



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

CHIN_V 388 - Introduction to Classical Chinese I (Non-Heritage)

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In this course, students are introduced to the basics of Classical Chinese grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, as well as the tools necessary to read and translate Classical Chinese. The major features of the language will be introduced in a series of lessons based on short passages from texts dating mostly from the Warring States and early imperial eras (5th c. BCE through 2nd c. CE). Following a mid-term examination, we will read and discuss longer selections from the philosophical, historical, and literary traditions.

This course is designed for students with no prior instruction in Classical Chinese. An understanding of modern Chinese is helpful, but not required, and the language of instruction in the course is English. Students with backgrounds in other languages that utilize Chinese characters are eligible and encouraged to enrol. In such cases, consultation with the instructor prior to the start of the term is recommended.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Paul W. Kroll. A student's dictionary of Classical and Medieval Chinese. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

Bryan W. Van Norden. Classical Chinese for Everyone: A Guide for Absolute Beginners. Hackett, 2019.

Edwin G. Pulleyblank. Outline of Classical Chinese Grammar. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1995.

Assignments

Quizzes|10

Reading Exercises|10

Annotated Translations |20

Mid-term Examination|20

Presentation|15

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