

courses. Some of these courses may be included in the Asian Studies minor.

Planning for Asian Studies

In 1996, CSB/SJU launched a three-phase process to develop a long range plan for Asian Studies. Phase one included a systematic inventory of Asia-related resources and interests across the academic and monastic sectors.

Phase two assessed future needs. The assessment was supervised by a sixteen member Planning Committee representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

In phase three, the Planning Committee analyzed the results of the needs assessment, discussed its findings at "Friends of Asian Studies dinners," and made specific recommendations.

Recommendations

The committee made the following recommendations to broaden and deepen Asian Studies at CSB/SJU.

1. Explore ways in which Asian Studies can complement the core curriculum.
2. Work with the Office of Cultural Programs to introduce more cultural events from Asia.

3. Reestablish curricular cooperation with St. Cloud State University.
4. Provide direction and training for increasing numbers of faculty.
5. Consider ways in which the Benedictine global network of monastic communities might broaden student exchanges in Asia.
6. Find ways for the Asian Studies program to enhance multiculturalism by helping to recruit more Asian and Asian-American students.

ASIANetwork

Convinced that networking with like-minded liberal arts institutions will help our planning process, CSB/SJU joined the ASIANetwork. We are already benefiting from hands-on curricular and programmatic suggestions in the *ASIANetwork Exchange* and at the annual conference. We look forward to participating in the collaborations and faculty development opportunities central to the ASIANetwork.

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**1999 ASIANetwork CONFERENCE
PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM/TOUR
THE PUGET SOUND: EXPLORING THE ASIAN PRESENCE
IN THE GATEWAY TO THE PACIFIC RIM
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1999: 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

You are cordially invited to participate in a pre-conference **tour** designed to introduce you to the significant Asian presence in the Puget Sound region.

Tacoma's Korean community and Seattle's multi-faceted International District are just two stops on the tour, which may also include art and history museums, such as the Wing Luke Museum, that have significant holdings related to Asia. Participants will have lunch in the International District of Seattle before returning to the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel well before the opening dinner of the ASIANetwork Conference.

The tour is designed as a "break even" proposition. Tour members will be selected on a "first-come" basis, with a minimum number needed. Participants will receive confirmation of the arrangements.

Participants are invited, but not required, to read *National Trust Guide, Seattle: America's Guide for Architecture and History Travelers* (1998), published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Registration must be made directly with Michael Bartanen, (Communication, Pacific Lutheran University), Chair of the tour. The Pre-conference Program registration is separate from registration for the ASIANetwork Conference.

Registration deadline: March 15, 1999

Payment due: \$45 on the day of the tour

For further information and/or to register for the tour, please contact:

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