

CHS401 Research Methods (研究方法)

Level: 4

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: CHINESE

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

CHS401 introduces students to the fundamental tools and approaches of research in Chinese Studies. It surveys the history of Chinese Studies as an intellectual discipline and supports a critical engagement with influential works from that discipline. Familiarising students with the major methodological approaches to research design, data collection, data mining, textual analysis and criticism, argument formation and literature review, this course will also focus on the analysis of different kinds of research materials and primary sources, as well as assess the challenges and opportunities when adopting these methods in the field of Chinese studies. These methods are not exhaustive in any sense; they will be shaped by students' individual research needs.

Topics:

- Introduction: Research on China
- Research Matters
- Designing a Research Project
- Literature Review
- Finding Sources
- Survey Research
- Qualitative Methods
- Ethnographic Methods
- Corpus and Data Analysis
- Textual Analysis and Criticism
- Ethics
- Presentation of research in written and oral form

Learning Outcome:

- Distinguish the major themes, issues, and methods of research in Chinese Studies
- Examine the relevance and validity of Chinese sources
- Discuss the relevance of different research methodologies
- Inspect the methods of research in Chinese Studies
- Organise published research and resources to solve specific practical research questions
- Propose appropriate research methods and strategies in researching their chosen topics

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	25
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25

Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 3	25
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 4	25
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.