

New Research Projects Listed by Discipline and Faculty

Advisor

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Areas: Entrepreneurship Business Plan, Business Behavior)

Suggested Topics: (BUA 490)

1. Establishing Mutual Fund Business in Hong Kong. (BUA 490)

Hong Kong is one of the most important finance centers in the world. In last year, the PRC central government officially addressed Hong Kong as a “Financial Gateway” for China’s future economic and financial development. In order to facilitate the success of Hong Kong’s finance industry, international financial institutions, such as mutual funds companies, have been establishing their presence in Hong Kong. However, mutual fund business may not be necessarily be dominated by multi-national giants. Small and medium enterprises can also operate their business successfully. As a matter of fact, there are many Hong Kong SME operating mutual funds with proven success stories.

Suggested Reading:

- Gregory Baer & Gary Gensler, *The great mutual fund trap: An investment recovery plan*, New York, Broadway Books, 2002
- Robert C. Pozen, *The mutual fund business*, Cambridge, Mass, MIT Press, 1998
- Report and recommendation of the president to the board of directors on a proposed equity investment, Asian Development Bank, 1996
- Perrit, Gerald W., *The mutual fund encyclopedia*, Chicago IL: Dearborn Financial Publisher, 1990
- Donald F. Kuratko & Richard M. Hodgetts, *Entrepreneurship: A Contemporary Approach*, Fifth Edition, Harcourt College Publishers, 2001

Research resource by field works:

(Personal contacts of different organizations can be advised upon request)

Hong Kong American Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.amcham.org.hk>)

Foreign Commercial Services, Hong Kong U.S. Consulate General
(<http://www.buyusa.gov/hongkong/en/>)

Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

Hong Kong Trade Development Council (<http://www.tdctrade.com>)

Invest Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR Government (<http://www.investhk.gov.hk>)

Hong Kong Science & Technology Park (<http://www.hkstp.org>)

2. Starting a Business Venture in Mainland China.

China is the fastest growing economy in the last three decades, with a GDP growth of an average of 8 – 9% for two decades with no signs of slowing down at present. In fact, a new economic cycle has begun in 2005, being facilitated by massive relocation of manufacturing and IT industries from Taiwan, Japan and multi-national corporations that would last at least for two more years.

China as a transitional economy is similar to other former centrally planned economies but has its own uniqueness. When starting a business venture in China, one needs to go through all red-tape procedures, such as those related to tax reporting, business license registration, employment, etc.

Suggested Reading:

- *Doing Business in China*, American Chamber of Commerce, 2005
- John Child, *Managing Business in China*, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, 2000
- Kourdi, Tim; *Strategies and techniques for doing business in China*, Thorogood Ltd, 1998
- Lu, Ding, *State intervention and business in China: the role of preferential policies*, Edward Elgar, 1997
- Lane Kelley & Oded Shendar, *International business in China*, Routledge, 1993

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Hong Kong American Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

Hong Kong Trade Development Council (<http://www.tdctrade.com>)

Foreign Commercial Services, Hong Kong U.S. Consulate General
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Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.chamber.org.hk>)

3. To be a Smart Investor in Hong Kong: Making Smart Investment Choices (BUA 490)

There are numerous investment opportunities in Hong Kong. Hong Kong, as one of the largest financial centers in the world, attracts multi-billion investments from all over the world. However, in facing with

so many investment opportunities, due diligence in management, business opportunities, intangibles, legal and financial issues seem extremely important.

