The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

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Objectives

This subject will explore the rich world of Chinese art and design of the pre-modern era. Examining a variety of art forms such as bronzes, jade, ceramics, wall painting, sculpture, landscape painting, portrait painting, bird-and-flower painting, calligraphy, seal, export art and folk art, it will discuss how various artistic features are intertwined with different historical, social and cultural contexts. Through analysis of images of artworks, class discussions and museum trip, students will learn about different types of Chinese art in light of the formal elements, meaning and contexts in which they are produced.

Intended Learning Outcomes

(Note 1)

Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:

(a) explain the traditional aesthetic elements and symbols of Chinese art and design;
(b) comprehend the interaction between Chinese artistic creativity, technological achievement and scholars’ traditions;
(c) identify the ways Chinese art has interacted with other cultures;
(d) participate in art-related and cultural activities;
(e) analyze Chinese art and design critically in light of form, content and socio-cultural context.

Subject Synopsis/Indicative Syllabus

(Note 2)

1. Bronzes and Political Legitimacy
2. Jade and the Culture of the Ruling Class
3. Ceramics: Technology, Style and Consumption
4. Wall Painting and Relief Carving in Tomb and Cave
5. Sculpture in Tomb and Cave
6. Landscape Painting: Theories, Expression and Techniques
7. Portrait Painting: Themes and Styles
8. Bird-and-Flower Painting
9. Evolution of Calligraphic Forms and Styles
10. The Art of Seal Engraving
11. Export Art: Mediums and Styles
12. Themes and Motifs in Folk Art  
13. Visual Quiz

### Teaching/Learning Methodology

**Lectures**  
This subject will be mainly taught in the lecture format with visual examples and video-based images. In each lecture, 15 minutes will be allocated for question and answer session. Such an interactive environment will allow participating students to reflect in real time upon some of the material, bringing up their questions which require further explanation, as well as giving valuable feedback to the lecturer.

**Tutorials**  
Students are required to report and reflect on the reading materials of 200 pages to fulfill the “English Reading” requirement. They will be asked to discuss in teams the assigned material in each tutorial, and then present to the other teams their interpretation and questions for that piece of reading. The basic approach will be peer teaching in which each study team in turn will facilitate discussion of the assigned reading through a series of questions posed to the other teams.

**Exhibition Visit**  
Students are required to make a 3-hour visit to an exhibition so that they are able to have direct viewing experience of real artworks. They are required to write an exhibition review of 1000 words that will be due in week 6.

**Individual Study**  
Students will be expected to complete the remainder of the 93 hours required for each credit hour earned individually. Most of such effort should be devoted to reading, doing research and writing which is designed to give the student an essential training of empowerment in learning to study independently and effectively.

**Assessment Feedback**  
Grading in this subject is based entirely on continuous assessment components, including an exhibition review, a visual quiz, an essay and participation in tutorial discussions of assigned readings.

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<td><strong>Assessment for this subject will be 100% coursework. They are composed of an exhibition review, a visual quiz, an essay and attendance. Details as followed:</strong></td>
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| **Mid-term Exhibition Review (20%):**  
Students have to participate in an exhibition visit. They are required to write an exhibition review in 1000 words which will be due in week 6. |  |
| **Visual Quiz (30%):**  
A visual quiz will be held in week 13. It will be carried out in the form of a visual analysis of three pairs of artwork. Students will be asked to compare and contrast the artworks in terms of their form, content, context as well as other aspects they consider relevant and significant. |  |
| **Essay (40%):**  
Students are required to submit a research essay of 2500 words in English to fulfill the “English Writing” requirement, one week after the last lecture. This is the most important piece of coursework for this subject. It examines and develops student’s written presentation skills. 10% of this writing assessment will be conducted by ELC. |  |
Students are free to select any topic related to Chinese art and design. They can discuss with me if they have any problems in devising a topic.

Their analysis should reflect the depth of their research and provide a clear and coherent paper in an analytical and argumentative manner with proper citation and references.

In order to pass this subject, students must pass the writing component, i.e., attain a minimum grade “D” in the writing component.

Participation (10%):

Attendance and participation in discussion even debate are considered very important. It is crucial that students come to all classes, and also turn up on time. A roll of attendance will be kept and certain ground rules for class participation will be set. It counts for 10% of the total grade. Marks will be deducted for each unexcused absence.

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Student Study Effort Expected

Class contact:
- Lectures 26Hrs.
- Tutorials 10Hrs.
- Museum Visit 3Hrs.

Other student study effort:
- Reading, writing, and self-study 96Hrs.

Total student study effort 135Hrs

Reading List and References

Essential Reading:
References:

Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes
Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

Note 2: Subject Synopsis/Indicative Syllabus
The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time over-crowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology
This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

Note 4: Assessment Method
This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.

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<th>Subject Offering Department</th>
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| Cluster Area                | ☐ Human Nature, Relations and Development  
☐ Community, Organization and Globalisation  
☑ History, Cultures and World Views  
☐ Science, Technology and Environment |
| Medium of Instruction       | English |
| Requirements intended to fulfil | ☑ China-Study Requirement (CSR)  
☑ English Reading (ER) and English Writing (EW)  
☐ Chinese Reading (CR) and Chinese Writing (CW) |