

Module title		Abbreviation
Literature of Late Imperial China 1		04-CS-HI1-1-192-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of East Asian Cultural Studies		Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>Chinese literary history, as written in the modern period, emphasizes the genres of narrative and drama, which in premodern times only had subcultural status, but are now considered masterworks of China's literary heritage. The outstanding literary works of Ming and Qing narrative and drama, besides offering profound insights into the historical, social and cultural milieus they represent, also provide access to pertinent contexts, such as the history of the book, of reading, editing and commenting. In terms of genre evolution they are studied as encompassing aspects of both persistent cultural continuity and striking innovation, also mirroring developments in society and culture at large. The courses offered in this module focus on individual literary masterworks exemplifying relevant genres, themes, and periods. Suggested genres (and titles) include the novel (Shuihu zhuan), the vernacular story (San yan), the classical tale (Liaozhai zhiyi), and the song drama (Xixiang ji). The choice of focus depends on the learning agreement with the new student group. While the literary work in question is read and discussed in class only in short, exemplary excerpts, its more comprehensive reading (in either translation or the original text) is required as accompanying homework. The program for the course focuses on a selection of philological and analytical issues. It also provides the basis for individual oral presentations and a starting point for term papers.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students are familiarized with one outstanding work of premodern Chinese literature, and with a range of contexts and analytical issues relevant for its interpretation and research. They are acquainted with elements of literary analysis and with appropriate, up-to-date methodological approaches. They further develop their skills in academic reading and oral presenting.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
<p>S (3) Module taught in: English and Chinese</p>		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>a) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 15 minutes) or b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) Language of assessment: English and Chinese creditable for bonus</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Studies (2019)
Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Politics and Society (2019)
Master's degree (1 major) China Business and Economics (2021)
Master's degree (1 major) China Language and Economy (2021)
Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Politics and Society (2025)
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