Suggested Reading:

- Camp, Justin J., *Venture capital due diligence: a guide to making smart investment choices and increasing your profit*, Wiley, 2002
- Swedroe, Larry E., *The only money guide to a winning investment strategy you'll ever need*, Truman Talley Books/Dutton, 1998
- Andrew Halkyard, *Trade and investment law in Hong Kong*, Butterworths Asia, 1993
- Bulkowski, Thomas N., *Getting started in chart patterns*, John Wiley & Sons, 2006

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Hong Kong American Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

Hong Kong Trade Development Council (<http://www.tdctrade.com>)

Foreign Commercial Services, Hong Kong U.S. Consulate General
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4. Comparison of Business Behaviors of Chinese in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mainland China (BUA 490)

Many people assume that the business behavior among Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland Chinese is the same. However, due to historical, cultural and educational background, the business behavior among the three regions is different. For example, foreigners may find Hong Kong Chinese more pragmatic, Taiwan Chinese always full of passion and values on “hometown” relationship; and mainland Chinese very much focused on “face”.

Suggested Reading:

- Chen, Ming-Jer, *Inside Chinese business: a guide for manager worldwide*, Harvard Business School Press, 2001
- Westport, Conn, *The Chinese triangle of mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong*, Greenwood Press, 2001
- Engholm, Christopher, *Doing business in Asia's booming “China triangle”*, Prentice Hall, 1994
- Chen, Ming, *Understanding the process of doing business in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong*, E. Mellen Press, 1993

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Hong Kong American Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

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Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.chamber.org.hk>)

5. Business Success of Overseas Chinese in Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia (BUA 490)

It has been an open secret that the overseas Chinese in Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia are almost dominating the entire economy of those countries. The migration of Chinese to these countries can be traced back to Qing Dynasty. In the past 100 years, the overseas Chinese have conformed into the societies and built up their economic success. They have been playing vital roles not only in the economic development of, but also political arena of host countries.

Suggested Reading:

- Fitzgerald, C.P., *The third China: the Chinese communities in South-East Asia*, London, Angus and Robertson, 1965
- Axele Giroud, A., *Multinationals and Asia: organizational and institutional relationships*, London, New York, Routledge, 2005
- Reiter, Erich, *The impact of Asian powers on global developments*, Heidelberg, New York, Physica, 2004
- Chow, Esther Ngan-ling; *Transforming gender and development in East Asia*, New York, Routledge, 2002
- Compton, Robert W. Jr.; *Transforming East Asia domestic and international politics: the impact of economy and globalization*, Ashgate, 2002

Research resource by field works:

(Personal contacts of different organizations can be advised upon request)

Hong Kong American Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

Hong Kong Trade Development Council (<http://www.tdctrade.com>)

Foreign Commercial Services, Hong Kong U.S. Consulate General
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6. Chinese Business ‘Guanxi’ (Personal Relationship) (BUA 490)

Although Chinese ‘guanxi’ (personal relationship) has long been traditionally recognized as playing an important role in business, much less is known about the application and practices of ‘guanxi’ by modern entrepreneurs. Modern entrepreneurial ‘guanxi’ is predominantly established through friendship bonds. ‘Guanxi’ and its associated ‘mianzi’ (face) are the most prominent. Modern guanxi is usually based on relationship associated with family, kins, profession, schooling.

Suggested Reading:

- Wong, Y.H. and Tam, J.L.M., Mapping Relationships in China: Guanxi Dynamic Approach, Journal of Business and Industrial Marketing, 15: 1., 2000,
- Pye, L., Chinese negotiating Style Commercial Approaches and Cultural Principles, New York: Quorum Books
- Pye, L., The Spirit of Chinese Politics a Psychocultural Study of the Authority Crisis in Political Development, Cambridge MA: The M.I.T. Press, 1968
- Lee, Don Y and Dawes, Philip L., Guanxi, Trust, and Long-Term Orientation in Chinese Business Markets, Journal of International Marketing, April 2004
- Wang, Kwang-kuo, Face and Favor the Chinese Power Game? American Journal of Sociology, 1987

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Hong Kong American Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

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Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business (<http://www.hkcsmb.org.hk>)

Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.chamber.org.hk>)

II. Political Science: Prof. Elfed Roberts

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Areas: Economic of Hong Kong and China

Suggested Topics: (ECN/ PSC 490)

1. The Economic Environment of Hong Kong.
2. The Economic interface between Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China.
3. Aspects of China's economic modernization since 1978.

