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**July 6 to August 7, 2026**

# Summer School

## Summer School in Classical Chinese and Classical Japanese/Kanbun

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The Ca' Foscari–Princeton Summer School in Classical Chinese and Classical Japanese/Kanbun is unique in its kind. It offers two tracks of comprehensive, grammar-focused instruction taught by the principal classical language professors from Ca' Foscari and Princeton. The programme is designed especially for students who wish to develop their linguistic expertise for graduate study in any discipline of premodern China or Japan.

Students choose between the two language tracks of Chinese and Japanese. In addition, there will be a lecture series by faculty from Ca' Foscari and Princeton on a range of topics in premodern Chinese and Japanese culture. Both tracks welcome beginning students in Classical Chinese or Japanese as well as those with various levels of experience. Those who took part in a previous edition of the Summer School are welcome to reapply.

**Dates:** July 6 to August 7, 2026

**Location:** Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**Credits:** 15 ECTS or equivalent of one full-year university course at Ca' Foscari (75 classroom hours plus additional lectures)

**Tuition:** € 1.250 (including access to University facilities and services, course materials, and issue of final transcript)

**Housing (optional):** € 700 for double-occupancy, € 800 for Mini apartment (double-occupancy with kitchen), € 1.000 for single-occupancy housing

**Programme directors:** Professors Tiziana Lippiello (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy) and Martin Kern (Princeton University, USA)

### Course Instructors

Prof. Attilio Andreini

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## Study options

### Track A – Classical Chinese

The course provides the fundamentals of classical Chinese grammar through the reading and analysis of passages of premodern Chinese historical and literary texts.

**Prerequisites:** two years of modern Chinese language.

### Track B - Classical Japanese/Kanbun

The course provides the fundamentals of classical Japanese and *kanbun* grammar along with readings in the major genres of premodern Japanese historical and literary texts.

**Prerequisites:** two years of modern Japanese language.

**Apply online (deadline: March 15, 2026 at  
12.00 CET Italian time)**

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