CHIN 380/LS311
Chinese Folktale
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Text Books: 1. *Tang Dynasty Stories*
2. *Strange Tales from a Chinese Studio*
3. *Favorite Folktales of China, Facpack*

This course is designed to have the students taste Chinese folktales of different times, from different cultural sources (nationalities/ethnic groups) and of a variety of themes. Upon completion of this course, students will have some authentic knowledge and true understanding, however little, of the Chinese cultures and civilization.

Tentative Schedule:

1/27 Goals, plans and requirements of the course
1/29-1/31 Chinese New Year and Chinese Zodiac
2/03-2/07 Chinese legends on creation
2/10 - Tang Dynasty Stories

Grading: Straight 100-point method will be used for this course. 100 points are allocated as follows:

Tests: 15 X 3 = 45
10 quizzes: 2 X 10 = 20
Assignments and attendance 10
Class presentation 10
Final paper 15

**Attendance and make-up tests policy:**

During the whole semester a total of three absences (excused or unexcused) are allowed without penalty. Thereafter, one point deduction is applied each occurrence to the final grade. No make-up test will be arranged except for emergency cases.