

# *Chinese 5383: The Chinese Writing System*



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**CHINESE 5383**

The Chinese Writing System

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<b>DAY &amp; TIME</b>	M 2:15 - 5:00 PM
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## **TEXTBOOKS & READINGS**

There are no textbooks assigned to this course. Readings are book chapters and (e-)journal articles. E-journal articles and chapters from web e-books housed in the [Ohio State University Libraries](http://library.osu.edu) <library.osu.edu> and OhioLINK can be retrieved directly from OSU Libraries' online catalog. Additional readings will be made available during the semester.

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## **HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

All students, faculty and staff are required to comply with and stay up to date on all university safety and health guidance (<https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu>), which may include wearing a face mask in indoor spaces, maintaining safe physical distances, as per instructions from the University. (If mandates are in place, non-compliance will result in a warning first, and disciplinary actions will be taken for repeated offenses.)

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## **MODE OF DELIVERY: IN PERSON**

The mode of delivery for this course is in-person, with some flexibility for classes to be held via **CarmenZoom** (e.g., Weeks 14 through 16, the week of Thanksgiving break and the two weeks post-Thanksgiving, before winter break).

In addition, a virtual class meeting via CarmenZoom may replace a regular, in-person class meeting if needed; for example, if Ohio State cancels classes due to weather conditions or to safety concerns announced via Buckeye Alert.

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Chinese writing system has been in continuous use for over three millennia, serving the longest, uninterrupted literary tradition in the world today. Moreover, up to about the end of the eighteenth century, over half of all the books published in the world were written in the Chinese script, a logographic, morpho-syllabic writing system. Against this backdrop, this course is a linguistic study of the Chinese writing system, covering the origin, classification, composition, and development of the Chinese script. Also covered are such related topics as language reform, dialect-writing, internet language, cultural and gender-linked aspects of the script, cognitive processing of Chinese characters, etc.

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## **COURSE OBJECTIVES & EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

This course aims to provide students with an overview of the history and development of the Chinese writing system. The course forms the foundation for further pedagogical and/or linguistic research.

Students are expected at the end of the course to have acquired a basic understanding of the history and development of the Chinese script, together with knowledge of related topics, and be challenged to explore and research further on some of the topics that were covered in the course.

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## **COURSE CONTENT**

The course surveys topics of relevance to the Chinese writing system. It covers the origin, classification, and development of the Chinese script. The course also studies the history of language reform in China, including simplification and phoneticization. Other topics covered may include gender-linked issues, dialect-writing, hybridized Chinese-alphabetic loanwords, psycholinguistic studies on reading and the processing of Chinese characters, etc.

The course will be conducted through lectures combined with class discussions of assigned readings, individual and small-group assignments in class, and students' presentation of homework assignments and their individual final project.

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## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Read and reflect on all assigned readings prior to class lectures and discussion.
2. Attend class regularly, and participate actively in class discussions and individual/group activities.
3. Submit three homework assignments in MS Word (.docx) format in CarmenCanvas. Each homework assignment is about 9-10 pages double-spaced for grad students (and about 7-8 double-spaced pages for undergrads), not including examples, figures, references, etc.[1]. There is no penalty for longer essays. Be prepared to present your homework results—your findings and analyses—to the class during the semester. You will have the opportunity to revise your first homework assignment after receiving feedback from your instructor. (The revised homework is due any time before the deadline

for submitting the term paper.) If you have concerns about your homework (and other assignments, etc.), you are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss them with the instructor.

4. For the term paper project:
  - Turn in a one-page, double-spaced, term paper proposal with select references in Week 11. Submit a digital copy to the Assignment folder in CarmenCanvas.
  - Present an oral version of the term paper project at the end of the semester.[2]
  - Submit the term paper as an MS Word (doc(x) file (about 15 pages for graduate students, and about 12 pages for undergraduate students), double-spaced, not including examples, tables, figures, and references. There is no penalty for longer papers.[3]
5. Upload all assignments in digital format in CarmenCanvas under Chinese 5383.

[1] These may be a combination of research-supported reactions papers and corpus-based, or experimental-design-based, written responses to specific questions from the instructor based on the readings. The assignments should be submitted in MS Word (.docx) format in CarmenCanvas.

[2] Prepare a digital file in PowerPoint format for submission in CarmenCanvas, and for use in the class presentation. (Be sure to have a backup copy of the file handy, and upload a copy accessible in class. That is, be prepared and have Plan B and Plan C ready just in case.)

[3] Submit the term paper in MS Word (.docx) format in CarmenCanvas. (If some other digital format is used, be sure to discuss it in advance with the instructor.)

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## DISABILITY STATEMENT

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office of Student Life's Disability Services (SLDS) is located in 098 Baker Hall (113 W. 12th Ave.); Tel: 614-292-3307, Fax: 614-292-4190, VRS: 614-429-1334; URL: <http://slds.osu.edu/>.

The following, language from Autumn 2020, may or may not apply to Autumn 2021. If it does, be sure to read the instructions:

“The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. In light of the current pandemic, students seeking to request **COVID-related accommodations** may do so through the university's [request process](#), managed by Student Life Disability Services. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let your instructor know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, you may be requested to register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: <slds@osu.edu>; 614-292-3307; <slds.osu.edu>; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.”

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## CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with The Ohio State University's [Code of Student Conduct](#) (revised 2 September 2016), which was established to foster and protect the core missions of the university. These are: to foster the scholarly and civic development of the university's students in a safe and secure learning environment, and to protect the people, properties and processes that support the university and its missions. The core missions of the university are research, teaching and learning, and service. Preservation of academic freedom and free and open exchange of ideas and opinions for all members of the university are central to these missions.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY.** Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in OSU's [Code of Student Conduct](#) (revised 2 September 2016) may constitute "**Academic Misconduct.**" OSU's *Code of Student Conduct* (section 3335-23-04 Prohibited conduct) defines as academic misconduct "[a]ny activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the university, or subvert the educational process."

Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, possession of unauthorized materials during an examination, and submission of the same work for credit in two (or more) courses. Ignorance of the University's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an "excuse" for academic misconduct; hence, be sure to review the sections dealing with academic misconduct in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Be sure also to read the University's [Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity](#) and/or the [Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity](#) (from Northwestern U.). The University's policy on academic misconduct will be enforced in accordance with Faculty Rule 3335-5-54, and all alleged cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs' [Committee on Academic Misconduct](#) (COAM) for resolution. In addition, graduate students should be familiar with the Graduate School's *Graduate Student Code of Research and Scholarly Conduct*, which is included in the [Graduate School Handbook](#). Students with questions concerning the University's policies or questions concerning academic or research misconduct are encouraged to ask the instructor any time during the semester.

[Note: OSU Libraries provides information on [plagiarism](#) , as does The Writing Center on [plagiarism](#), along with citation examples for citing of sources, including the use of direct quotes versus paraphrasing, etc. Also, OSU Libraries' Knowledge Bank has a set of short, online videos on [Academic Misconduct and Plagiarism](#).]

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## GRADING

There will be no midterm or final examination. Grading will be based on:

Class discussions/participation	15%
Homework assignments (3)	45%
Final project (all phases)	40%
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# SCHEDULE

Classes are held on Mondays, beginning in Week 2, with each class day subdivided into two parts.  
*This is a preliminary schedule. Reading selections may be modified when the semester begins.*

WEEK 2. BACKGROUND	
<b>8/30 Part 1. Orientation and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course introduction, CarmenCanvas course management system, etc.</li><li>• Lecture on Writing Systems of the World</li></ul>	<b>Part 2. In-class Reading &amp; Discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-class reading and discussion:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chan (2003); Chen (1999), Ch. 8; selections from Gu (2009); etc.</li></ul></li><li>• Discussion: Chinese characters &amp; some basics in Chinese computing<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Wenlin</i> &amp; other software, traditional vs. simplified characters, <a href="#">Unicode (Unicode 13.0.0; Unihan database)</a> &amp; other encoding systems (e.g., <a href="#">Guobiao (国标)</a>, <a href="#">Big5 (大五碼)</a>, <a href="#">HKSCS</a>, etc.), fonts, input methods, etc.</li></ul></li></ul>

WEEK 3. LABOR DAY	
<b>9/6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>No class</i></li></ul>	

WEEK 4. ORIGINS & DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINESE SCRIPT	
<b>9/13 Part 1. Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Norman (1988), Ch. 3</li></ul>	<b>Part 2. <i>cont'd</i></b>

WEEK 5. CLASSIFICATION OF CHINESE CHARACTERS	
<b>9/20 Part 1. Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qiu (2000), Ch. 6</li></ul>	<b>Part 2. <i>cont'd</i></b>

## WEEK 6. PHONETIC & SEMANTIC LOANS

### 9/27 Part 1. Reading

- Li (2000)

### Part 2. Reading

- Handel (2019)

**Due: Homework Assignment 1.**

## WEEK 7. SCRIPT REFORM: SIMPLIFICATION

### 10/4 Part 1. Reading

- Chen (1999), Ch. 9

### Part 2. Reading

- Zhao & Baldauf (2008), Ch. 1

## WEEK 8. SCRIPT REFORM: PHONETICIZATION & DIGRAPHIA

### 10/11 Part 1. Reading

- Chen (1999), Ch. 10

### Part 2. Reading

- P. Su (2001)

## WEEK 9. LANGUAGE, CULTURE & THE SEMANTIC COMPONENT

### 10/18 Part 1. Reading

- T'sou (1981)
- Chan & Lin (2019) – *read the subsection on gender & script*

### Part 2. Class Discussion & Exploration of the 214 Semantic Radicals

- Serruys (1984) – *skim for reference*

**Due: Homework Assignment 2.**

## WEEK 10. THE ART OF PUNNING

### 10/25 Part 1. Reading

- Li & Costa (2009)

### Part 2.

- Chan (forthcoming)

## WEEK 11. DIALECT WRITING

### 11/1 Part 1. Readings:

- Chen (1999), Ch. 7

**Due: One-page project proposal and select references.**

### Part 2. Reading

- Snow (1993)
- Suppl. Readings: Klöter (2005), Bauer (2018), Snow et al. (2018a, 2018b), Chan (in press)

## WEEK 12. DEVIANT WRITING & THE INTERNET

### 11/8 Part 1. Reading

- Liu (2011)

### Part 2. Reading

- Li & Zhu (2019)

**Due: Homework Assignment 3.**

## WEEK 13. READING: EYE MOVEMENT & COGNITIVE PROCESSES

### 11/15 Part 1. Reading

- Feng (2006)

### Part 2. Reading

- Packard (2021)

## WEEK 14. WOMEN'S SCRIPT: Nüshu (女書/女书)

### 11/22 Part 1. Reading (via CarmenZoom)

- Zhao (1998)
- Idema (2011), Part I

### Part 2. Other activities (via CarmenZoom)

- Graduating students' presentations
- Documentary clips, etc.

## WEEK 15. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

### 11/29 Student Presentations (via CarmenZoom)

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## WEEK 16. LAST DAY OF CLASS

### 12/6 Student Presentations (via CarmenZoom)

Graduating students:  
. Term Paper due today at 9:00 p.m.

### Part 2. Other activities (via CarmenZoom)

Rest of the class:  
. Term Paper due on 12/10 (F) at 9:00 p.m.

## READINGS

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