Old Dominion University seeks to promote an expanded awareness and understanding of the nations and cultures of Asia, to support and encourage research on Asia, and to make available resources to enable better understanding and more effective interaction between organizations and individuals in the Hampton Roads area and those in Asia.

To achieve these goals, the Institute of Asian Studies initiates and coordinates the development and operation of special programs, and administers a minor and major (beginning in Fall 2004) in Asian Studies. It also explores and maintains cooperative relationships with higher education institutions and other organizations within the United States and throughout Asia in order to enhance Asian Studies programs in this university and region.

The institute director is advised by the Asian Studies Advisory Committee and works closely with the Office of International Programs regarding scholarships and study abroad programs and opportunities.

The Executive Director

Dr. Qiu Jin is the Director of the Institute of Asian Studies. She is also an Associate Professor of History and International Studies and the Director of the ODU China Center at Old Dominion University. She earned her PhD in History from the University of Hawaii in 1995. In 1995-1996, she held a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of California at Berkeley. She specializes in Chinese history and specifically in the Cultural Revolution. Dr. Jin is the author of The Culture of Power: The Lin Biao Incident in the Cultural Revolution (Stanford University Press, 1999), the editor of the two-two volumes of Difficult Years: A Memoir of General Wu Faxian (in Chinese), and the co-editor of A Modern and Contemporary History of China, Volume I-II, trans. (Beijing: People’s Education Press, 2003-04). She has also published book chapters and peer-reviewed articles in journals such as Pacific Review, the Historiography: East and West, Journal of Chinese Political Science, and Modern China Studies.
The ODU China Center

2010 saw the launch of the ODU China Center. The mission of the ODU China Center is to “to promote and coordinate research, cultural exchanges, and academic programs in China-related Studies; to enhance mutual understanding of the two cultures; and to facilitate economic and business cooperation between China, other Chinese societies, and the United States with particular emphases on the Commonwealth of Virginia. “

One of the first events hosted by the ODU China Center was a reception held at the Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Gallery. Jim Cheng, the Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, was the guest of honor. There were several faculty members in attendance. In addition to a talk by Jim Cheng, presentations were delivered by Qiu Jin, the director of the ODU China Center; Gilbert Yochum, the dean of the College of Business and Public Administration; and Wayne Talley, an ODU professor of economics. Talks focused on economic relations between Virginia and China; how the ODU China Center could be helpful in developing those relations; and the importance of international trade to Hampton Roads.

The ODU China Center also hosted a Chinese New Year Party at the Jade Villa Restaurant in Virginia Beach. This event was attended by students, faculty, and members of the community. Dishes served included Peking duck, long life noodles, and sweet and sour fish. This year is the year of the rabbit.

This summer, The ODU China Center hosted a faculty trip to China. They visited Beijing where they saw the Hongqiao Pearl market, Liulichang Street, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen square, and an opera at the Huguang Guild Hall. They then went to X’ian, where they visited a Ming dynasty city wall, terracotta soldiers, and Huaqing hot spring. They then
went to Hangzhou, where they visited the Lingyin temple, the Liuhe pagoda, and the Mei Jia Wu Tea village. They then went to Shanghai, where they visited the Shanghai museum, the Bund, and the Jade Buddha Temple. They also visited the river town of Zhujiajiao.

For more information, please visit the ODU China Center website: al.odu.edu/chinacenter
Vigil held at ODU for victims of disaster in Japan

A candlelight vigil was held at ODU for the victims of the 8.9 magnitude earthquake and subsequent 23-foot tsunami which occurred in Japan in the March of this year. The event was held on the Kaufman Mall. It was sponsored by ODU’s Global Student Friendship organization. Attendees had the chance to hear from members of the Japanese-American community about the effects of the tsunami, and could also make donations. Earlier that day, members from the Nichi-Bei Club, ODU Chinese Language Club, and Asian Pacific American Student Organization also collected donations in front of the Webb Center. All donations went to the Save the Children Foundation. You can learn more about Global Student Friendship at http://orgs.odu.edu/gsf/; and/or the Save The Children Foundation at http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.6115947/k.8D6E/Official_Site.htm
Asian Seasons

Asian Seasons is a week long series of events dealing with different Asian cultures. The events are free and ODU students are encouraged to attend. It will run from October 24-28. Asian Seasons will kick off with the Asian Countries Fair at the North Mall. This event will feature several stands representing different Asian countries. Events will continue till friday, including Asian Cafes (short talks) on Bangladesh, Japan, and South Korea; and also an Asian movie night. Please see the schedule below for a listing of all the different events.

**Monday, Oct 24**
Event: Asian Countries Fair
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Place: North Mall

**Tuesday, Oct 25**
Event: Asian Café – Bangladesh
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Place: Intercultural Center
Event: Asian Movie Night
Time: 7:00 pm-9:30 PM
Place: TBD

**Wednesday Oct 26**
Event: Asian Café – South Korea
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Place: Intercultural Center
Main Organizer: Korean
Event: Diwali Festival
Time: 5:00-8:00 PM
Place: Ted Convocation
Main Organizer: Indian Student Association

**Thursday, Oct 27**
Event: Chinese Cultural Festival
Time: 12:00-2:00 PM
Place: North Mall
Friday, Oct 28
Event: Asian Café – Japan
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Place: Intercultural Center

SPONSORS: Asian Pacific American Student Union; Chinese Language Club; Chinese Student and Scholar Association; Bangladeshi Students Association; F.O.R.E.I.N.G.E.R.S.; Indian Student Association; Institute of Asian Studies; Korean Student Association; Office of Intercultural Relations
Filipino American Center Hosts 2 Lectures

The first lecture was on the Philippine American War which lasted from 1899 to 1901. The lecture was given by Dr. Robert Orr in the Burgess Room (BAL 9024) on Thursday, September 22, from 1:30-2:45.

