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?

- Besides learning to appreciate the beauty of words and their power, students will have the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of many real life issues from both the language and literature components. They will be able to study the language at a higher level where they will refine their writing skills and vocabularies. Through literature, they learn to empathise with the characters and become more understanding and sensitive of people around them. Their critical thinking will be sharpened as they analyse the content of the literature texts
- Similar to other H2 subjects, students can use their A-level grade for this subject to compute their University Admission Score for local universities as well as use it for admission to foreign universities.
- Students offering this subject can apply for admission into many university courses and are not limited to only language courses.
- If you have done well in your MTL subject (Chinese, Malay or Tamil) at the 'A' Level examination, you are eligible to use MTL Bonus Points for admission to the College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS). For details, please refer to https://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus/when-you-apply/mtl-related-courses

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

- There is no prerequisite to offer H2MTLL.
- However, those with a flair for the Chinese, Malay and Tamil language and have done well in these Mother Tongue subjects at O level are strongly encouraged to offer 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 interactive where students are given the opportunity and are   expected to participate actively and to contribute their ideas and perspectives to discussions. Interactive activities such as debates and dramas are used. ICT is also widely used in lessons to encourage collaboration amongst learners. Google suite is widely used such as google classroom as well as other interactive web tools such as Kahoot, Mentimeter and SLS.

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

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

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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 H2Malay 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 be able to hone their skills in the programme through a wide range of enrichment activities to enhance their learning.
- These activities range from Creative Writing Workshop, Translation Workshop, Publication of Student Work (Saujana Pujangga), Literature Camp, Forums and Lecture Series.

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

- In addition, students will also be able to cultivate a deeper interest in Malay language and culture by being part of the organizing team for internal language and cultural events for the college which also develops their leadership skills.
- Students may have the chance to host and interact with foreign students in cross-cultural programmes.
- The programme will be conducted during curriculum time.

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 requirements but it is not compulsory for them to do so.

Thank you