

Introduction to Classical Chinese

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Hours: 36 (6hrs/w)

1. Course Overview

This course is suitable for advanced students of Chinese who have not yet studied wenyan. Using selections from classical Chinese thought and literature, the course will give students a foundation in working with the syntax, grammar, and vocabulary of classical Chinese.

2. Weekly Syllabus

Week	Topic
1	Ancient Fables1: 〈揠苗助長〉、〈濫竽充數〉
	Ancient Fables2: 〈守株待兔〉、〈畫蛇添足〉
2	Selections from the Lunyu: 〈學而〉、〈公冶長（盍各言爾志）〉
	Selection from the Mengzi: 〈梁惠王（王何必曰利）〉
	Selection from the Liji: 〈苛政猛於虎〉
3	Selections from the Laozi: 〈天下莫柔弱於水〉、〈小國寡民〉
	Selection from the Zhuangzi: 〈秋水〉
	Field Trip: The National Palace Museum in Taipei
4	Selection from the Mozi: 〈公輸盤〉
	Selection from the Zhanguo ce: 〈靖郭君將城薛〉
	Selection from the Xunzi: 〈勸學〉
	Selection from the Zuozhuan: 〈子產論治〉
5	Selection from the Zhanguo ce: 〈齊策（馮諼客孟嘗君）〉
	Selection from the Shiji: 《史記》選 〈留侯世家〉
6	Selection from the Houhanshu: 〈南匈奴傳（昭君）〉
	Tao Yuanming: The Story of the Peach Blossom Stream

3. Grading Breakdown

Participation 25%

Quizzes (10 times) 50%

Final exam 25%

4. Textbook:

John Wang, Sue-mei Wu, Shaoyu Jiang, *Classical Chinese Primer*. Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2007