

The only true wisdom is in
knowing you know nothing.

- Socrates



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History of Classical Chinese Literature (Pre-Qin to the Five Dynasties)

This course trains students in the acquisition of basic knowledge of the development of Chinese literary history from the Pre-Qin Period to the Five Dynasties Period and develops students' historical insights.

Reading the Past Through the Eyes of Today

Engaging in literature takes us on a journey of understanding how society evolves through time. While thoughts and thinkings change, some values and insights in ancient literary works still speak to us today. Students of the course will act as literary tour guides for secondary school students in Tuen Mun, imparting historical insights and literary knowledge to our next generation, and giving guidance on the compulsory classical Chinese texts in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) syllabus.

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Did You Know?

The HKDSE first came into effect in 2012. Since 2015, students sitting for the Chinese examination were tested on 12 prescribed classical Chinese texts. Dubbed the "paper of death", the Chinese examination is often regarded a major obstacle for those who wish to enter university.