

Division of Humanities
Tentative Course Syllabus

Course Code: HUMA 5170
Course Title: Chinese Historical Lexicology [C][PU]
Course Offered in: Fall 2025
Course Instructor: Dr. Dechao Li

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:

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	古文字與詞義研究 Paleography and word meaning research
第五單元	詞彙的發展和演變 Lexical development and change
第六單元	詞彙化 Lexicalization
第七單元	音義關係 Relationship between sound and meaning
第八單元	詞彙與文化 Word and culture

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Discussion, presentation, quiz: 20%
One term paper: 80%

Samples of readings:

蔣紹愚 1989:《古漢語詞彙綱要》，北京:北京大學出版社。

董秀芳 2011《詞彙化：漢語雙音詞的衍生和發展》（修訂），北京：商務印書館。

裘錫圭. 1988.《文字學概要》，北京：商務印書館。重印於臺北：萬卷樓圖書公司，1994。修訂本
由北京商務印書館出版於 2013 年。

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.