

**Division of Humanities
Final Course Syllabus**

Course Code: HUMA 1030
Course Title: Structure of the Chinese Language [C]
Course Offered in: Fall 2018
Course Instructor: Dr. Dechao Li

Course Description: This course introduces basic concepts in linguistics such as consonant, vowel, morpheme, concepts which help students to describe and analyze the structure of the Chinese language, with emphasis on sounds and grammar. Moreover, similarities and differences among major Chinese dialects such as Mandarin, Yue, Min, Hakka, Wu, etc, and between Chinese and other languages will be highlighted. Furthermore, characteristics of the non-Han languages spoken in the neighboring areas will be compared with those of the Chinese dialects in order to highlight the bi-directional influences between Chinese and the non-Han languages, influences which help shape these languages.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

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1	Use the basic concepts to describe and analyze the structure of Chinese dialects
2	Articulate the differences among Chinese dialects and among languages
3	Articulate the complexity of the linguistic situation in China

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Course Outline:

- Part I: Introduction
- Part II: Chinese phonology
1. Speech sounds and tones
 2. Romanization systems
 3. Syllable structure
- Part III: Chinese morphology
1. Morpheme and word
 2. Word-formation processes
- Part IV: Chinese syntax
1. Word classes
 2. Word order and sentence analysis
- Part V: Language and dialect
1. Defining language and dialect
 2. Defining the Chinese language
 3. Comparison between Chinese and other non-Han languages
- Part VI: Language evolution and cultural topics
1. Brief evolution of Chinese
 2. Chinese writing system
 3. The influence of Chinese language to its culture

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Assignments (2 times):	20%
In-class quizzes (5 times):	30%
Final Exam:	50%

Three samples of readings:

Sun Hongkai, Hu Zengyi, Huang Xing (eds.) 孫宏開、胡增益、黃行主編. 2007. *Zhongguo de yuyan* 中國的語言. Beijing: Shangwu yinshuguan. [PL 1071. Z43628 2007]

Bauer S. Robert and Paul K. Benedict. 1997. *Modern Cantonese Phonology*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [PL 1739. B38 1997]

Yuan Jiahua et al. 袁家驊等. 1989. *Hanyu fanyan gaiyao* 漢語方言概要. Beijing: Wenzhi gaige chubanshe. [PL 1510. H35 1989]