

CLT353 Classical Chinese Novels (中国古代小说)

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: CHINESE

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

Chinese traditional novels have a long and rich history. Since the Han and Wei Dynasties, various genres of classical novels have evolved and were seminal in the development of Chinese societies in past eras. They were widely read by the literati and administrative rulers and contained philosophical ideas, history, and ideas about human society, family life, and politics that defined part of the world view of the literate and politically influential. This course aims to guide students into the world of traditional novels by comprehensively and systematically studying the main contents of ancient Chinese novels, taking history as the key link, focusing on the works, and paying attention to the research of selected novels. Students will be encouraged to read traditional novels spontaneously and improve their ability to appreciate Chinese novels and their analytical skills.

Topics:

- Outline of the development of traditional Chinese novels 中国传统小说发展梗概
- Novels of the Pre-Qin, Han, Wei, Jin, Southern and Northern Dynasties (1) 先秦两汉魏晋南北朝小说（一）：神话
- Novels of the Pre-Qin, Han, Wei, Jin, Southern and Northern Dynasties (2) 先秦两汉魏晋南北朝小说（二）：志怪
- Novels of the Pre-Qin, Han, Wei, Jin, Southern and Northern Dynasties (3) 先秦两汉魏晋南北朝小说（三）：志人
- Novels of the Tang Dynasty 唐代小说：传奇
- Novels of the Song Dynasty 宋代小说：话本
- Ming Dynasty Vernacular Novels 明代章回小说：三国演义、水浒传、西游记、金瓶梅
- Ming Dynasty vernacular short stories 明代白话短篇小说：三言二拍
- Ming Dynasty classical Chinese novels 明代文言小说：剪灯新话
- Qing Dynasty Vernacular Novels 清代章回小说：红楼梦、儒林外史
- Qing Dynasty classical Chinese novels 清代文言小说：聊斋志异、阅微草堂笔记
- Qing Dynasty condemnation novels 清代谴责小说：官场现形记、二十年目睹之怪现状、老残游记、孽海花

Learning Outcome:

- 说明中国古代小说的定义
- 检视中国古代小说的主要特征
- 讨论中国古代小说的发展
- 演示鉴赏和分析中国古典小说的能力
- 辨析古典小说的写作技巧和结构美学
- 评价各类小说主题与时代特征的对应关系

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Daytime Class):

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

*The information listed is subject to review and change.