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The Seminar is for K-12 teachers, as well as pre-service teachers of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford who have been admitted to a secondary content area and in the final year of their programs of study.

The seminar will meet for 6 Saturdays in the spring 2010 term and 1 Saturday in the fall 2010 term. It will explore the history, geography, anthropology, art and architecture, literature, education, and customs of China, Korea and Japan.

Seminar Overview

East Asia: Past and Present is a survey of East Asian history, geography, anthropology, literature, art, education, and customs. Participants will explore East Asia through lectures, readings, videos, discussion, and curriculum materials and research. At each of the six Spring Term seminars, guest speakers with expertise in East Asian studies will present lectures and lead discussions. Participants will be asked to prepare for each seminar through readings and a variety of assignments. The final product in the spring will be a portfolio that will include a 10-day unit plan, a minimum of three complete lesson plans, draft of mini-grant order and an evaluation of the seminar. In the fall, participants will submit an implementation plan detailing how what they have learned in the seminar will be incorporated into a class, or classes, they will teaching during the 2010-11 school year. Participants will also be required to submit a questionnaire completed by an administrator. This assignment will be slightly altered for any pre-service teachers enrolled in the seminar.

Stipends

Each participant will receive a $300 stipend upon completion of 1) the six Spring Term seminars, 2) submission of the lessons/unit, 3) a draft order list for the mini-grant for his/her school, and 4) a written evaluation of the seminar.

During the school year following the seminar, the participant’s school (if the participant is currently employed by a school) will receive a check for $200 to purchase teaching materials.

During Fall Term 2010, the seminar will reconvene for an additional six hours for a review of participants’ products, and how the plans will be implemented in the classroom. There is also a questionnaire, to be submitted from a school administrator.

Participants who satisfactorily complete all the seminar requirements will be eligible for a variety of in-country experiences in East Asia that will be offered only to NCTA alumni.
Materials
A copy of the class textbook will be given to each seminar participant as a personal text to keep. It is *East Asia, a Cultural, Social, and Political History, 2nd edition*, by Patricia Ebrey, Anne Walthall, and James B. Palais. Each participant will also receive a year-long subscription to *Education about Asia*.

Additional resources will be provided, as borrowed materials, as the term progresses.

Attendance and Participation
Attendance at the six seminars during Spring Term 2010 is mandatory. Participants are expected to prepare for each seminar by completing all assigned readings and assignments. It may be possible to do a “make-up” activity on-line if travel is impossible for one of the sessions.

Participants will be expected to design a unit with a minimum of three complete lesson plans on East Asia that demonstrates incorporation of seminar materials into a course or courses they will be teaching in the subsequent school year. The unit will cover approximately two weeks and will include an overview of the unit, a description of how the seminar helped in the development of the unit, a list of materials to be used, and the Pennsylvania Standards and Assessment Anchors that will be targeted in the included objectives.

Act 48 and Course Credit
Participants will be eligible to receive Act 48 credits for the seminar. A second option will be to earn two University of Pittsburgh undergraduate credits by enrolling through the University for the seminar.

Calendar for Spring Seminar.
Assignments will be posted on the group’s website. (Dates for the Fall Reconvening will be announced in September 2010.)

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Registration and Application
A registration form is available at the NCTA webpage (given in the first paragraph of this brochure), or from the seminar leader, Isabelle Champlin, whose address is below.

A signed Letter of Support from an administrator in your school who is familiar with your abilities and who can express the school’s commitment to including East Asia in its curriculum must accompany this application.

Mail application and letter of support by **December 12, 2009** to:

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