Student Clubs

The clubs provide opportunities for students to exchange views of their respective cultures, customs, and traditions to promote mutual understanding. Members are drawn from the student body, faculty of Old Dominion University, and from the surrounding Hampton Roads Area.

Founded in 1998, APASU (Asian Pacific American Student Union) strives to promote Asian awareness throughout the local student and faculty community at Old Dominion University. APASU proudly celebrates the diversity and commonalities of Asian Americans and provides a social support network for members. As a pan-Asian educational-based organization, APASU primarily discusses social and political Asian American issues and many
international issues. Though APASU’s name entitles itself to Asian Pacific Americans, membership is not limited or restricted to only members of Asian descent. In fact, the enormous diversity each member brings to the organization makes APASU unique to the ODU campus. Thus, APASU welcomes all members of the community regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Through good fellowship, service and events that showcase the unique values of various ethnic cultures, we aim to positively reflect the essence of being Asian American. Lastly, APASU intends to promote an individual’s social, educational, and professional development through diverse programming and conference attendance.

Upcoming Events:
For more information or pictures, please visit our website at http://orgs.odu.edu/apasu/.
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-Amber Powerhouse
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Nichei-Bei Club
Nichi Bei is a club where students who are interested in Japanese culture can come learn more about Japan, its customs, and its people. We try to have programs that promote the education and enjoyment of Japanese culture. Our most frequent programs are Karaoke nights—where anyone can sing in any language—and movie nights, where we show Japanese movies with English subtitles. We also have many students who take Japanese language come to learn from native speakers that join our club. At general meetings, we ask our club members their opinions on what sorts of things they’d like to learn about Japanese culture. For instance, we did a tea ceremony last year, where club members learned about the intricacies of the (very complicated and very traditional) Japanese tea ceremony. This year, club members are interested in how to dress in and wear the Kimono; how to make sushi; how to write calligraphy; and sword cleaning. Coming up this Friday, September 30th, we’re having a movie night in Kaufman Hall 225. For students who study Japanese language, we
have a study group every Tuesday from 3 to 5 pm in the LLC (BAL 3061). On October 28th, we’ll be having a Japanese café, where students can learn more about Japan from Nichi Bei club members and native speakers alike. Please come join us! どうもありがとうございます！(Thank you very much!)
-Elizabeth Mazorra

Korean Student Association

The Korean Student Association (KSA) aims to represent the Korean student group at ODU. Having been revived in early 2011, the KSA’s purpose is to bring together a fellowship among Koreans and Americans who are interested in Korean culture at ODU. The KSA co-sponsors numerous multicultural activities such as the International Festival in the spring and the Asian Season in the fall to educate the community at ODU about Korea. The KSA also plans to host some events (e.g., national holiday cerebrations) to foster cultural exchange and relationships among members throughout the year. The KSA is open to all students and faculty at ODU. For more information, please contact Sanghoon Son at ssonx001@odu.edu or 757-477-4648.
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Study Abroad

Students minoring or majoring in Asian Studies can spend a year, semester, or summer studying abroad in a variety of Asian countries, including China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines.

Internship opportunities are available in China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand.

Old Dominion University encourages all students to consider studying abroad for a summer, semester, or full year as part of their academics experience. Study abroad can enhance any major by challenging students to adapt to a new academic system and to infuse their studies with a global perspective. In addition, the culture and language learning opportunities which are offered by study abroad are unparalleled.

CHINA and KOREA

The China and Korea Study Abroad Program, now in its 17th year, is planned for May 7-27, 2012. Highlights of the trip include the Great Wall of China, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Mao Zedong Mausoleum, The Pohang Steel Works, and Seoul. The estimated cost of the trip is $3,950 with a scholarship ($4,950 without a scholarship). The priority application deadline is February 10, 2012. Students are urged to apply early to assure availability of space. If this date has passed, but you would still like to go on the trip please first inquire about availability. Please see the tentative itinerary below.

Itinerary*

7 May: Depart Norfolk for Beijing
9 May: Visit Summer Palace
10 May: Great Wall; Ming Tombs
11 May: Forbidden City
12 May: Tour of Hutong
13 May: Temple of Heaven; shopping
14 May: Free day
15 May: Peking Duck Feast
16 May: Depart Beijing for Daegu, Korea
17 May: Orientation at

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Korean Students Association
Song Sanghoon
Yeungnam University
18 May: Tour of Daegu
20-21 May: Homestay with Korean family
22 May: Kongju National Museum; Bulgoksa Temple
23 May: Pohang Steel Company Tour
24 May: Free Day
25 May: Travel to Seoul
26 May: Touring around Seoul
27 May: Return to Norfolk

*Subject to change

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