ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 This Manual

The purpose of this Manual is to clarify information concerning Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs) offered by the Asian Studies Program. The relationship between GTFs and the University, as a whole, is governed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF). This Manual details the specific relationship between GTFs and the Asian Studies Program. This Manual does not apply to work-study or other staff hired by the Asian Studies Program.

Access to this Manual and amendments will be made available to faculty and students, as well as to the Graduate School and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation. This document and its amendments may be viewed or printed from the Graduate School website.

1.2 GTF Tuition and Fees

Graduate Teaching Fellows are required to maintain and complete a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours. GTFs pay no tuition on the first 16 credit hours per term if their appointment is equal to or greater than .20 FTE and they complete the assignment at .20 FTE or greater. Graduate Teaching Fellows must pay $61 of the mandatory fees set by the Oregon University System per quarter. Fees are subject to change without additional notice. Details of GTF and University contributions to these fees are contained in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article 22.

1.3 Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

Most Graduate Teaching Fellows at the University of Oregon are represented by a union, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF). Official membership is at the individual's option, although payment of monthly dues, or an equivalent is required under the fair share agreement (Article 4, Section 4). Levels of appointment and salary are subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the GTFF and the University of Oregon. Upon signed acceptance of an offer, the GTF will be sent a copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and other information pertinent to the appointment.

2.0 AVAILABILITY OF GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

2.1 GTF appointments are programmatically determined by the Asian Studies Committee. Areas needing GTF support are discussed each spring by the Asian Studies Advisory Committee, or by the solicitation of participating faculty by the director, to ascertain needs for the upcoming academic year. Asian Studies GTFs will be assigned in accordance to these curricular needs and in consideration of students’ area of focus. All graduate students employed by the department at .4 FTE or above for teaching (e.g., grading, discussion leader) or administrative duties will be awarded a Graduate Teaching Fellowship, except in emergency situations that cannot be accommodated by an increase in the FTE of current GTFs and/or the creation of new GTF position.
2.11 Many Asian Studies GTFs assist in teaching Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language courses in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. Other Asian Studies GTFs help with content courses in Asian film, history, geography, political science and religion. Thus, the teaching and direct supervision of GTF activities follows the current guidelines for workload and work assignments set out by East Asian Languages and Literatures or other departments where the GTF is assigned. Graduate students should apply for graduate teaching fellowships and their renewal through Asian Studies.

2.2 The number of GTF positions available is subject to the budgetary constraints on the Program and the University.

2.3 The priority is to help Asian Studies faculty teach. This may be through grading, offering discussion sections or teaching regular required courses in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean languages in the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department (CHN 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, JPN 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203; KRN 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203) and to provide assistance to faculty in History, Political Science, Geography, Religious Studies, and Art History, where needed.

2.4 The Program:

2.41 Makes an effort to distribute GTF opportunities to as many students as possible.

2.42 Encourages students to explore teaching and financial opportunities through other means such as scholarships, work study, and grant funded research assistantships.

2.5 In recent years GTF positions have been offered by the Program for teaching in courses such as Religious Studies 230, 330; History 190, 191, 192 and JPN 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203; CHN 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, as well as assistance in language drill sections, grading, etc.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Appointments are made to those graduate students fully accepted to and enrolled in the Asian Studies Program.

3.2 For language teaching, preference is given to candidates with background and interest in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian or Thai language as appropriate.

3.3 The University Graduate School requires that a GTF be enrolled for a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours per term of appointment.

3.31 In addition the Asian Studies Program requires that a GTF maintain her/his studies in residency at the UO during each term of appointment.

4.0 APPLICATION PROCESS
4.1 It is the Program's responsibility to provide the University with recommendations for GTF appointments (Article 17, Section 1).

4.2 As described in Article 9 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, each potential GTF shall be given a copy of the appointment or reappointment criteria at the time of application.

4.3 Position announcements for the upcoming academic year will be made:

4.3.1 by posting in the Asian Studies office a brief description of each position's duties and responsibilities, FTE, workload, and appointment and reappointment qualifications (Article 17, Section 1).

