

Course Syllabus

General information

Looking for a way to improve your English language skills in a more interesting way? The **Read to Know!** course is designed to help you improve your language skills through stories and classic English-language literature. This course features a number of carefully selected books to help students broaden their minds and improve their language skills at the same time.

The course will run on the **KEEP** online platform in a **self-paced format** until **31st July, 2018**.

Goals and outcomes

The course materials are based on the work of some of the greatest writers in the English language, as well as the expertise of instructors in the English Language Centre who have decades of experience in supporting students' learning. Taking this course will help you to take advantage of opportunities to learn and develop outside of the traditional classroom environment.

This course is for all users of English. The course will let you explore some of the most influential works in the English language while also improving your analytical, critical thinking, and communication skills. You will also benefit from the English language input that is provided through the reflection and discussion tasks aimed at improving your language abilities and confidence.

There is no prerequisite requirement for this course. You just need to be curious, and willing to learn from some of the best communicators in history. In every module, there are videos, interviews, excerpts and other supplementary materials to help you better understand the text. There are short online quizzes to assess your understanding of key issues raised by each book, and to help you gauge your own understanding. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a peer evaluation where you can share your views with your classmates, and hear the views of others on the same topic.

Learning objectives

By the end of the course, you'll have learned how to:

- read, analyse, and critique different styles of writing,
- interpret and appreciate great works, and
- utilise recreational reading as a way to improve your language skills.

Course deadlines

There is no weekly deadline for the assessment components. You just need to complete them before **11:59 p.m. HKT, July 31st, 2018**.

Syllabus

All course materials will be released simultaneously at the start of the course, including video clips and exercises/assessments. Course updates will be sent as needed.

Warm-up

- *A Good Fall*
- *59 Seconds*
- *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*
- *Rich Dad Poor Dad*
- *What I wish I knew when I was twenty*
- *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
- *The Little Prince*

Moderate

- *The Tipping Point*
- *Pride and Prejudice*
- *The Lightning Thief*
- *The Kite Runner*
- *The Philosophy Gym*
- *The Circle*
- *Hunger Games*
- *Animal Farm*

More challenging

- *The Shining*
- *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
- *Great Expectations*
- *The Last Leaf*

Extra bonus!

- *Read@PolyU 2017-18 book*
- *Archive copies of Hong Kong magazine*