

# YHU2212 Introduction to Classical Chinese (language)



## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the basic particles and grammatical structure of the classical Chinese language 古代漢語 (a.k.a. literary Chinese 文言文) through the close reading of early Chinese texts. **No prior knowledge of classical Chinese is required.**

*5 Modular Credits*

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Introduction to Classical Chinese is for students with at least of modern Chinese or native equivalency who have little or exposure to the classical Chinese language, the language in pre-modern China were written.

The course aims to introduce students to the basic particles and structure of classical Chinese, and through the close reading of pre- and early-imperial periods, students will also learn such recognizing syntactic parallelism, the art of reading in context, understanding rhetorical structures. Most of the texts will be philosophical and historical works of the Warring States and but students will also learn the literary conventions of Tang and end of the course, students will have learned all the basics of prepared to take more advanced coursework involving the modern Chinese texts.



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## PREREQUISITES

**Two years of modern Chinese or native equivalency**



## TIMETABLE and LOCATIONS

4 hours per week as follows:

**Tuesdays 9:00–10:00 (TP-SR5) &  
12:45–2:15 (YNC-TR2)  
and  
Thursdays 4:15–5:45 (YNC-SR5)**

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