

In addition to daily readings and translations there will be periodic written homework exercises, periodic short quizzes and tests and individual oral reports on selected topics.

Students taking the course for graduate credit will deliver an oral presentation based on extensive individual research and will be assigned a substantive final research paper based on an original translation.

Quizzes:

Quizzes and tests may include previously assigned translations, new translations, analysis of grammar and vocabulary. You can best study for quizzes by reviewing your prepared translations and class notes. Be sure that you are able to justify your translation choices. There will be no make up quizzes or tests.

Oral Reports:

Oral reports provide in depth coverage of various topics covered in class and encourage discussion of a range of linguistic, literary and historical issues. Students will choose a topic in consultation with the instructor, will read and study supplementary materials and will present their findings to the class.

Textbook:

The textbook for this course is Harold Shadick's *A First Course in Literary Chinese*. Volumes one and two are available at Off Campus Books. Pertinent sections of volume three can be found in the mail library reserves. Additional reading materials and homework exercises will be distributed in class.

Dictionaries:

The textbook includes an extensive glossary (volume two) and initially you will not need to have a dictionary in order to prepare for class. As we progress, however, you may at times find a dictionary useful. I have placed a few dictionaries on reserve in the main library.

Attendance:

Regular attendance in class and regular preparation are an integral part of the final grade determination. More than two absences will result in a deduction of points (five points per day) from the class performance grade.

University Honor Code and Academic Honesty Policy:

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." All students are responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

Grading:

Final grades are calculated according to the following percentages:

Class Performance: 40%

Homework and Oral Assignments: 30%

Written Quizzes and Tests: 30%

Questions and Comments:

Feel free to discuss any questions, comments or problems with me.

This course syllabus is a general plan and may be subject to change.