Prof. Elfed Vaughan Roberts offers a number of subject areas for independent study by the students on the courses in Hong Kong from the Syracuse study abroad scheme. He can offer supervision in the above broad areas of study.

In terms of preparation and choice of subject matter within the broad confines of the topics enumerated above students should start thinking about the topic they wish to study and then check both in the library and on the net that the subject matter has sufficient readings to produce a good piece of work. They should then approach Prof. Roberts if they want him to supervise to ensure the topic can be profitably studied. It is always a good approach to offer Prof. Roberts a skeleton of the work proposed to ensure that students are on the right track. At this point we can, in consultation find the requisite texts and explore the best approaches to study.

Prof. Roberts looks forward to helping out with those who chose the areas that he can be of some help.

Suggested readings:

Obviously, within the rubric outlined above, there are many topics than can be included so to give a reading list would not be particularly enlightening. However, I would strongly advise the students to keep abreast of general developments by carefully reading the weekly journal, "*The Economist*" the daily "*Asian Wall Street Journal*" and, for the more adventurous the PRC's "*Beijing Review*" and the Hong Kong newspaper, "*The South China Morning Post*". Another excellent source with good insights and up to date information for the PRC is. "*The China Economic Review*" which can be accessed on the net.

III. Religion and Philosophy: Dr. David Wan

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Bio: Ph.D and M.Phil, Chinese University of Hong Kong, B.A., UCLA in Philosophy. Ph.D. thesis on “A Comparative Study of the Mysticism of William of St. Thierry and Chen Ming-Dao”. The areas of his academic interest are comparative religious studies, Neo-Confucianism, the theory of self-cultivation, metaphysics, and ethical issues. Teaches “Asian Religious & Religious of East Asian Tradition”.

Area: Religion

Suggested Topics:

1. Confucianism and the Development of Asian Capitalism (REL 490)

Research hypotheses:

In the age of globalization, capitalistic society is flourishing in Asia as well as in the west. Is the capitalization of Asian societies mainly a passive result of the western influences or is it an active adaptation to the international scene from a Confucian culture? If Confucianism played a major role in Asian capitalization, how has it change people’s understanding of capitalism? Is the change for better or for worse? Can we expect a more “feminine” and therefore less aggressive version of capitalist society to flourish in Asian and eventually influence the western capitalist society?

Suggested readings:

- Gabrelepillai, Matilda. “Orientalizing Singapore: psychoanalyzing the discourse of ‘non-Western modernity’” diss., U of British Columbia, 1997.
- Jones, Carol A. G. ‘Hisms’ or ‘isms’? Capitalism, socialism and Confucianism as political resources. Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong, 1997.
- Sagers, John H. Origins of Japanese wealth and power: reconciling Confucianism and capitalism, 1830-1885. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.
- Souchou, Yao. Confucian capitalism: discourse, practice and the myth of Chinese enterprise. London; New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2002.
- Weiss, Julian ed. Tigers’ roar: Asia’s recovery and its impact. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2001.

2. How Confucianism influences marketing in the greater China (REL 490)

Research hypotheses:

The ethics of Confucianism still permeate the psyche of the Chinese societies. A lot of successful marketing strategies are inspired by such ethics. On the other hand, commercials that deviated from these ethics invited a lot of public complaints. These ethics greatly determined the “do’s” and “don’ts” of the marketing in the greater China area. Students could find out for themselves what these ethics are by examining the successful and unsuccessful marketing strategies of the greater China area.

