

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **Represented Works in Pre-Modern Chinese Literature**

**Course Number and Section:**

CHINESE

2242F 550

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### Course Description:

This course offers a comprehensive survey of representative works in pre-modern Chinese literature, spanning from the twelfth century BCE to the eighteenth century. We will examine a rich array of genres—including poetry, drama, and fictional prose—within their evolving socio-historical contexts. By approaching traditional Chinese literature as a dynamic cultural phenomenon, the course will highlight the aesthetic values embedded in these texts, with particular emphasis on their cultural foundations and ideological significance. Students will gain insight into how literature both reflected and shaped the intellectual currents of its time. Special attention will be given to the development of the Chinese language, tracing its transformation from classical forms to vernacular expressions. This course is taught in Chinese. All texts will be read in Chinese and all class activities will be conducted in Chinese.

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to

1. gain an overview of Chinese literary history;
2. develop basic skills for analyzing classical Chinese literary works;
3. have a general understanding of traditional Chinese culture.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Reading materials will be on OWL Brightspace and there will be no cost for textbooks.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance		10%
Participation		10%
Pop Quizzes		5%

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In-class Exercises		10%
Midterm exam	10/15/25	20%
Argument Outline	11/26/25	5%
Essay	12/03/25	40%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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