EAC 414 (7094)
Classical Chinese I
Spring 2018

Meets TTH 5:45 - 7:05 p.m. in Social Sciences 133.

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Introduction to the literary Chinese language and classical Chinese culture through readings of simple texts selected from early classics, including the Zhuangzi and Records of the Grand Historian.

**Prerequisite: A EAC 202 OR permission of the instructor.**

**Required Text available for purchase at the campus bookstore:**


**Other Course Material:**

Other course materials will be available through the University’s Blackboard System.

**Recommended Dictionary:**


**Requirements:**

Attendance is required at all classes:
- Four Periodic Examinations: 80% (20% each)
- Class Participation: 20%
Course Goals
This is a language course that focuses on three skills:

1. The ability to read and understand introductory texts in Classical Chinese (also known as Literary Chinese).
2. The ability to analyze the grammar and usage of the classical language.
3. The ability to translate these materials into effective Modern English.

We will be reading and translating texts in class. I expect that you will come to class prepared, having worked through the material for the day BEFORE class. You must also bring the textbook to class every day. **If you come to class without a hard copy of the book, you will be counted as absent for that day.**

Requirements of Class Participation and Classroom Decorum:
Participation in classroom activities is an important requirement of the course. To demonstrate your engagement, you must conform to the following ground rules:

1. Arrive on time.
2. Refrain from leaving the room once class has begun, except in unavoidable emergencies.
3. Actively participate in class exercises and conversations.
4. Remove earphones and ear buds from your ears.
5. No computers, tablets, or phones are to be used during class unless specifically required.

Grading policies:
Please note the following policies:
1. Letter grades are assigned according to the following scale: A=93-100, A-=90-92, B+=87-89, B=83-86, B-=80-82, C+=77-79, C=73-76, C-=70-72, D+=67-69, D=63-66, D-=60-62, E=less than 60. Work never turned in counts as a zero (0).
2. I do not give make-up quizzes or extensions unless you have an acceptable and documented excuse. Absences are only excused for legitimate reasons (e.g. religious observance, illness, family emergency). The final periodic examination is set for the official final examination date set by the University, and I cannot arbitrarily change it. **DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS TO LEAVE ALBANY BEFORE THE END OF THE EXAMINATION ON MAY 15.**
3. I will not consider requests for incompletes without a clearly documented and acceptable reason.
4. I do not tolerate cheating in any form. Copying the work of other students for either homework or on examinations is grounds for receiving a failing grade for the course.

Class Process:
To prepare each lesson, you should do the following:

1. Read the lesson’s grammatical explanation.
2. Learn the vocabulary.
3. Work through the lesson’s main text and be prepared to translate it into English in class.
4. Prepare the lesson’s exercises for presentation in class.
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