Suggested readings:

- Cochran, Sherman. Chinese medicine men: consumer culture in China and Southeast Asia. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2006.
- Doctoroff, Tom. Billions: selling to the new Chinese consumer. New York, N.Y.: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
- Lee, Tsui Shan Sandra. "A study of consumer's self and purchasing behaviour in fashion brand image marketing" diss., Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 2003.
- Li, Jing. "On the Relationship Between National Culture and Advertising Effectiveness: China and American" diss., Duquesne University, 2002.
- Teng, Lefa. "Effects of competition on consumer decision-making: Matching advertising to culture" diss., Concordia University, 2003.

Local resources by field work:

- Visiting professors in school of marketing and school of design of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (<http://www.polyu.edu.hk/>)
- Visiting creative teams of local marketing companies

3. Meaning of life from the Chinese religion perspective (REL 490)

Research hypotheses:

In the western Judeo Christian tradition, the meaning of human life is oriented around the creator God. There could be no meaning of life without a God creating the human race with a purpose. East Asian especially Chinese religions answer the quest for human life with out postulating any creator God. They are in this sense called the humanistic religion. Could they respond to the question of the meaning of life satisfactorily? How do their respond compare with the Judeo Christian tradition? Do they have any common theoretical problems? Or do they complement each other?

Suggested readings:

- Ivanhoe, P.J. Ethics in the Confucian tradition: the thought of Mengzi and Wang Yangming. Indianapolis, Ind.: Hackett, 2002.
- Klemke, E.D. ed. The meaning of life. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Kwok Siu Tong, Chan Sin-wai ed. International Congress on Culture and Humanity in the New Millennium: the Future of Human Value, Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2002.
- Tu, Wei-ming and Tucker Mary Evelyn ed., Confucian Spirituality Vol.1. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2003.
- Zhang, Dainian. Key concepts in Chinese philosophy. Edmund Ryden tran. New Haven, Conn.; London: Yale University Press, 2002.

Local resources by field work:

- Visiting scholars who are ex-missionaries.

- Visiting scholars who are genuine practitioners of particular religions.

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Area: Finance

Suggested Topics: (BUA/FIN 490)

1. Comparing the Investment Return of Property Stocks and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT).

Suggested readings:

- Prospectus, GZI Real Estate Investment Trust Global Offering, Dec. 2005.
- Prospectus, The Link Real Estate Investment Trust Global Offering, Nov. 2004.
- Prospectus, Sunlight REIT Global Offering, Dec. 2006.
- Annual Report, Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd., 2005-2006.
- Annual Report, Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd., 2005-2006.
- Annual Report, Henderson Land Ltd., 2005-2006.

2. The Pro and Con of mainland companies listing in Hong Kong.

Suggested readings:

- Prospectus, Bank of China Global Offering, May 2006.
- Prospectus, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited Global Offering, Oct. 2006.
- Prospectus, Merchant Bank of China Global Offering, Oct. 2006.
- Prospectus, China Coal Global Offering, Dec. 2006.
- Prospectus, Jin Jiang Hotel Global Offering, Dec. 2006.
- Prospectus, Zhaojin Mining Global Offering, Dec. 2006.

3. The Correlation Between Major Economic Indicators and Market Movement.

Suggested readings:

- Baumohl, Bernard, The Secrets of Economic Indicators, Wharton School Publishing, 2005.

4. How the Weak Dollar Affect the Economy of US and China?

Suggested resources:

- <http://bbs.chinadaily.com.cn/viewthread.php?tid=502717>
- http://www.chicagofed.org/consumer_information/strong_dollar_weak_dollar.cfm
- http://www.businessweek.com/bwdaily/dnflash/nov2004/nf20041112_3507_db039.htm
- <http://stocks.about.com/od/advancedtrading/a/weakdoll120604.htm>
- <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4602971>
- <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4599086>

5. The Influx of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) on Chinese Economy.

Suggested resources and readings:

- <http://www.tdctrade.com/econforum/boc/boc030101.htm>
- <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/57/23/1922648.pdf>
- <http://www.iie.com/publications/wp/01-3.pdf>
- http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/200407/13/eng20040713_149404.html
- Huang, Yasheng, Selling China, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

V. International Relations: Dr. Simon Shen

(simonshen@cuhk.edu.hk)

Bio: PH.D., Oxford University, MA, in Political Science, Yale University, BA, in Political Science and History, Yale University. Research Assistant Professor, Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, CEO of Roundtable. Faculty of Independent Study.