4.4 From time to time emergency appointments will be necessary. In such cases, the GTF Selections Committee will meet to identify available applicants. If for some reason, a position needs to be filled mid-term or mid-year, the position may be filled from applicant pool or by re-opening position.

4.5 Completed applications may be returned to the Program at any time, but only those received before December 15 will be guaranteed full consideration for the following year.

4.6 Applicants may indicate an interest in a single position, specific positions, or in all positions on the application form. Applicants may apply for GTF support through East Asian Languages and Literatures, History, as well as Asian Studies. Separate applications are required for each department.

4.7 Each applicant will be sent a notice of the hiring decision within five working days after the decision has been made (Article 17, Section 1).

4.8 Position announcements for the upcoming academic year that are available to graduate students from any discipline will be made by posting a brief description of each position's duties and responsibilities, FTE and workload, and appointment and reappointment qualifications with the University's Office of Affirmative Action, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation office, and on the websites of the Graduate School and Human Resources (Article 17, Section 1).

5.0 APPOINTMENT SELECTION PROCESS

5.1 The Asian Studies Program GTF Selections Committee members shall submit recommendations, in priority order, for appointment and reappointment to the appropriate department head; for example, of East Asian Languages and Literatures. After approval by the department head, GTF appointments will be offered by the Asian Studies Program.

5.1.1 The GTF Selections Committee shall be comprised of three to four persons, typically a China specialist, a Japan specialist, a Southeast Asia specialist, and the program chair.

5.2 Appointments and reappointments will be based on evaluation of each candidate's qualifications with respect to:
5.21  General criteria regarding appointments for the particular types of work assignments available in EALL or in other departments,

5.22  Specific criteria relating to the specific GTF work assignment,

5.23  Candidates will be rank ordered based on these criteria.

5.24  While appointment or reappointment criteria may include the recommendation of the person who will act as the GTF’s supervisor, the committee will give substantial consideration to the other appointment or reappointment criteria.

5.4  If no qualified students apply or are available for a particular position, the Program Selections Committee may decide to reopen the application process for the position.

5.41  Generally the same process will be repeated. However, the Program Selections Committee reserves the right to proceed to fill the position as it would in an emergency appointment situation (see 4.4).

6.0  APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT

6.1  The following criteria will be used for ranking of applicants:
1. Ranking in admissions process or interim reviews.
2. Teaching experience
3. Background in the subject matter of the course the GTF will be teaching (for history, religious studies, anthropology, etc.), or fluency in standard Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian or Thai (for EALL, Linguistics).
   Applicants may be asked for an interview with the Program Selections Committee to discuss their qualifications and the nature of their assignments.

6.2  Academic credentials:

6.21  "Incoming Academic Promise" of incoming students evidenced by previous degrees and grades, test scores, etc.

6.22  "Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduate Degree" of students currently enrolled in the Asian Studies Program is required whether applying for an initial appointment or for reappointment (see 10.0). However, this is a minimal requirement.

6.3  Previous experience:

6.31  For teaching GTF positions, candidates will be ranked based on previous teaching or prior coursework preparation.

6.32  Interest, desire and prediction of performance may be considered in lieu of previous experience based on the GTF’s application as a whole.

6.4  Language requirement:
6.41 Candidates for appointments for language instruction in standard Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian or Thai must possess native or near-native language abilities in the respective language.

6.42 Applicants for a Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, or Korean (if non-native speaker) language GTF must submit a cassette tape with their application. (Applicants may read a story or essay on any subject as part of the tape submission.)

6.5 A cover letter should be included with the application that describes the candidate's interests and qualifications.

6.6 Financial need will not be considered (except where it may be used in evaluating two or more equally qualified candidates).

6.7 GTF appointments and reappointments shall comply with the Federal and University Affirmative Action regulations (Article 8).

6.8 GTFs will be employed year-to-year rather than term-to-term, whenever feasible. GTFs cannot be employed term-to-term in order to determine whether they are adequately qualified for a GTF position.

6.9 In addition to these general selection criteria for appointments and reappointments, specific qualification criteria may be developed for individual appointments as stated in the announcement description.

