Module Listing

CH5209 Topics in Rhetoric
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module is an in-depth study of selected topics in Chinese rhetoric such as the revival of rhetoric in recent decades, new rhetorical devices and stylistic features, contrastive rhetoric, rhetoric and grammar, the variety of vernacular Chinese, style as choice and deviation, history of Chinese rhetoric, etc. It is introduced for students who are pursuing the M.A. or Ph.D. programmes in Chinese literature or Chinese language. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5210 Chinese Lexical Semantics
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or completed 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This course is designed to give graduate students advanced training in current theories and methods in Lexical Semantics. It systematically introduces classical contents of Semantics Description as well as more recent approaches, especially Frame Semantics, Cognitive Semantics and Construction Grammar. Also covered are some of the research topics in Chinese lexical semantics. Students will be exposed to readings, discussions and demonstrations of methods and expected to do original research, the results of which are to be presented orally and in a research paper. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5211 Seminar In Chinese Pragmatics
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module is an advanced linguistics study of Pragmatics designed to give graduate students an in-depth understanding of current theories in Pragmatics. Students will be trained to critically assess these theories with respect to the Chinese language. They are expected to do original research with natural data in preparation for a research paper. The major topics covered are Chinese references and deixis in written and spoken texts, Cooperative Principle with regard to spoken Chinese Speech acts, as well as its applications to Chinese conversations, and critical analysis of the politeness theories on the Chinese language. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5212 Theories in Phonology
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or completed 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
In this module, students will be exposed to different phonological frameworks (such as Sound Pattern of English and Optimality Theory) and the various phenomena that motivate them. Using this as a stepping stone, this module pursues phonological issues from the perspective of Chinese languages. Students may expect to learn the merits and shortcoming of various theories and their applicability to Chinese languages as well as to other languages. This module seeks to equip students with the ability to develop and evaluate phonological analyses. This module is taught in Chinese.
CH5213 Cognitive Linguistics & Chinese Language
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): CH6201 - for students admitted before Academic Year 2005/2006 for cohorts 2005 and before.
Cross-listing(s): Nil
By using the updated theoretical framework of cognitive linguistics, this module will provide students with a systematic knowledge of Chinese language and the latest development of Chinese linguistics. The topics include the most important issues in Chinese grammar and lexicon with an emphasis of the comparison between Chinese and English. The phenomena range from Modern Chinese, Classical Chinese, Chinese dialects as well as foreign languages. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5222 Topics in Modern Chinese Literature
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or completed 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module stimulates critical thinking on important issues concerning modern Chinese literature such as the question of modernity, the impact of the May-Fourth Movement, what actually constitutes the so-called realism and romanticism, and the personality and complex reflected in the fiction of Lu Xun, Shen Congwen, Lao She, Qian Zhongshu, etc. The course is designed for graduate students with an interest in modern Chinese literature. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5223 Selected Authors
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module focuses on one or two selected authors of modern and/or classical Chinese literature such as Qu Yuan, Tao Qian, Han Yu, Su Shi, Guan Hanqing, Cao Xueqin, Lu Xun, Mao Dun, Shen Congwen and others. The course is structured for graduate students who are interested in acquiring an in-depth understanding of Chinese literature. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5224 Prescribed Texts in Literature
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module is a comprehensive study of one or two texts in classical and/or modern Chinese literature not covered under CH5223 such as Shijing (Book of Songs), Chuci (The Songs of the South), Zuo zhuan, Shiji (The Historical Records), the Book of Zhuang ZI, the Book of Xun ZI, Wenzin diaolong (The Literary Mind and The Carving of Dragons), the poetry of Du Fu and major works of the Chinese novel. Significant chapters of the texts are selected for intensive reading and close analysis. The course is provided for graduate students with an interest in studying Chinese literature at an advanced level. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5225 Topics in SE Asian Chinese Literature
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of
The objective of this module is to underscore the uniqueness of Chinese literature in Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia. It explores a wide range of topics including the identity problem and its expression, the status of Chinese literature, the strength and weakness of the works of major writers etc, all under the magnifying glass of comparative study. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5242 Selected Texts in Chinese Historiography
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module examines one or two important historiographical works from traditional or contemporary China. Significant chapters of the texts will be selected for intensive reading and close analysis. Contemporary scholarship and sinological writings on the works will also be examined. This course is offered to graduate students with adequate knowledge of the history of China. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5244 Topics on History of Modern China
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module is an in-depth study of selected topics of momentous importance in the history of modern China from a variety of approaches. Topics may include urban culture, popular protests, social movements, new cultural movements, political ideology, film industry, women's history, leadership, migration, historical theories, Western-centred and China-centred interpretations of modern Chinese history, and others. This course is offered to graduate students with adequate knowledge of modern Chinese history. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH5660 Independent Study
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-0-0-0-10
Prerequisite(s): Nil
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
Independent research plays an important role in graduate education. The Independent Study module is designed to enable the student to explore an approved topic in Economics in depth. The student should approach a lecturer to work out an agreed topic, readings, and assignments for the module. A formal, written agreement is to be drawn up, giving a clear account of the topic, programme of study, assignments, evaluation, and other pertinent details. Head's and/or Graduate Coordinator's approval of the written agreement is required. Regular meetings and reports are expected. Evaluation is based on 100% Continuous Assessment and must be worked out between the student and the lecturer prior to seeking departmental approval.