Areas: International Relations in Asia and US-related

Suggested Topics

Regional Security and Anti-terrorism (PSC 490)

To explore the contemporary world order of regional security and anti-terrorism in the Arc of Instability - South & Southeast Asia, students may consider travel to the two largest democratic bodies- India and Indonesia.

India as the most crowded population country and Indonesia as the world's largest Islamic nation; both have high racial tension and are animism predominant. India's ambitions in unclear and information technologies and Indonesia's property oil and agriculture, both have complexity of language and ethnic mix (over 1400 dialects in India and around 500 in Indonesia). The animosity between India and

Pakistan, the unrest among Indonesia, Sri Lanka and East Timor, no fixed relaxations or tensions of Sino-India and Sino-Indonesia relations, India and Indonesia have generated the most active political power and danger in Asia. Their development affects the security of Asia, foreign policy of us and the relations between US and China.

Suggested readings:

The History and Definitions of Terrorism

- Griset, Pamala and Mahan, Sue. "History of Terrorism." G&M Chapter 1, P.1-14.
- Booth, Ken and Dunne, Tim: "Worlds in Collision." B&D P.1-23.
- Huntington, Samuel. The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order, London: Simon and Schuster, 2002c. Chapter 1.
- Green, John, Rozell, Mark and Wilcox, Clyde. "The Christian Right's Long Political March." Green, John (etal eds). The Christian Right in American Politics: Marching to the Millennium, Washington DC: Georgetown University Press, 2003. Introduction, P.1-20.
- Said, Edward. Culture and Imperialism, New York: Knopf, 1993. P.191-208.
- Chomsky, Noam. "Who Are the Global Terrorists?" B&D P.128-137.
- Hurrell, "Explaining the Resurgence of Regionalism in World Politics." World Politics, Review of International Studies, 21:4 (1995).
- Mittelman, James H "The New Regionalism" in Jamwa H. Mittelman, The Globalization Syndrome , Princeton: Princeton University Press , 2000, P.111-130

The Islamic Fundamentalist Worldview

- Raghavan, V. R. "The Double-Edged Effect in South Asia", The Washington Quarterly - Volume 27, Number 4, Autumn 2004, P. 147-155
- Dhume, Sadanand "Radicals March on Indonesia's Future" in Far Eastern Economic Review, Vol. 168, Issue 5; May 2005, P.11.
- Sutanto, "Radicalism and National Security", The Jakarta Post, 30 December, 2005

Qaeda and Nationalism

- William Wechsler, "Strangling the Hydra – Targeting Al Qaeda's Finances" H&R P.129-143

Terrorism and Anti-Terrorism

- Shlaim, Avi. "The United States and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." B&D P.172-183.
- Menon, Rajan. "The Restless Region – The Brittle States of Central and South Asia." H&R P.97-108.

Terror and International Realignment

- Chellaney, Brahma "Fighting Terrorism in Southern Asia: The Lessons of History" International

Security - Volume 26, Number 3, Winter 2001/02, P. 94-116.

- Schaffer, Teresita C. "Building a New Partnership with India" *The Washington Quarterly* –Volume 25, Number 2, Spring 2002, P. 31-44.
- Azra, Azyumardi "Islamic Radical Movements in Indonesia", *The Jakarta Post*, 30 December, 2005

State and Non-state actors

- Acharya, Amitav "State-society Relations: Asian and World Order after September 11" *B&D* P.194-204.
- Jones, David and Smith, Mike "Southeast Asia and the War Against Terrorism: the Rise of Islamism and the Challenge to the Surveillance State." Uwe, Johann et al. *September 11 & Political Freedom: Asian Perspective*. Singapore: Select Publishing, 2002. P.142-175.
- Louise Richardson: "Terrorists as Transnational Actors." Taylor, Max and Horgan, John. Ed. *The Future of Terrorism*. London: Frank Cass, 2000. P.200-219.

