The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

**Subject Description Form**

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<td>Introduction to Chinese Literature</td>
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**Objectives**

The subject aims to introduce, from the universal perspective of aesthetics and literature theories, the characteristics of Chinese literature. The students will be orientated towards the essence of both classical and modern Chinese literature, in terms of literary form, style, aesthetic point of view, and approach of appreciation. By the end of training, they are expected to have acquired a comprehensive understanding as well as the ability to read and appreciate representative works in both classical and modern Chinese literature, an enhancement of view broadening which will benefit their learning in other areas.

**Intended Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:

(a) have a comprehensive understanding of Chinese literature (both classical and modern) in terms of form, style, aesthetic point of view;

(b) appreciate the characteristics, value and beauty of Chinese literature from the perspective of representation of arts;

(c) apply the training from this subject to one’s daily life and/or to other areas of study.

**Subject Synopsis/Indicative Syllabus**

1. The meaning and beauty of literary works in human culture
2. The form of literary works in Chinese literature (both classical and modern)
   - the development and structure of Chinese poetry
   - the development and structure of Chinese prose
   - the development and structure of Chinese opera/drama
   - the development and structure of Chinese fiction
3. The style and beauty of Chinese literature (both classical and modern)
   - the style of being graceful and restraint
   - the style of being bold and unconstrained
   - the style of expressing the sense of ease
   - the style of being couched in ambiguous terms
4. The spirit of Chinese literature: humanism, naturalism, and socialism

(Note 1)

(Note 2)
### Teaching/Learning Methodology

(Note 3)

In addition to face-to-face lectures, and in-class discussion, interactions through computer aided devices will be used. Students will be given assignments that they are asked to read and analysis original literary works for underlying concepts and in-depth thinking and reflections.

### Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

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<td>1. Quiz (for assessing CR)</td>
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<td>2. Analysis of literary works</td>
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<td>3. Term paper/Book Report</td>
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Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

To achieve the objectives of the course, reading of literary works is essential, which is a preparation for the second step of analyzing original works. The students will then be asked to write a term paper of around 3000 words to demonstrate what they have learned from the course.

### Student Study Effort Expected

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Other student study effort:

| Reading related materials | 30 Hrs. |
| Written assignment        | 40 Hrs. |

Total student study effort: 112 Hrs.

### Reading List and References

劉若愚著，2006.2。《中國文學理論》。江蘇教育出版社。
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**Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes**
Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. 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 over-crowding 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 purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.