

# **PAAS 418: Classical Chinese Prose**

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This course is a training in skills of reading Classical Chinese prose through intensive study of selected literary texts ranging from pre-Han to Song (i.e. from the ancient times through 1279 CE). The texts will be analyzed line by line to unravel the key features of grammar, syntax and usage of literary Chinese. Along with intensive reading, lectures and exercises will be focused on literary Chinese characters and words, sentence patterns and structures, textual devices, genres, rhetoric, relevant cultural knowledge, forms of the traditional Chinese book, commentarial styles, and punctuation.