What are the Admissions Requirements?

To be eligible for admission to the programme, candidates shall hold a Bachelor’s degree in English Language, Linguistics, Literature or English Language Education from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose.

English Language Proficiency Requirement:
A candidate who wishes to be admitted on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English is required to obtain a score of 580 or above in the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a Test of Written English score of 4.0 or above or a score of 80 in the internet-based TOEFL with a score of 25 or above in the Writing section; or a minimum overall band of 6.5 with no sub-test lower than 6.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

How to Apply?

Online application at: http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg

Application Deadline

12:00 noon, February 13, 2017 (Monday)
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Core Courses
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