

Online Summer Course: Introduction to Chinese Poetry (KUKA-AA214)

This summer course is primarily for students with intermediate-level of Chinese skills to learn about basics of classical and modern Chinese poetry and to experience poetry recitation. Maximum 40 students will be admitted to this course. Priorities will be given to

-Students with intermediate-level Chinese ability in KUKA programme at the University of Helsinki

-Students with intermediate-level Chinese ability in Confucius Institute/Language Center at the University of Helsinki

-High school students and above with intermediate-level Chinese ability in Finland

This course will begin with introductory lessons on classical and modern Chinese poetry. Topics to be covered include main features of the poetry, major poets and poems, and historical contexts of their creation. Students will get to practice recitation of the poems with Chinese language teachers for several times. In the end of the course, there will be a poem recitation event and best performers will get prizes for their performance.

Meeting time

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in May 2021.

Formats

Zoom (links to be announced later)

Learning materials, such as powerpoint will be placed on moodle.

Credits

5 ETC

Teachers:

Julie Yu-Wen CHEN, Professor, University of Helsinki

LI Maosen, Professor, University of Helsinki & Renmin University of China

Tero Tähtinen, PhD Candidate, Tampere University

ZHAO Xiufen, Lecturer, University of Helsinki

CHENG Xue, Lecturer, University of Helsinki

HOU Donghai, Lecturer, University of Helsinki

LING Min, Lecturer, University of Helsinki

Coordinator: Mariliina Räsänen

Schedule

Dates	Themes and Activities
Mon 10.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the summer course (by Julie Yu-Wen Chen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • syllabus • teachers • create teams for recitation practices • getting to know each other • any other questions • Introduction to modern Chinese poetry (by Julie Yu-Wen Chen)
Wed 12.05 13:00-16:00 (Breaks in between)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the poetics of classical Chinese poetry (by Tero Tähtinen) • The concepts of 'landscape' (山水) and 'nature' (自然) in Chinese aesthetics • The teacher explains the 5-6 poems he picks for recitation practice
Fri 14.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reciting Practices and Rehearsal (I) (with teachers Zhao, Cheng, Hou & Ling) <p>Students will be divided into four teams. Each team will be led by a lecturer in Chinese language to learn how to read and recite the poems correctly.</p>
Mon 17.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief history of Chinese poetry (by Tero Tähtinen)
Wed 19.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheng Chou-Yu, the poet (by Julie Yu-Wen Chen) • The teacher explains the 5-6 poems she picks for recitation practice
Fri 21.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reciting Practices and Rehearsal (II) (with teachers Zhao, Cheng, Hou & Ling)
Mon 24.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reciting Practices and Rehearsal (III) (with teachers Zhao, Cheng, Hou & Ling)
Wed 26.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reciting Practices and Rehearsal (IV) (with teachers Zhao, Cheng, Hou & Ling)
Fri 28.05 13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Poetry Recitation: Final Presentation <p>Rules to be added later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graders: Professor Li Maosen and teachers Zhao, Cheng, Hou & Ling • Course feedback and conclusion

Assessment

Assessed Item	Based on individual or group performance	Percentage
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Recitation Competition	Team	50
Learning Journal	Individual	50

Learning Journal

Please write a 700 word reflections on whatever you have learned during this course. Submit the learning journal to Professor LI Maosen (maosen.li@helsinki.fi) by June 1, 5 PM Helsinki Time.

Registration

University of Helsinki students register in weboodi, non-students register via e-form:

<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/110884/lomakkeet.html>