

Classical Japanese Language – 2017/2018

Dr Laurence Mann, Departmental Lecturer in Japan, Oriental Institute

This course will be taught in all three terms.

This course offers an intensive year-long introduction to classical Japanese language for those with little or no prior background, beginning with an overview of classical Japanese grammar and continuing with readings from the *Hōjōki*, *Essays in Idleness*, the *Pillow Book*, and a range of other well-known early and medieval works.

Teaching will be in the form of weekly text classes throughout all three terms, with additional weekly classes in unprepared classical translation in HT (8 hours) and TT (6 hours).

Examination will be by a three-hour written examination in Trinity Term.

Suggested introductory reading:

- Haruo Shirane, *Classical Japanese: a Grammar* (Columbia University Press, 2005)
- Haruo Shirane, *Classical Japanese Reader and Essential Dictionary* (Columbia University Press, 2007)
- Bjarke Frellesvig, *A History of the Japanese Language* (Cambridge University Press, 2010)