

Selections from the Poetry of Dufu

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Hours: 36 (6hrs/w)

1. Course Overview

This course will guide students through a close reading of the masterpieces of the greatest Chinese poet, Du Fu (712-770). The poems will be introduced according to the poet's biography and the major political events of the Tang Dynasty. Students will be able to reflect on Du Fu's personality, understand his poems, appreciate the artistic features in his works, and explore the value of his poetry in the history of classical Chinese poetry.

2. Weekly Syllabus

Week	Topic	Selections
1	Introduction: Poems, History, High Tang, and the Poet 緒論：詩·史·盛唐·詩人	1. Dofu in the historical records 史傳中的杜甫 2. Defining "High Tang" 「盛唐」的定義與建構 3. Poetry, History, and Poetry as History 「詩」「史」與「詩史」 4. Selections: "Yixi" 憶昔, and "Zhuangyou" 壯遊
	Ambition 壯志	"Wangyue" 望嶽, "Huaying" 畫鷹, and "Fang bingcao huma" 房兵曹胡馬 Plus "Yeyan Zuoshi zhuang" 夜宴左氏莊
2	Friendship with Libai 攜手日同行	"Zeng Libai" 贈李白, "Yu Li 12 Bai tongxun Fan 10 yinju" 與李十二白同尋范 十隱居, "Chunri yi Libai" 春日憶李白, and "Meng Libai 2 shou" 夢李白二首
	Sober and Topsy I 醒與醉 (I)	"Yin zhong 8 xian ge" 飲中八仙歌, "Tong zhugong deng cien ta" 同諸公登慈恩寺

3	Sober and Tipsy II 醒與醉 (II)	塔, “Le Youyuan ge” 樂遊園歌, and “Liren Xin” 麗人行
	Living in the National Capital 旅食京華春	“Zuishige zeng Deng guangwen” 醉時歌 贈鄭廣文, “Fengzeng Wei zuocheng zhang 22 yun” 奉贈韋左丞丈二十二韻, “Meipi Xing” 漢陂行, and “Fengxian xian Liu shaofu Shanshui zhang ge” 奉先縣劉 少府山水障歌
4	Separated by War 亂離	“Bei Chentao” 悲陳陶, “Bei Qingban” 悲 青阪, “Zi Jing fu Fengxian xian yonghuai 500 zi” 京赴奉先縣詠懷五百字, “Ai wangsun”, and “Ai Jiangtou” 哀江頭
	National and Family Affairs 家事、國事	“Bei Zheng” 北征, and “Qiangchun 3 shou” 羌村三首
5	Settled down 初定	“Qu jiang 2 shou” 曲江二首, “Qu jiang dui yu” 曲江對雨, and “Qu jiang dui jiu” 曲江對酒
	In the River Village during the Long Summer 長夏江村事事幽	“Pu ju” 卜居, “Tang cheng” 堂成, “Bin zhi” 賓至, “Jiang cun” 江村, and “Chunye xi yu” 春夜喜雨
6	On Historical Sites 詠懷古跡	“Shu Xiang” 蜀相, “8 zhen tu” 八陣 圖, “Gu bo xing” 古柏行, and “Yonghuai guji 5 shou” 詠懷古跡五首
	Thoughts on Lifetime and World Affairs 百年世事	“Deng lou” 登樓, “Deng gao” 登高, “Qiu xing 8 shou” 秋興八首

3. Grading Breakdown

Participation 40%

Midterm exam 30%

Final exam 30%

4. Textbook:

Yang, Lun 楊倫, *Dushi jingquan* 杜詩鏡銓. Shanghai : Shanghai gu ji chu ban she, 1998.