CH5880 Topics in Applied Chinese Linguistics
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Nil
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module applies the knowledge of Chinese language and linguistics to interdisciplinary areas such as language in society, language in communication, language in education, language and psychology, second language acquisition etc.

**CH6201 Topics in Chinese Linguistics**
Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

This module is designed to provide students with knowledge of the marked properties of the Chinese language. It is an intensive study of selected topics in Chinese linguistics, such as phonology, grammar, semantics, rhetoric, lexicology, dialectology, etc. Textual criticism, the Chinese script as well as the relationship between literature and linguistics will also be covered. This course will enhance students’ ability to analyse Chinese language at various levels, and their general proficiency of the language. Target students may be those graduate students in the Department who have an interest in Chinese linguistics. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6202 Universal Principles and Chinese Grammar**
Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

It is generally believed that the system of grammatical rules in a particular language is derived by the application of universally applicable grammatical principles in interaction with language-particular morphological and lexical properties. From this perspective, this module is designed to explore a set of important phenomena observed in the Chinese grammar and to work out with students on how those phenomena can be derived. Students are expected to acquire the knowledge of the universal grammatical principles and to be able to analyse Chinese grammatical phenomena from the perspective of the so-called Universal Grammar. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6221 Topics in Classical Chinese Literature**
Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

This module analyses thematically selected topics in classical Chinese literature from traditional China including myths and legends, historical and philosophical prose, shi and ci poetry, drama and performance, and full-length novels. Critical reading and research skills are emphasised, exposing students to various analytical perspectives. This course is specially tailored for graduate students who are interested in traditional Sinology. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6226 Chinese Literary Theories and Movements**
Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

This module examines critically some of the major literary theories and critical movements in Chinese literary history past or present. It aims to provide students with a critical apparatus to examine and critique Chinese literary works and Chinese literary history on their own terms. The content of this course covers major literary
works and theories as well as socio-historical context in which both texts and theories were produced. The course is designed for students with a strong interest in Chinese literature and culture. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6227 Culture and Society Through Literature**

Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

Interdisciplinary in nature, this module is designed to examine, through case studies, the intricate and multifaceted relationships among writers, literary works, and a mesh of cultural variables including printing, textual transmission, performance, entertainment, education, politics and popular religion. The focus of the module is thematic and is not restricted to any particular period or region. This module is offered to graduate students with adequate knowledge of Chinese literature. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6241 Topics in Chinese History**

Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

This module studies selected topics in Chinese history such as Chinese historiography, cultural history of China, intellectuals and politics, dynasty history social and economic history, the traditional legal system, political thought, or any selected combination of these topics. Case studies with reference to a selected dynasty will be conducted. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6243 Seminar in SE Asian Chinese Studies**

Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

This module is a seminar in Southeast Asian Chinese Studies with particular reference to the Chinese in Colonial Malaya and Singapore. Topics and issues for discussion and analysis include Chinese immigration, Chinese associations and leadership, Chinese education and culture, women’s history, nationalism and popular movements, ethnic Chinese and nation-building, triangle relationship among the Colonial government, Chinese consuls and Chinese communities, and theory and methodology in Southeast Asian Chinese studies. This seminar targets at graduate students with general knowledge in Southeast Asian history and/or modern Chinese history. This module is taught in Chinese.

