Signature Experience Guidelines

The Signature Experience requirement will help you build your resume, work experience, writing skills, and community understanding. This is a great opportunity to become prepared for future employment or academic studies, and it is built right into the major for you.

Start planning your Signature Experience before your senior year to give yourself plenty of time to complete it.

You have a variety of options to complete this requirement, all of which **must be related to Asia** to count toward our program:

- **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)**
  [http://urop.utah.edu/start.php](http://urop.utah.edu/start.php)

- **Study Abroad/Exchange program**
  [http://learningabroad.utah.edu/](http://learningabroad.utah.edu/)

- **International Internship (can be local, D.C. or abroad)**
  Hinckley Institute of Politics: [http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/](http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/)

- **Honors Thesis/Degree**
  [http://honors.utah.edu/program/honors-certificate-degree-requirements](http://honors.utah.edu/program/honors-certificate-degree-requirements)

Your experience **MUST BE PRE-APPROVED** by the Asian Studies advisor – exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Whatever you choose, your experience must earn a **minimum of 3 upper-division graded credit hours.**
Reflection Paper

Upon completion of your experience, you must turn in a 2-page reflection paper to the Asian Studies Advisor. It should be double-spaced, 12-pt font, with 1-inch margins. Papers that are poorly written, have grammar or spelling errors, or are badly organized will NOT be accepted.

Your reflection should include a description of the program or project, how you feel it contributes to your degree as a whole, an explanation of the skills you gained, and how it relates to a career path you are interested in.

A first draft must be turned in before the graduation application deadline (check the academic calendar) and the final draft must be turned in at least one month before the end of the semester in which you want to graduate. The advisor reserves the right to ask for revisions of papers and will not approve your Signature Experience requirement until an acceptable draft has been approved.