

## Announcement

### 2009 CJSP Spring Research Seminar Politics in East Asia

The Chinese and Japanese Studies Program is pleased to announce that it will offer a research seminar in spring 2009 with a focus on the changing US-China relations in the wake of the Beijing Olympics, the financial crisis, and the coming US presidential election. This is will the eighth seminar offered by CJSP. In addition to regular classes prior to spring break, this seminar features a subsidized, 8 day field research trip to China (mainly the Hangzhou area) during the spring break. The seminar requires each participant to conduct a scholarly research project and complete a 25 page research paper based in part on the field trip. Professor Zhimin Lin of Political Science will teach this course and lead the field research. Th2 2009 Spring Research will be cross-listed as *EA390B/POLS490A/CHST590B*. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 15:05 to 16:20.

**Prerequisites:** This research seminar is open to CJS majors, MACS students, or student with other majors who have substantial prior exposure to East Asian studies (or having taken at least one course on East Asia). Students will need to receive approval from Professor Lin in order to register for this course.

**Cost:** The Chinese and Japanese Studies Program will cover most of the costs of field research trips including international travel, meals/lodging in China, and other research-related expenses. There is a registration fee of \$600.00 per student to cover the rest.

**Language Training:** While there is no formal language requirement, participants in this research seminar are strongly recommended to take or audit the Chinese language classes through VU or by the Confucius Institute.

**Enrollment:** Enrollment will be limited to 10.

**Registration:** Due to the need for advanced planning, pre-registration consultation with Professor Lin is required. Please submit the following application to Professor Lin (Huegli Hal) by Wednesday October 25th (at the latest) so that decisions can be made immediately after the fall break and on October 30, 2008. If you are interested in this course or want to know more about the seminar, please contact Professor Lin (x5749, [Zhimin.lin@valpo.edu](mailto:Zhimin.lin@valpo.edu)) as soon as you can since space is limited.

**EA390B/POLS490A/CHST590B**  
*Politics in East Asia*

**Information Sheet (return to Professor Lin, Huegli 330, by 10/25/08)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year: Fr So Jr Sr</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Adviser:</b>
<b>Prior East Asian course:</b>		

Please answer the following (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

1. Explain how this course will fit into your academic endeavors here at VU (background, relevance to your field of study, career choice, etc)? What do you want to accomplish in this class?

2. Do you have any prior formal research experience (please identify)?

3. Any other prior experience that you feel particularly prepares you for this course?

3. Will you be able to make the field trip to China during the spring break (February 28-March 15)?

4. Will the \$600.00 fee be a major problem for you if you are accepted into this course (explain)?

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_