6.10 GTFs seeking reappointment must submit a Graduate Award application form each year and information about prior GTF performance. It should be borne in mind that, once an appointment is made, there is no assumption of reappointment. Students seeking reappointment will compete with new applicants for the position. Because teaching experience is one criterion for reappointment, a GTF who has demonstrated satisfactory performance in the past can expect to score highly on that ranking. GTFs are given quarterly student evaluations for all classes taught.

7.0 WORKLOAD

7.1 Asian Studies Program GTFs are appointed in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures or other departments at the following full time equivalent levels (FTE) and corresponding total workloads (Article 21).

7.11 .20 FTE appointments require up to 88 hours per term, or up to 264 hours per academic year.

7.12 .30 FTE appointments require up to 131 hours per term, or up to 393 hours per academic year.

7.13 .40 FTE appointments require up to 175 hours per term, or up to 525 hours per academic year.

7.14 .49 FTE appointments require up to 215 hours per term, or up to 645 hours per academic year.
7.2 For the purpose of setting workload (and thus FTE) for a particular GTF position, the hiring unit shall consider what constitutes a workload sufficient to perform the work assignment satisfactorily.

7.21 Workload includes performance of all duties of the work assignment. For example, the workload for a teaching assignment would include preparation time, office hours, time serving at registration, etc. in addition to time spent in actual teaching.

7.22 The distribution of workload among work assignment duties (see 8.0) shall be considered to be reflective of average breakdowns within the normative standard of the total workload. The distribution of time actually spent on duties may vary from week to week, but the workload per term should be within the designated number of total workload hours.

7.23 Where the workload is broken down by work assignment duties and is designated as a "minimum" number of hours, the GTF will be required to fulfill that specific time commitment.

7.3 Summer Session

GTFs who have sole responsibility for teaching a course and/or are listed as the instructor of record shall be based on the academic credit value of the course for which the GTFs are responsible. (Sole responsibility is understood to mean sole responsibility for preparation for and teaching of classes assigned to them.)

For four- or eight-week courses during summer session, minimum FTE appointments of GTFs with the same responsibilities described above shall be:

- 3 credit classes – minimum .30 FTE appointment
- 4 or 5 credit classes – minimum .37 FTE appointment

8.0 WORK ASSIGNMENTS

8.1 Asian Studies typically has work assignments as follows:

8.11 Teaching positions:
8.12 Teaching assistant: assist faculty who teaches a course.

8.2 Teaching assistant: Assist faculty who teaches a course (.40 FTE). The hours listed here represent reasonable estimates for an individual holding an appointment at .40 FTE for teaching in East Asian Languages and Literatures. The GTF selected to assist in teaching in another department (e.g. history) should consult the guidelines regarding workload for that department. It should be recognized that from time to time the exact number of hours under each category may vary from these estimates, though the total time commitment will not vary from that specified in the bargaining agreement.

8.21 In-class contact hours. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hrs per wk: 2-3
8.211 Conduct language drill sessions (EALL, Linguistics)
8.212 Attend lectures

8.22 Preparation hours. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hrs per wk: 2-3
Preparation hours are calculated at one hour for each hour of contact defined under 8.211.

8.221 Prepare drill activities
8.222 Adapt or develop syllabus and course materials under faculty supervision.
8.223 Construct examinations and quizzes.

8.23 Contact hours outside the classroom. . . . . Hrs per wk: 2-3

8.24 Performance evaluation. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hrs per wk: 2-3

8.241 Grading exams or quizzes
8.242 Maintain and submit grading records in compliance with Departmental policy and University regulations

8.25 Other responsibilities. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hrs per wk: 2-3

8.251 Assist with registration (no more than 3 hours)
8.252 Proctor exams
8.253 Attend meetings of teaching faculty

8.3 Graduate Teaching Fellows in Asian Studies will be assigned shared, lockable office space in Prince Lucien Campbell Hall. GTF offices contain one phone, one or more desks, and two computers, for GTF use. GTFs may use their offices, or the Oregon Consortium for International and Area Studies (OCIAS) conference room located in PLC 175A, for private discussions with students or faculty. In addition, GTFs may utilize the work space of the OCIAS computer lab, located in PLC 172, a room to which GTFs may be issued a key or after-hours access. GTFs will be provided with desk copies of all required course texts. Office supplies, photocopies, fax, scanner and printouts are available in the main OCIAS office, PLC 175. Special requests for space or supplies should be directed to OCIAS staff.

