# The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

# **Subject Description Form**

Please read the notes at the end of the table carefully before completing the form.

Subject Code	CHC133P					
Subject Title	Pre-modern Chinese Literature 中國古代文學					
Credit Value	3					
Level	1					
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Exclusion: CC2C11MP, CC3161 and CC3161P					
Objectives	This subject introduces the students to traditional Chinese literature before 1911, with particular attention to the development of majliterary genres and forms, along with relevant cultural, social, an historical contexts. Organized by themes and chronological order, the subject aims to reveal the beauty of traditional Chinese literature are to uncover the mind and sensibilities of their writers.					
	By reading both literary works and materials on relevant social and cultural traditions, students will (1) develop familiarity with a variety of traditional Chinese literary forms, genres, and works; (2) gain a general knowledge of the social and cultural traditions that gave rise to the flourishing of Chinese literature; (3) understand and appreciate the diversity of Chinese cultural traditions by the end of the semester. This subject will also help students develop the essential skills of analysis and articulation required for further academic work.					
	Medium of Instruction: Putonghua					
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:					
(Note 1)	<ul> <li>a) Develop familiarity with a variety of traditional Chinese literary forms, genres, and works;</li> <li>b) gain a general knowledge of the social and cultural traditions that gave rise to traditional Chinese literature;</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>c) enhance their ability in critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and academic research;</li> <li>d) develop the essential skills of analysis and articulation required for further academic work;</li> <li>e) communicate and write coherently and elegantly for the conveyance of ideas and sentiments.</li> </ul>					

## Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

(*Note 2*)

- 1. Introduction: significances of pre-modern Chinese literature
- 2. Forms and genres of pre-modern Chinese literature
- 3. Literary writings in early China
- 4. Rhapsody (*fu*) in the Han dynasty
- 5. Rhymed poetry (*shi*) in the Six dynasties
- 6. Unrhymed writings in the Six dynasties
- 7. Poetry (shi) in the Tang dynasty
- 8. Song lyric (*ci*) in the Song dynasty
- 9. Prose writings in the Tang-Song period
- 10. Colloquial song (sanqu) in the Yuan dynasty
- 11. Drama in late imperial China
- 12. Fiction in later imperial China
- 13. Accomplishment and influence of premodern Chinese literature on modern Chinese literature and world literature

# Teaching/Learning Methodology

(*Note 3*)

The course consists of lecture, discussion, oral presentation, and writing exercise.

Students need to finish all assigned readings before coming to class. Lectures include introduction of a variety of forms and genres of pre-modern Chinese literature, extensive analysis of selected literary texts, as well as the historical background, the social context, the cultural significance, and historical impact of pre-modern Chinese literature. Students will discuss in classroom and present in tutorial sessions on the emotional-ideological content, social-cultural context, artistic accomplishment, and compositional skill of selected literary works. They will also conduct research on selected topics and write academic term papers.

## Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

(*Note 4*)

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)					
		a	b	с	d	e	
1. In-class assessment	10%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
2. Tutorial Presentation and Written Report	20%	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	
3. 2 Quizzes	40%	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓		
4. Term Paper	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total	100 %						

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

- 1. Instructor will assign readings to students every week. The readings include the content of each topic of this course. Students need to read them carefully and participate in classroom discussion.
- 3. Tutorial presentations are especially suited for students' presentation of their own understanding of issues arising from the lectures. They also make it easy for the teacher to evaluate their mastery of the intended learning outcomes.
- 4. The 2 quizzes are designed to assess students' understanding of basic facts related to the development of premodern Chinese literature introduced in the lectures.
- 5. The term paper is about 2000 words on a topic related to the course subject. It is designed to assess students' mastery of the main content of the course and their ability to conduct research.

# **Student Study Effort Expected**

Class contact:	
<ul> <li>Lecture</li> </ul>	26 Hrs.
■ Tutorial	13 Hrs.
Other student study effort:	
<ul> <li>Reading</li> </ul>	42 Hrs.
Writing	36 Hrs.
<ul> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>	6 Hrs.
Total student study effort	123 Hrs.

### Reading List and References

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#### Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes

Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon subject completion. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

### Note 2: Subject Synopsis/Indicative Syllabus

The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time, overcrowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

#### Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology

This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

#### Note 4: Assessment Method

This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method is intended to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.

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