

Subject Code	CBS2S02
Subject Title	Service-Learning – Preserving Cultural Heritage for Ethnic Minorities in Contemporary China
Hosting Dept	Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies
Level	2
Class Quota	40
Medium of Instruction	English  Field work will be conducted in Putonghua. A sound level of Putonghua competency is preferred (help in translation will be provided by mainland student volunteers).
Subject Duration	Semester 2 + Summer Term
Teaching Staff	Dr. YU Shuo, Mr. Hing Chao
Target Students	GUR, open for all
Pre-requisites	Nil
Selection of Students Required?	Yes Students must submit a passage and attend an interview to determine if they are suitable candidates for the subject.
Subject Synopsis	<a href="http://www.cbs.polyu.edu.hk/doc/SLS/CBS2S02.pdf">http://www.cbs.polyu.edu.hk/doc/SLS/CBS2S02.pdf</a>
Service Project	
What will students do to serve?	China officially recognizes 56 ethnic groups including 55 ethnic minorities. Some of the smaller ethnic groups are in danger of losing traditional culture due to rapid social changes. There is great urgency to record the oral testimonies of the ethnic elders to help preserve ethnic culture and minimize the cultural loss. Students taking the subject will travel to and stay with the assigned ethnic group. They will be involved in interviewing members of the minority community, particularly the elders, to register the local cultural practices and tradition, to record their oral history, to learn traditional songs, dance and skills, and to help them revitalize the collective memory of living in the forest.
Whom will students serve?	Ethnic Minorities in China
Where will students serve?	Inner Mongolia, China
When will students serve?	10-15 days in Mid-June
Fee payable by students	TBC (For ref.: \$1300 per head for 2013/14)
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Remarks: The information given above is subject to change.