

## Subject Description Form

<b>Subject Code</b>	CHC4241P
<b>Subject Title</b>	Chinese Traditional Theatre and Performing Arts 中國傳統舞臺及表演藝術
<b>Credit Value</b>	3
<b>Level</b>	4
<b>Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	Nil
<b>Objectives</b>	The subject aims at introducing Chinese traditional theatre represented by the oldest Kun and Peking Operas, as well as those relatively young genres such as the Cantonese and Shanghai Opera. Other performing arts on stage will be also introduced to correct inaccurate, biased views of Chinese traditional theatre and other performing arts that students may have. The study and appreciation of Chinese traditional theatre and performing will provide significant help to students in their understanding of the richness and beauty of Chinese culture.
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) appreciate the beauty and the uniqueness of various performing arts represented by operas and the chanting and singing in Chinese music;</li> <li>b) understand the role of theatre in Chinese performance arts and Chinese popular culture;</li> <li>c) examine in depth the relationship between Chinese music, Chinese society and Chinese literature and other performing arts; and</li> <li>d) develop a sense of national and local identity through the appreciation of Chinese performance arts.</li> </ul>
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Varieties of Chinese Theatre</li> <li>2) Historical Storytelling and Chanting Arts</li> <li>3) Kun Opera &amp; Peking Opera</li> <li>4) Shanghai and Szechuan Opera</li> <li>5) Cantonese Opera</li> <li>6) Storytelling in Soochow Dialect in String</li> <li>7) Storytelling in Shantung Dialect with Drum</li> <li>8) Performers and their Histories</li> </ol>

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<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	<p>The lectures introduces key concepts of Chinese performing arts, aided by the showing of videos of Chinese operas and other types of Chinese performing arts. Students are required to form groups to make an oral presentation on assigned topics during tutorials. Consultations are provided by the instructor to help the students understand the subject matter in general, and prepare their presentations in particular. Students are also required to read selected articles recommended by the instructor. Study tours to different types of theatres inside and outside Hong Kong will be also organized.</p>																																												
<b>Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<table border="1" data-bbox="480 692 1426 1442"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="480 692 783 904" rowspan="2">Specific assessment methods/tasks</th> <th data-bbox="783 692 943 904" rowspan="2">% weighting</th> <th colspan="4" data-bbox="943 692 1426 837">Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="943 837 1062 904">a</th> <th data-bbox="1062 837 1182 904">b</th> <th data-bbox="1182 837 1302 904">c</th> <th data-bbox="1302 837 1426 904">d</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 904 783 1016">1. Two Short Quizzes</td> <td data-bbox="783 904 943 1016">25%</td> <td data-bbox="943 904 1062 1016">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1062 904 1182 1016">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1182 904 1302 1016">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1302 904 1426 1016">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1016 783 1151">2. Oral Presentation/Class Discussion</td> <td data-bbox="783 1016 943 1151">25%</td> <td data-bbox="943 1016 1062 1151">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1062 1016 1182 1151">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1016 1302 1151">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1302 1016 1426 1151">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1151 783 1285">3. Final Paper (includes outline and draft)</td> <td data-bbox="783 1151 943 1285">40%</td> <td data-bbox="943 1151 1062 1285">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1062 1151 1182 1285">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1151 1302 1285">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1302 1151 1426 1285">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1285 783 1375">4. Attendance</td> <td data-bbox="783 1285 943 1375">10%</td> <td data-bbox="943 1285 1062 1375">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1062 1285 1182 1375">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1285 1302 1375">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1302 1285 1426 1375">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1375 783 1442">Total</td> <td data-bbox="783 1375 943 1442">100%</td> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="943 1375 1426 1442"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="480 1487 1426 1565">Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p data-bbox="480 1576 1426 1845">The two quizzes are designed to measure the students' attainments of intended learning outcomes (a), (b) and (c), which measure students' overall understanding of the special features and uniqueness of various performing arts represented by different operas, and the chanting and singing of songs. For example, students should know the basic difference between the Kun opera and Peking opera, and the role of theatre in Chinese performance arts and Chinese popular culture.</p> <p data-bbox="480 1856 1426 1960">Second, the assigned research project is designed to assess the students' capability in the intended learning outcome (e) that requires good communication and writing skills. Such an assignment can help assessing</p>					Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)				a	b	c	d	1. Two Short Quizzes	25%	✓	✓	✓	✓	2. Oral Presentation/Class Discussion	25%	✓	✓	✓	✓	3. Final Paper (includes outline and draft)	40%	✓	✓	✓	✓	4. Attendance	10%	✓	✓	✓	✓	Total	100%				
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	<p>students' ability in working on a guided-research project, the findings of which will first be presented orally and then in a standard academic report.</p> <p>Both the quizzes and the research projects are designed to develop a sense of national identity among the students stated in the intended learning outcome (d). Good reports are those which critically examine the questions raised by scholars and laymen such as the future and prospect of traditional Chinese performance arts. Furthermore, the presentations on local operas such as Cantonese opera will certainly help develop a sense of national and local identity among our students.</p>	
<b>Student Study Effort Expected</b>	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lectures</li> </ul>	26 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tutorials</li> </ul>	13 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Readings</li> </ul>	45 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Writings</li> </ul>	30 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Performance Appreciation</li> </ul>	6 Hrs
	Total student study effort	120 Hrs.

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