9.1 Accident Reporting and Workers’ Compensation

9.11 The University's Workers' Compensation Program is administered by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). If you have any questions about the program, please call 346-3192.

9.12 All University of Oregon employees, including GTFs, are covered by workers' compensation insurance through SAIF Corporation. This coverage is for
occupational injury, or illnesses or diseases that arise out of or in the course and scope of employment.

9.13 The University has established procedures for reporting accidents and filing workers' compensation claims. They are intended to expedite claims processing and to minimize the possibility of delays in payment of benefits. If a GTF is injured on the job, the GTF must report it immediately to the supervisor. The supervisor will complete the Supervisor’s Accident Investigation Report (SAIR) with the GTF. If, as a result of the accident, the GTF requires medical care, a Workers’ Compensation Claim Form (801) must be completed within 24 hours. If, due to the nature of the injury or illness, the GTF is unable to complete the 801, the supervisor will submit it on behalf of the GTF. Workers’ compensation information and forms are available at http://orm.uoregon.edu/content/injury-reporting-and-workers-compensation. Forms can also be obtained from Departmental office managers or the Office of Risk Management or EHS.

9.14 Oregon laws prohibit discrimination or retaliation by an employer against an employee for filing a workers' compensation claim or a safety-related complaint with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

9.15 In addition to medical expenses related to the injury/illness, benefits provided by SAIF Corporation may also include temporary total disability payments if the GTF is unable to work as authorized by an attending physician. These payments equal 66 2/3% of the GTF’s average weekly wage (up to a maximum established by the Oregon Legislature). Mileage payments for medical appointments and prescription reimbursements are also examples of benefits provided by SAIF Corporation. Certain medical treatments, however, are subject to exclusion. The GTF will be notified by SAIF Corporation of the rights and coverage when the claim is processed.

9.16 An injured GTF who is unable to work may not receive both salary compensation from workers' compensation and sick leave or other pay when this results in the GTF receiving more than his/her regular monthly salary. Should this occur and payment is received from both sources, the GTF must be prepared to repay any over-payments. If the GTF believes there is some confusion about salary or workers' compensation benefits, contact EHS immediately.

9.17 As required by ORS 659A.043 - 659.420, describes reinstatement or reemployment rights for employees who have sustained a compensable occupational injury or illness.

9.2 Health and Safety Requirements The University acknowledges an obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment for GTFs and agrees to do so in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws pertaining to occupational safety and health. To this end, a departments' GDRS should address the following topics and the person(s) responsible coordinating them as they apply to each appointment. (The Office of Environmental Health and Safety can assist departments in each of these areas.)

9.21 Safety Information The University of Oregon Safety Policy may be found in the library, http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/08-health-and-safety/safety. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is responsible for the
University's safety programs. For questions or information regarding any of these programs, contact EH&S at 346-3192 or visit the department's website at http://ehs.uoregon.edu/. Safety concerns may also be submitted via an online reporting system on the Safety Advisory Committee website, http://ehs.uoregon.edu/safety-advisory-committee.

9.22 Reporting Safety Hazards GTFs who identify safety hazards and issues are encouraged to discuss them immediately with their supervisor or other appropriate departmental representative such as program coordinator or office manager. Other resources on campus to report such information include the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, a Safety Advisory Committee representative or a GTFF union representative. Off campus resources include the local OSHA office and the BUREAU of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

9.23 Use of Personal Protective Equipment No personal protective equipment is required for Asian Studies GTFs. If GTFs need any protective equipment for a particular project, they can request such equipment to the Asian Studies coordinator.

9.24 Required Safety Training and Appropriate Departmental Record Keeping No safety training is required for use of equipment.

9.25 Location of Emergency Procedures, Evacuation Plans, Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS) and First Aid Supplies A first aid kit is kept in the cabinet in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures office (308 Friendly Hall) as well as in the copy room of the Oregon Consortium for International and Area Studies (172 Prince Lucien Campbell Hall). The EALL and OCIAS administrative managers are responsible for maintaining these kits. GTFs are required to leave the building when fire alarms sound.

