Division of Humanities  
Tentative Course Syllabus

Course Code:        HUMA 1030  
Course Title:       Structure of the Chinese Language [C]  
Course Offered in:  Fall 2019  
Course Instructor:  Dr. Hideki Nishimura  

Course Description: This course introduces basic concepts in linguistics such as consonant, vowel, morpheme, concepts which help students to describe and analyze the structure of the Chinese language, with emphasis on sounds and grammar. Moreover, similarities and differences among major Chinese dialects such as Mandarin, Yue, Min, Hakka, Wu, etc, and between Chinese and other languages will be highlighted. Furthermore, characteristics of the non-Han languages spoken in the neighboring areas will be compared with those of the Chinese dialects in order to highlight the bi-directional influences between Chinese and the non-Han languages, influences which help shape these languages.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

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<td>1  Use the basic concepts to describe and analyze the structure of Chinese dialects</td>
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<td>2  Articulate the differences among Chinese dialects and among languages</td>
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<td>3  Articulate the complexity of the linguistic situation in China</td>
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Course Outline:

Part I: Introduction

Part II: Chinese phonology
   1. Speech sounds and tones
   2. Romanization systems
   3. Syllable structure

Part III: Chinese morphology
   1. Morpheme and word
   2. Word-formation processes

Part IV: Chinese syntax
   1. Word classes
   2. Word order

Part V: Topics in sociolinguistics
   1. Linguistic neighbors of the Chinese language
   2. Borrowings

Part VI: Language and dialect
   1. Defining language and dialect
   2. Defining the Chinese language

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Attendance/Class participation: 10%

Assignments: 20%

In-class quizzes: 20%

Final Exam: 50%

Three samples of readings:
