that you have enrolled.
       ii.   you are certain that you cannot/will not attend the class.

Registration via Moodle page (https://moodle.hku.hk/course/view.php?id=104641) starts now and ends on 28 August 2023. Late registration will not be entertained.

You can check your enrolment result on the Moodle page on 1 September 2023.

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