The Role of Religion in Southeast Asian History

- Liddle, R. William, "The Islamic Turn In Indonesia: A Political Explanation", *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 55. No.3 Aug, 1996. P.613-634

Regionalism and Globalization

- Butler, Fiona. "Regionalism and Integration" John Baylis and Steve Smith Eds. *The Globalization of World Politics: an Introduction to International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997. P.409-428.

Others:

1. Booth, Ken and Dunne, Tim (eds). *Worlds in Collision – Terror and the Future of Global Order*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2002. [B&D]
2. Hoge, James and Rose, Gideon (eds). *How Did This Happen? – Terrorism and the New War*. New York: Public Affairs, 2001. [H&R]
3. Griset, Pamala and Mahan, Sue. *Terrorism in Perspective*. London: Sage Publications, 2003. [G&M]

Suggested Field Trips:

For University and organization to be visited, there are:

1. University of Mumbai, Dept of Civics and Politics
<http://www.mu.ac.in/Department/civics&politics/faculty.html>
Dr. (Smt.) Nawaz B. Mody, India Govt. and Politics, *Political Thought in India, State Politics in India*

2. Foundation for Humanisation
<http://www.indianngos.com/f/foundationforhumanisation.htm>
The aims of the Foundation: To promote a current of thought & action with the human being as the central value & concern. To orient positive object in the human being in personal and social fields.
(11 Yogniti, 18 S.V. Road Santacruz (w), Mumbai – 400 054, Phone: 022-2610 6197 / 2611 9513)
3. University of Indonesia
Faculty of Social and Political Science
http://www.ui.edu/english/menu_statistis.php?id=f1&hal-f_undergraduate#c7
4. Habibie Center, Jakarta
The Habibie Center, Jl. Kemang Selatan No. 98, Jakarta 12560
Tel. (021) 781-7211, Fax. (021) 781-7212, E-mail: thc@habibiecenter.or.id
5. The Center for Strategic and International Studies
<http://www.csis.or.id>
Jalan Tanah Abang III/27, Jakarta 10160
Email: csis@csis.or.id
Tel: (021) 3865532-35, Fax: (021) 3809641, 3847517

VI Literature: Prof. Xu Xi (xuxiwriter@earthlink.net)

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forthcoming from Hong Kong University Press. Faculty Sponsor of Independent Study.

Area: Writing about Asia

Suggested Topics: Writing Creatively About Asia (ETS 490)

This independent study offers the student in Asia an opportunity to write creatively, in the form of personal essays, narrative nonfiction and stories, drawing upon their travels and experience in Asia. The focus is on cultural observations that provide insight into their overall Asian experience.

Requirements:

1. Students must submit a description of the writing portfolio they intend to develop in advance of their proposed travels/Asian experience. This can include writing about travel, attendance at cultural events or film festivals, home visits with Asian friends, a reading list comprising literature of various Asian cultures, specific cultural research projects.
2. The writing can be in the form of personal essays, creative non fiction narratives or fiction.
3. Each student must submit three manuscripts of written work, each approximately 20 – 25 pages, on an agreed upon schedule. Written feedback will be provided after receipt of each manuscript with recommendations and suggestions for improvement.
4. The focus will be on the craft of writing, in order to produce a final manuscript that is well written, creative and insightful, as well as a good example of the chosen form (story, personal essay, narrative nonfiction). Recommended readings will be tailored to the individual student's writing goals and may include research material, fiction or creative nonfiction that is representative of the kind of writing the student wishes to do and books on writing craft.