**CH6245 Culture and Society in Chinese History**

Modular Credits: 4  
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5  
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.  
Preclusion(s): Nil  
Cross-listing(s): Nil

The module is designed for M.A./Ph.D. students in the Department and is a close, cross-sectional study of the development of Chinese society and culture in its various aspects over a given historical time span. It focuses on how different dimensions of an evolving culture were shaped and tied together into an organic whole. Topics vary from year to year depending on the lecturer’s interests. A good reading knowledge of classical Chinese and English is required for study of selected problems through seminar discussions, group presentations and project works. This module is taught in Chinese.
CH6246 Chinese History and Historians
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module introduces students to the mechanisms of history writing. Students will examine how historians and their milieu mutually act on each other; how history can shape the visions of historians and how historians perceive and mould history as we know it. The module will broaden their horizons in a number of related fields of study, including traditional China, modern China, and philosophy of history. This course is offered to graduate students with adequate knowledge of Chinese history. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH6248 Studies in Sino-S.E. Asian Interactions
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module critically examines patterns and characteristics of socio-cultural interactions between China and Southeast Asia, focusing on the post-1945 era. It aims at providing students with critical capacities to analyse the changing configurations of contemporary Asia and their historical precedents. Topics include cultural exchanges; Chinese new immigrants; transnational networks; the infusions of ideas about modernity and political transformation; literary influence of China and construction of new cultural/political identities; and the role of ethnic Chinese in Sino-S.E. Asian diplomatic and economic relations. Target students are those interested in modern Asia and ethnic Chinese in the region. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH6251 Topics in Chinese Philosophy
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This thematic module covers in detail selected topics in Chinese philosophy such as pre-Qin Confucianism, Wei-Jin Taoist philosophy, Buddhist philosophy, Neo-Confucianism, Chinese thought over the last three hundred years (1610-1927), or any selected combination of these topics. Special seminars on selected texts such as the Confucian Analects may also be offered. Critical reading and research skills are emphasised. This course is specially tailored for graduate students who are interested in traditional Sinology. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH6252 Intellectual Landscapes in Pre-Qin China
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Admission to a graduate programme in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department.
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module is an advanced study in Chinese philosophy, focusing on textual analysis and conceptual investigation of different schools of thought in the pre-Qin period. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic interrelationships among various doctrines in this period. Critical reading and research skills are emphasised. This course is specially tailored for graduate students who are interested in traditional Sinology. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH6261 Chinese Studies in the West
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This module is designed to introduce students to Western scholarship on Chinese studies by way of examining representative works from various disciplines within Chinese studies, including literary studies, historical studies, philosophy and religion. Emphasis is placed on critiquing the methodological assumptions, the handling of primary and secondary sources, interpretive strategies as well as the writing style in the chosen samples. The course may be team-taught by instructors from a variety of disciplines in Chinese studies. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH6262 Independent Study in Chinese Studies
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-0-0-0-10
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This independent-study module requires students to work on a research project related to their field and present their findings in a seminar toward the end of the course. It aims at providing students with critical analytical and writing abilities for topics closely related to their field of dissertations. Choice of topics and plan of study are to be finalised with their supervisors’ approval. Regular consultation with supervisors throughout the course is required. Permission by the Department to read this module is necessary.

CH6263 Translation: Formal, Cultural, Political
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
Translation, as a process of cross-boundary communication, can be explored from many different perspectives: formal, cultural, and political (among others). Major topics to be covered in this module include the misunderstandings of translation, the problems of formal complexity and incompatibility, translating culture, foreignization versus domestication, the politics of translation, translating as a means of generating or solving (international) political problems, translation and ideology, etc. In each semester, a special set of topics will be focused on according to the particular interest and needs of the class of students. This module is taught in Chinese.

CH6770 Graduate Research Seminar
Modular Credits: 4
Workload: 0-3-0-2-5
Prerequisite(s): Graduate Students in Chinese Studies, or 120 MCs (or equivalent) and permission of Department
Preclusion(s): Nil
Cross-listing(s): Nil
This is a required module for all research Masters and Ph.D. students admitted since AY2004/05. It provides a forum for students to engage critically in discussion of their current research projects. Presentations by faculty on research ethics and dissertation writing may be included. Each student is required to present a formal research paper. Active participation in all research presentations is expected. The module may be spread over two semesters and will be graded “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory” on the basis of student presentation and participation. The seminar is conducted in Chinese.