### 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	CHC234P
Subject Title	Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature 中國現當代文學
Credit Value	3
Level	2
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	This course introduces a selection of widely circulated masterpieces of literary work in twentieth- and twenty-first century China. This course aims to provide new perspectives to discuss these literary pieces in relation to the concrete historical issues and simultaneously situate them in a global context. All these masterpieces embody rich and diverse historical, social and cultural components. Therefore, learning how to appreciate and analyse these literary texts will provide students with deeper understandings of modern Chinese culture and enrich their ways of experiencing the world.
Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 1)	<ul> <li>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</li> <li>a) comprehend the close relationship between these masterpieces and modern Chinese history and culture as well as the way how they responded to and participated to the trend of a particular historical period;</li> <li>b) obtain multiple perspectives on the richness and uniqueness of modern Chinese literature</li> <li>c) master the skills to analyse a series of literary works</li> <li>d) demonstrate a critical thinking ability to understand literary texts</li> </ul>
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus (Note 2)	1) Modern Chinese Literature as Part of World literature 2) Ways of Reading Lu Xun: Close Reading and Chinese Literary Modernity 3) Urban Modernity (I): Flaneur and Writings about Shanghai 4) Urban Modernity (II): The Rise of Modern Chinese Woman Writers and Their Writings about the City 5) How to Imagine the Nation: Mass Media and Rural China 6) Diaspora in the Sinophone World: Taiwan and Overseas Chinese Writers 7) Diaspora in the Sinophone World: Hong Kong

- 8) Diaspora in the Sinophone World: Malaysia
- 9) Writing an Academic Paper and Bei Dao and World Poetry
- 10) The Rise of Middle Class and Self-help Culture: Workplace Novels
- 11) Post-human Temporal and Spatial Construct: China's science fiction

# Teaching/Learning Methodology

(*Note 3*)

This course will include lectures, classroom discussions, group oral presentations as well as final paper writing. Before the class, students should complete the assigned readings, watch the films/plays, listen to the musical pieces and write down their thoughts and questions to be raised during class discussions. Lectures will provide key concepts, themes and historical/social contexts and demonstrate the ways of analyzing the texts. Moreover, the course materials are interdisciplinary and multimedia in nature and therefore, the course will provide the students with diverse experience through listening, watching, and reading and then further train the students' ability of critical thinking. Students are encouraged to find materials related to that week's subject and readings independently and share with the other students their findings, thoughts, analysis and raise questions during their oral presentations. They will have opportunities to exercise their critical thinking and voice their opinions during the tutorials. and their presentations will further diversity the students' understandings and enrich the course content as a whole.

# 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	c	d	
Mid-term and Final quiz	20 %	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	
2. In-class assessment and Oral Presentation	30%	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
3. Readings	10%	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4. Final Papers	40%	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	
Total	100 %					

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

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A mid-term and a final quiz will test students' grasp of their knowledge of the content of the subject. Oral presentations will test the students' ability to find materials independently and their skills of articulating their thoughts and analyzing the materials. A term paper will test the students' ability to incorporate what the they learn from the class and their analytical skills into the written assignments.

Final paper requirement: Write a 4-5-page paper on a topic of your choice and in consultation with the instructor. Manuscripts must be double-spaced with 12-point type and 1 inch margins and formatted for letter-size (8.5 x 11 in.) paper if possible. (or approximately 1600 words) . Your paper needs to discuss at least one primary text or film from the course while engaging relevant critical issues. Your paper must be word-processed, double-spaced, page-numbered, and spell-checked. It should have normal margins and a readable font. The quotation style follows Chicago style. You should always back up your argument with evidence from the texts through judicious use of quotations and paraphrases (keep plot summaries to a minimum and avoid lengthy quotations). You are expected to make use of the scholarly texts from the course to the best of your ability. In addition, please also include 2-3 scholarly articles to support your analysis and argument.

## Student Study Effort Expected

Class contact:			
<ul> <li>Lectures</li> </ul>	26 Hrs.		
■ Tutorials	13 Hrs.		
Other student study effort:			
■ Readings	48 Hrs.		
Writing Report	33 Hrs.		
Total student study effort	120 Hrs.		

## Reading List and References

#### Part I. Reference on General Studies

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- 4. 李海燕:《心靈革命:現代中國的愛情譜系》,北京:北京 大學出版社,2018.
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- 6. 李歐梵:《鐵屋中的吶喊》,杭州:浙江大學出版社, 2016.
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- 8. 凌宇:《從邊城走向世界:對作為文學家的沈從文的研究》。北京:三聯書店,1985。
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- 20. 楊小濱:《中國後現代:先鋒小說中的精神創傷與反諷》。上海:上海三聯書店,2013。
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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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