

Introduction

The Department of Applied Foreign Languages, with an educational focus on theory and practice, aims to nurture professionals in the international business and tourism, and teaching English to children industries. It was founded in 2001. There are presently 5 classes of students from the first year to the fifth year, together with 7 full-time and 25 adjunct faculty members in the department. All of the faculty members have extensive experience in English teaching and are from diverse educational background in related fields.

Educational Goals

To meet the needs of current social development, we aim to assist our English majors in cultivating an intermediate to high-intermediate level of language abilities and professional knowledge which they will need for their further studies and the future job market. Students will also benefit from resources from other programs in the school, such as Business Administration, Early Childhood Care and Education, and Information Management.

Curriculum Features

1. Basic courses focus on general English reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
2. Advanced courses include Chinese-English Translation, Language and Culture, English Literature for Children, Introduction to Western Literature, Introduction to Second Language Acquisition, and various courses related to other programs of the school.
3. English speaking and writing courses are conducted in small classes of about 20 to 25 students each.
4. Two course modules, namely International Business and Tourism courses and Teaching English to Children courses, are optional for senior students.
5. English related competitions such as speech, singing and drama are held each semester.
6. Scholars and experts in different fields are invited to deliver speech, present lectures and provide professional advice for students.

Facilities and Development

1. We have one experimental theater for our students to use their creativity to put on shows for children, which can facilitate their competence in teaching Children English. In addition, the theater has always been the venue where our department hosts a variety of activities such as play contests, English related competitions, keynote speech sessions, and welcoming parties for visitors around the country and around the world.
2. We have one multimedia lab for e-learning courses and a self-learning center for our students to take various language proficiency practice tests on-line. We keep adding to our facilities more English learning software and other resources to carry out our teaching goals.
3. We help our students obtain at least three professional certificates in English proficiency and/or computer software application through free preparation courses when graduating from our department.
4. The department intends to promote business or academic collaboration with appropriate companies or institutes in order to give our students adequate real-life experience.

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