10.0 ABSENCES

10.1 NOTIFICATION. If you are unable to attend work at the scheduled time or to meet a class as scheduled, you must notify your supervisor as soon as possible, including, if possible, in advance of the scheduled work assignment or class that you are unable to attend. Do not cancel the class without permission from your supervisor. To the extent possible, provide the department with information about where you left off (e.g., in the previous class in the case of a teaching GTF). If you are able, please attempt to reach your supervisor by both phone and email. In the case that you are unable to directly notify the department, you may designate someone to make your notification and provide the necessary information to [INSERT…] using this protocol.

If you are going to miss more than one work week, you or your designee must contact the Graduate School. The Graduate School will coordinate with the GTF and the department on any adjustment due to the GTF’s absence.

COVERAGE FOR TEACHING GTFs. If possible, please attempt to find an appropriate substitute to take your class and notify the department of the proposed substitute. If you are unable to do this, inform [INSERT…] so he/she can assist in finding a substitute. If no appropriate substitute is found, the department may elect to cancel the class.
MAKE-UP WORK. Generally, for duties missed not related to a class meeting, please check in with your supervisor to determine when and how the missed work will be made up.

PLANNED ABSENCES. If you are planning an approved absence during any working days of the term, be sure to notify [INSERT… how to reach you (if possible).

MORE INFO. More information about GTF absences-- including those related to the birth or placement of a child, a serious health condition, or the care of a partner, child, or parent for a serious health condition-- can be found in Articles 27 and 28 of the UO-GTFF Collective Bargaining Agreement, http://hr.uoregon.edu/er/labor-agreements

10.0 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATE DEGREE

10.1 Satisfactory progress toward a graduate degree is a requirement of GTF appointment and reappointment (see 6.0).

10.11 A GTF appointment is the method by which departments can offer financial support to promising students in a graduate degree program, and should be beneficial to the student's development in that program. As a matter of policy, individuals appointed as GTFs should be regarded primarily as graduate students providing service as a part of a learning experience, rather than solely as employees whose education is secondary.

10.12 At the end of each academic year, the Graduate School reviews academic transcripts of all graduate students holding GTF appointments during that year. The Graduate School will notify a GTF's graduate degree program if the GTF's academic performance during the appointment period fell below the Graduate School's 3.0 GPA standard. The degree program will be asked to review the student's progress toward his/her graduate degree and issue its approval before a GTF reappointment can be made to that student. Satisfactory progress shall be assessed by criteria established by the Asian Studies Program whether the student serves as a GTF in East Asian Languages or any other department. All Asian Studies graduate students are evaluated each spring term. Criteria used in assessing satisfactory progress toward a graduate degree in the Asian Studies Program shall be as follows.

10.121 Coursework: All GTFs must enroll for and complete at least 9 credit hours per term toward the graduate degree. First-year graduate students, unless specifically exempted by the Director of the Asian Studies Program, are expected to complete the courses Issues in Asian Studies (ASIA 611) and Perspectives in Asian Studies (ASIA 612).

10.122 Grades: All GTFs must achieve each year a grade point average of 3.0 or above in course work meeting the requirements of the graduate degree. Since the grade of C is considered less than satisfactory for graduate students, if a GTF receives a grade of C or less, the Program Director and the Advisory Committee will consider whether this is a sign of unsatisfactory progress.

10.123 Examinations: It is expected that all GTFs will satisfy degree requirements as set out in their Plan of Study. Failure to do so will cause
the Program Director and the Advisory Committee to consider whether this is a sign of unsatisfactory progress.

11.0 DISCRIMINATION GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

To file an employment-related discrimination grievance, GTFs are encouraged to contact the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation. For discrimination grievances that pertain to a GTF’s role as a student, graduate students should refer to the student section of the AAEO Discrimination Grievance Procedures online: http://aaeo.uoregon.edu/sites/aaeo.uoregon.edu/files/attachments/AAEO%20Booklet%20Color.pdf

More information is available at the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity website:
http://aaeo.uoregon.edu/