

**Division of Humanities
Final Course Syllabus**

Course Code: HUMA 5770
Course Title: Field Research: Theory and Practice
Course Offered in: Fall 2019
Course Instructor: Professor Liu Tik-sang

Course Description: This course explores theories, methods, and techniques in ethnographic research. Students are required to conduct individual and group research projects.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

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1	Understand the anthropological approaches in field research.
2	Develop an appreciation of the diversity of human societies and understand the meanings of different cultural and social practices.
3	Acquire a holistic perspective in understanding human society.
4	Master the basic field research techniques.

Course Outline:

	Briefly outline
1	Course organization; fieldwork
2	Culture and society; ethnography
3	Fieldtrip
4	Choosing a field site; research proposal
5	Interviewing and key informants
6	Life history, oral history, and local documents
7	Fieldwork ethic
8	Strategies of Analyses
9	Writing ethnography

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Project presentations

Three samples of readings:

Crane, Julia G. and Michael V. Angrosino. *Field Projects in Anthropology: A Student Handbook*. Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, 1992.

Watson, James L. and Rubie S. Watson. *Village Life in Hong Kong: Politics, Gender, and Ritual in the New Territories*. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 2004.

Wolcott, Harry F. *The Art of Fieldwork* (2nd ed.). Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2005.