

HUMA2050 Classical Chinese 古代漢語
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This course aims to provide students with sufficient knowledge of Classical Chinese for them to be able to grasp the content of selected Classical texts from the pre-Qin era and the Han period, and thereby acquire linguistic and historical knowledge, which will certainly help students master the Chinese language in both its ancient and contemporary forms. Students should also be taught the important elements of ancient culture and its fundamental importance for modern culture. In addition to the delivery of language knowledge, this course also aims to enhance students' ability to analyze issues and to solve problems by guiding them in a comparative study on the grammar of the ancient and modern Chinese languages and to discover rules from language phenomena. With emphasis on language analysis and understanding, this course will enhance students' competency in analytical skills and in Chinese written communication.

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- have basic knowledge and understanding of the function words and syntax of Classical Chinese
- understand the fundamental differences in structural device and lexical/morphological mechanisms between ancient and modern Chinese language
- apply the basic principles of Classical Chinese in translating Classical Chinese texts into modern Chinese
- improve their reading and writing ability and oral communication skill in modern Chinese
- understand and appreciate better the works of the Chinese classics, especially in terms of their literary innovation, philosophical value, and cultural significance.

The content to be covered in this course includes basic principles of Classical Chinese syntax, causative and denominative constructions, passive, function words, and selections from *Zuozhuan* 左傳, *Lunyu* 論語, *Mengzi* 孟子, *Hanfeizi* 韓非子, *Shiji* 史記 and *Shijing* 詩經.

Besides the regular attendance of the lectures, requirements of the course include a midterm test, two take-home assignments, and a final exam. The grade for the course will be based on all these components. Attendance will carry 5% of the total weight; midterm, 30%; assignments, 15%; and the final, 50%.

This course is categorized as Common Core (A&H), (H) or (C-Comm) course.

Textbook:

郭錫良、唐作藩、何九盈、蔣紹愚、田瑞娟編著《古代漢語》，上、下冊，北京：商務印書館，1999。

課程進度表:

週次	日期	講授內容	課外閱讀
1	Jan 30 Wed	課程介紹;《左傳》鄭伯克段於鄆 127-133	緒論 1-4
	Feb 4 Mon	《左傳》鄭伯克段於鄆 127-133	柳宗元 蝥賊傳 9-11
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3	Feb 18 Mon	《左傳》鞏之戰 137-142	《水經注》巫山、巫峽 14-20
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4	Feb 25 Mon	詞類的活用 278-289	
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5	Mar 4 Mon	《左傳》晏嬰論季氏 152-155	
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6	Mar 11 Mon	李斯 諫逐客書 386-392; 關於期中考試	被動表示法 303-308
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7	Mar 18 Mon	期中考試	
	Mar 20 Wed	古代漢語的詞序 289-297; 司馬遷報任安書 400-417	
8	Mar 25 Mon	司馬遷 報任安書 400-417	《史記》西門豹治鄴 228-232
	Mar 27 Wed	司馬遷 報任安書 400-417	
9	Apr 1 Mon	司馬遷 報任安書 400-417	《論語》季氏將伐顛頊 603-605
	Apr 3 Wed	司馬遷 報任安書 400-417	
10	Apr 8 Mon	司馬遷 報任安書 400-417	
	Apr 10 Wed	代詞 319-335	
11	Apr 15 Mon	代詞 319-335;《孟子》齊桓晉文之事 630-639	《老子》小國寡民 610 頁
	Apr 17 Wed	《孟子》齊桓晉文之事 630-639	
	Apr 22 Mon	復活節星期一 (不上課)	古代漢語的判斷句 297-302
	Apr 24 Wed	《孟子》齊桓晉文之事 630-639; “之”的用法	
12	Apr 29 Mon	韓非子 五蠹 664-670	
	May 1 Wed	勞動節 (不上課)	
13	May 6 Mon	韓非子 五蠹 664-670;《詩經》氓 913-917	
	May 8 Wed	關於期末考試; 複習	