



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Mother Tongue Department

#### Part 1: General FAQs for H2 Mother Tongue Language and Literature (MTLL)

##### FAQ #1: What are the benefits of studying H2MTLL?

- Students will not only learn to appreciate the beauty and power of words but also gain deeper insights into real-life issues through both the language and literature components. They will study language at an advanced level, refining their writing skills and expanding their vocabulary. Through literature, students develop empathy by understanding characters, becoming more sensitive to the experiences of others. Their critical thinking skills are also honed through analysis of literary texts.
- Like other H2 subjects, the A-level grade for this subject can be used to compute the University Admission Score for local universities, as well as for applications to foreign universities.
- Students taking this subject are eligible to apply for a wide range of university courses and are not restricted to language-related fields.
- Additionally, students who perform well in their Mother Tongue Language (MTL) subject (Chinese, Malay, or Tamil) at the A-level examination can leverage MTL Bonus Points (MTLBP) for admission to the College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS). For more information on using MTLBP for admission to CHS, please refer to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/singapore-cambridge-gce-a-level/admission-requirements>.

##### FAQ #2: What is the prerequisite to offer H2MTLL?

- There are no prerequisites for taking H2 Mother Tongue Language and Literature (H2MTLL).
- However, students who have a strong aptitude for Chinese, Malay, or Tamil and have performed well in these Mother Tongue subjects at the O-level are highly encouraged to consider offering this subject.

### **FAQ #3: What are the different components for H2MTLL?**

It comprises of 3 papers:

- **Paper 1** (Language): Essay (1hr 15 mins)
- **Paper 2** (e-Exam) (Language): Comprehension & commentary (1h 45mins)
- **Paper 3** (Open Book Exam) (Literature): For H2MLL and H2TLL: 4 essays (3 hours), For H2CLL: 3 essays + 2 short answers questions (3 hours)

For H2MLL and H2TLL, Questions will be based on 4 genres. Students will answer 1 question from each genre:

1. Novel and short stories,
2. Modern and classical poem
3. Drama
4. Unseen text

For H2CLL, Questions will be based 5 genres. Students will answer 1 question from each genre:

1	Classical prose	1 short answer question
	Classical and contemporary poem	1 short answer question
2	Short stories	1 essay
3	Drama	1 essay
4	Unseen text	1 essay

### **FAQ #4: What are the teaching methodologies for H2MTLL?**

Lessons are highly interactive, providing students with opportunities to actively participate and contribute their ideas and perspectives during discussions. Engaging activities such as debates and dramatizations are incorporated to enhance learning experiences. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is extensively utilized to promote collaboration among learners. Tools like Google Suite, including Google Classroom, along with interactive platforms such as Kahoot, Mentimeter, and the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), are widely integrated into lessons

### **FAQ #5: What are the courses available for students who are interested to pursue Mother Tongue studies in the local Autonomous Universities?**

Chinese: Chinese Studies in NUS (FASS: College of Humanities and Sciences), Chinese in NTU (School of Humanities), B.A Degree in NIE/NTU

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Malay: Malay Studies in NUS (FASS: College of Humanities and Sciences), B.A Degree in NIE/NTU

Tamil: B.A Degree course in NIE/NTU

**FAQ #6: I do not have Higher Mother Tongue at O level. Do I need to offer H1MTL as well if I offer H2MTLL?**

You do not need to offer mother tongue at H1 level if you are offering any of the H2MTLL subjects even if you do not have Higher Mother Tongue at O level.

**Part 2: General FAQs for H2 Malay Language Elective Programme (MLEP)**

**FAQ #1: What are the benefits of being a MLEP student?**

- Students are eligible to enjoy 2 bonus points for admission to YIJC.
- The opportunity to be considered for the MLE Scholarship (MLES) worth \$1,000 which is tenable for 2 years.
- MLES recipients will have their school fees covered, subject to an annual cap of \$2,400.
- Full subsidy for Overseas Immersion Programme
- A certificate of recognition by MOE will be presented to students upon completion of the 2-year programme.

**FAQ #2: Is MLEP examinable?**

- No, MLEP is an enrichment programme.
- Students offering MLEP must offer H2 Malay Language and Literature (H2MLL) at the A-level examination.
- MLEP-JC students will have the option to go beyond by offering H3 Malay Language and Literature.

**FAQ #3: What do MLEP students do during the programme?**

- Students will have the opportunity to enhance their skills through a variety of enrichment activities designed to deepen their learning experience.

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- These activities include Creative Writing Workshops, Translation Workshops, the publication of student works (Saujana Pujangga), Literature Camps, Forums, and Lecture Series.
- Additionally, students can foster a greater appreciation for the Malay language and culture by participating in the planning and organization of internal language and cultural events at the college, which also helps develop their leadership abilities.
- They may also have opportunities to host and engage with foreign students through cross-cultural programs, broadening their global perspectives.
- The program will be conducted during regular curriculum hours.

**FAQ #4: Am I eligible to apply for MLEP?**

- Applicant must obtain at least Grade B3 in HML or
- Grade B4 in HML and B3 in literature in Malay (Full or Elective) or
- Grade A2 in ML

**FAQ #4: How do I submit my application for MLEP?**

- During the online registration for JAE, you will need to opt for MLEP when choosing YIJC.

**Part 3: Language Specific FAQs****Tamil****FAQ #1: Will students be trained for touch - typing to prepare for Paper 2 (e-Exam)?**

- Yes, students will be trained weekly using Tamil 99 keyboard.

**Malay/MLEP****FAQ #2: Must students offering H2MLL also offer MLEP?**

- Students offering H2MLL may choose to join MLEP if they meet the MLEP requirement but it is not compulsory for them to do so.

**Thank you**