

CHS104 Classical Chinese (古代汉语)

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: CHINESE

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

CHS104 systematically explores Chinese characters, vocabulary, grammar, rhetoric, phonology, etc, of the Classical Chinese language. Students will read masterpieces of ancient Chinese philosophy and literature, equipping themselves with the ability to read ancient Chinese texts for the exploration of China's distinctive philosophical and literary traditions in the original language.

Topics:

- Introduction to Classical Chinese Language
- The use of dictionaries and other reference works
- Classical Chinese etymology
- Classical Chinese lexicology
- Classical Chinese grammar
- Classical Chinese rhetoric
- Classical Chinese phonology
- Annotation of Classical Chinese texts
- Sentence reading of ancient Chinese texts and translation of Classical Chinese
- Style of the Classical Chinese Texts
- The prosody of Poems and Ci
- Conclusion

Learning Outcome:

- Define the key principles of Classical Chinese language
- Explain basic grammar, syntax and particles of Classical Chinese
- Describe the phonetics, etymology, lexicology, grammar and rhetoric of Classical Chinese
- Demonstrate competency in reading traditional Chinese texts
- Illustrate basic grammatical structures and core vocabulary of literary Chinese
- Apply the acquired knowledge to the use of dictionaries and other reference works to assist in the reading of Classical Chinese texts

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Daytime Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	25
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.