

## **Student Feedback on the 2024 Summer School in Classical Chinese and Japanese (collected via anonymous surveys)**

“My classmates were great. Of course, I spoke differently with different people, but our passion for Japan and its language silently united us. Classes were intense, but manageable. Not having studied previously Classical Japanese or Kanbun, each day was something new, and I went to class everyday excited to learn. I could even manage to wake up happily at 7:00 every day, something I haven't done since my high school ended four years ago (and that I usually hate doing).”

“Loved every minute.”

“Things were taught in a well-paced manner. Being exposed to Classical Chinese everyday helped to consolidate the new knowledge.”

“I didn't know what to expect and it was a wonderful surprise.”

“At first, seeing only three hours per day on the schedule, I felt it would have been underwhelming. However, it proved to be challenging enough to be hyper-effective and live up to - if not exceed - standards.”

“It is more intense than I had imagined, but I also learnt so much more than I expected.”

“The class is great; this is the summer school that I have learnt the most from. We had very intense practice in Classical Japanese, and I can see my own improvement over the time we are learning. It also introduces me a lot of new knowledge about East Asian studies in general. I really like it.”

“Prof. Andreini was an outstanding teacher, engaging us at every chance and explaining the course material in great detail. It was a pleasure taking his class!!”

“Ono sensei is so responsible and supportive, definitely the best language learning experience that I have ever had.”

“I enjoyed the grammar-intensive approach. The homework was very helpful in drilling the day's materials.”

“Instructor was excellent. Very knowledgeable, great lecturer. Very organised and approachable.”

“Ono sensei was amazing. I enjoyed every lesson and her wonderful, interactive approach to teaching. She made every lesson captivating even when speaking of very abstract or technical topics. Moreover, she would continuously add information of every kind about what we were studying, going in-depth with explanations, challenging us to ask ourselves "when", "how", and most of all "why".”

“I really like the way Prof. Andreini treats students and creates a warm atmosphere. This brought the group together as well.”

“It was really a great beautifully organised experience, and the instructor did a great job teaching us. [...] Homework was really good practice.”

“The instructor has been excellent at teaching and communicating with students.”

“Prof. Keiko Ono is fantastic. She is one of the best instructors that I have ever had. She taught the class with a pace that I can follow easily, and she uses different methods to emphasize on the important grammatical terms, which helps me remember a lot of things without effort, which I highly appreciate. She also corrected all our homework every day, marking out all the possible mistakes, it helps a lot with our learning, and I admire her dedication to us.”