

Division of Humanities
Course Syllabus

Course Code: HUMA 5170
Course Title: Chinese Historical Lexicology [C][PU]
Course Offered in: Spring 2017
Course Instructor: Professor Jingtao Sun

Course Description: This course provides a theoretical and practical introduction to Chinese historical lexicology, dealing with various issues of Chinese words including word formation, semantic structures and sense relations of words, x-bar analysis of Chinese words, lexicalization, cultural component of words, and lexical variation among dialects of Chinese.

Course Outline:

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| 第一單元 | 字、詞、詞組 Zi, word and word group |
| 第二單元 | 構詞和造詞 Word structure and word formation |
| 第三單元 | 詞義 Lexical meaning |
| 第四單元 | 詞彙的發展和演變 Lexical development and change |
| 第五單元 | 詞彙化 Lexicalization |
| 第六單元 | 音義關係 Relationship between sound and meaning |
| 第七單元 | 詞彙與文化 Word and culture |

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Discussion and presentation: 20%
One term paper: 80%

Three samples of readings:

蔣紹愚 1989: 《古漢語詞彙綱要》，北京:北京大學出版社。

王洪君 2011. 《基於單字的現代漢語詞法研究》，北京：商務印書館。

Packard, Jerome. 2000: *The Morphology of Chinese: A Linguistic and Cognitive Approach*, Cambridge, U.K. ; New York, NY, USA : Cambridge University Press.
Reprinted in Beijing: Foreign Language and Research Press and Cambridge University Press, 2001.

On completion of this course, students will:

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- 1) be familiar with the fundamentals of Chinese historical lexicology;
- 2) be able to distinguish these basic concept pairs including zi (Chinese character) and word, word syllable and structural word, lexical meaning and grammatical meaning, and word structure and word formation;
- 3) have an overall understanding of Chinese word development over history;
- 4) be equipped with new approaches and methodologies including sememic analysis, prosodic approach to Chinese words and x-b analysis of Chinese words;
- 5) be familiar with the methods adopted by traditional scholars in this field.