PAAS 353 A02: Survey of Classical Chinese Literature

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.

這門課是談《詩經》《楚辭》到王維,李白、杜甫;從詩歌到宋詞;從唐傳奇到《水滸傳》《儒林外史》《紅樓夢》到《兒女英雄傳》;從柳永、歐陽修、蘇軾、李清照、陸遊,辛棄疾,到納蘭性德。我們跟著這些詩人細細品味這些作品,走訪古代中國,進入詩人的文學心靈。

Readings: No specific reading textbooks required. Reading materials will be provided by the instructor through email.

Grading: Three in-class written exams.