

**Division of Humanities
Course Syllabus**

Course Code: HUMA 5750
Course Title: Family and Lineage in South China
Course Offered in: Fall 2020
Course Instructor: Tik-sang Liu

Course Description:

In this course we will survey the structure and organization of family and lineage in South China. The historical process of the development of Chinese lineage in South China will be examined. The descent principle, marriage practices, and the role of women will also be investigated.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

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1	To master the basic concepts of family and lineage
2	To understand the lineage model in Chinese context
3	To master the technique of studying family organization
4	To master field research techniques

Course Outline:

Topics	
1	Introduction
2	Family, Descent, and Kinship
3	Family Organization
4	Lineage Model

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5	Chinese Lineage
6	Women and Marriage
7	Communities at the Periphery of the Dominant Lineage's Territory
8	Conclusion

Planned Assessment Tasks:

Presentation and Participation in class	40%
Research paper	60%

Readings:

1. Peoples, James and Garrick Bailey. 2012. *Humanity: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* (International Edition) (9th ed.). Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

2. Watson, Rubie S. *Inequality among Brothers: Class and Kinship in South China*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

3. Freedman, Maurice (ed.). *Family and Kinship in Chinese Society*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1970.