PAAS 353 A02: Survey of Classical Chinese Literature

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Prerequisites: For non-native speakers, one of PAAS 211 with a minimum grade of B, PAAS 318 with a minimum grade of B, CHIN 249B with a minimum grade of B; or permission of the department. Open to native speakers without prerequisite.

Required Readings: Reading materials will be provided by the instructor through email.

Recommended Texts:

4. 刘大杰. 《中国文学发展史》 (上中下). 上海: 复旦大学出版社, 1996. The textbook can be found in ChinaMaxx database at UVic Library.

Course Description:

This course introduces major topics and masterpieces in classical Chinese literature ranging from earliest times to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). Genres covered the major poetic forms including shi 詩, ci 詞 (lyric), and qu 曲 (drama), literary theory, fiction, prose works, and historical and philosophical writing. Readings are taken from literary texts of periods from earliest times to Late Imperial China.

Evaluation:

Attendance & Participation: 10%
Mid-term Exam 1: 30%
Mid-term Exam 2: 30%
Final Exam: 30%