

The 2012 FASS-NUS Summer School

“Southeast Asia in Context”

Call for Applications

16 June – 20 July 2011

National University of Singapore

Application Deadline: 16 March 2012

The Department of Southeast Asian Studies (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore) welcomes new applicants for the fifth annual session of its International Residential Summer School on Southeast Asia. The summer school is held in cooperation with the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU). This unique program will bring together undergraduate students from NUS, Yale University, University of Copenhagen, and other IARU and non-IARU universities in a special five-week course that will blend classroom lectures with field-study excursions to sites in Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

Course Description

Southeast Asia in Context is a 5-week thematically based exploration of Southeast Asia’s geographical and cultural diversity. This course takes advantage of Singapore’s position and character as a microcosm of this diversity. Blending classroom instruction on NUS Kent Ridge campus with hands-on fieldwork in Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand and Indonesia, SEA in Context offers modules on Southeast Asia with anthropological, historical and archaeological concentrations.

In 2012, SEA in Context is available at the introductory level. Modules offered emphasise the culture, history, and contemporary lives of Southeast Asians, including both urban and rural dwellers.

Target Audience & Pre-requisites

This course is open to all full-time undergraduate students across academic majors with strong interest in Southeast Asia.

NUS undergraduates should have a minimum CAP of 3.0 on a 5-point scale.

Non-NUS students will be assessed based on recruitment criteria and procedures administered by each participating university in consultation with the NUS Department of Southeast Asian Studies.

Modules Offered

3 modules will be offered and each student is required to take 2 modules including compulsory module, SE2222 Southeast Asia in Context. SE2211 and SE2880A are elective modules. The selected elective module will be tied to the overseas fieldtrip countries.

The fieldtrip destinations are: A) Cambodia and Thailand (for SE2211), which highlights visiting rice farming villages in Northeast Thailand, the historical park in Ayutthaya, urban life in Bangkok and ancient Khmer civilization at Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia; and B) Java, Indonesia (for SE2880A), where students visit Borobudur, Yogyakarta and traditional Gamelan communities.

Students must indicate their preferred elective module on the Application Form.

Compulsory

SE2222 Southeast Asia in Context

Lecturer: Assoc Prof John N MIKSIC

Modular Credits: 4

This module introduces students to the transformations of ethnic, religious, national and regional identities in Southeast Asia across time as seen from a variety of perspectives. Students will have the opportunity to learn about: the region's archaeology, seafaring trade and the meanings of its ancient monuments; the major religions of Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and "Animism" and how they figured in movements for change since the 19th century; the modern management of cultural resources and the impact of tourism; and recent anthropological studies with attention on new themes and the ways Southeast Asian societies are understood from the region itself.

Electives (Choose ONE)

SE2211 Southeast Asian Social History

Lecturer: Assoc Prof Martin PLATT

Modular Credits: 4

This course aims to investigate a variety of aspects of Southeast Asia's history while at the same time encouraging students to engage with issues of what history is or can be, who writes it, and for what purposes. Rather than following a time line through an overall historical narrative, we will instead explore different approaches to learning about the past, including academic history, local history, oral history, autobiography, and film. The course will concentrate on the experience of history by individuals in the region at different places and times, including such topics as: life in ancient Angkor, Burmese tradition and belief, independence-era Java, Hakka meals and memories, a Malay sultanate in Siam, a textual practice in southern Thailand, court musicians in Bali, Lao political re-education, prisoners in New Order Indonesia, and contemporary Thai nostalgia. Taking advantage of our location and the Southeast Asia in Context program, students will practice history themselves by carrying out a short oral history project of their own.

SE2880A Southeast Asia's Cultural Mosaic

Lecturer: Dr Julius BAUTISTA

Modular Credits: 4

Southeast Asia is characterised by great ethnolinguistic and cultural variation. How can we make sense of and appreciate this diversity? What is an insiders and outsiders perspective? This course will introduce students to the region from an anthropological perspective. Students will be equipped with the analytical tools for the comparative study of society and culture. Ethnographic materials will be used to discuss themes that include ethnicity, identity, family and kinship systems, gender, economy, and social change. The challenge is for students to explore, conceptualise, and understand differences and similarities between social systems and human relationships, and to ask, Why?

Delivery Method

Classes will be held every day in the morning and afternoon throughout the course, except during fieldtrips. Each class session will last 2 hours. There will also be classroom lectures and on-site discussion throughout the fieldtrips in the various Southeast Asian countries.

Assessment Details

Students are encouraged to actively participate in daily classroom discussions. Courses will be 100% CA based (no exam). In general, all modules offered will be assessed based on the following components:

Component	Percentage
Class attendance and participation	10%
2 x Reflection Essays (1,000 words each)	20%
1 x Assignment on Southeast Asian history and culture in Singapore	20%
1 x Fieldtrip Report (5,000 words)	50%
Total	100%

Accommodation

Prince George's Park Residences (PGPR) is located in the NUS Kent Ridge Campus. This residential complex offers 2854 single rooms. The single rooms are grouped into clusters of 15 and offer its residents an apartment lifestyle. The 15 residents in each cluster are entrusted with collective responsibility for their shared facilities. Each cluster has its own kitchen, dining area, and bathroom facilities. Points for personal telephone, television and computer linkage to the university's network and the Internet, are provided in every room.

Students will be housed in Undergraduate Student Rooms Type B at PGPR. For more information, please visit http://nus.edu.sg/ohs/properties/PGPR/units_USR.php

Costs (Singapore Dollars)

The costs of tuition, miscellaneous, on-campus accommodation and fieldtrip fees and estimated costs of other personal and living expenses in Singapore (where applicable), are set out in the tables below.

- 1) International students who have been nominated under the student exchange programme** by their home universities for this Summer School will be exempted from tuition fees stated below. However, they will still need to pay for on-campus accommodation, fieldtrip and miscellaneous fees.
- 2) IARU partner university students and all other international students not nominated by their home universities** to NUS will be required to pay a total of S\$7 479.13. This includes tuition fees for two special term modules (S\$5 180), miscellaneous fees, fieldtrip and on-campus accommodation.

Essential fees

Tuition fees	S\$5 180 (2 modules for non-exchange international students)
Miscellaneous fees	S\$69.13 (for all exchange & non-exchange international students)
Accommodation at PGPR	S\$730 (5 weeks)
Fieldtrip	S\$1 500 (includes airfare, accommodation throughout fieldtrip and transportation & admission fees to field sites. Cost subject to change.

Other personal and living expenses in Singapore

Estimated textbook costs	S\$50 – S\$100
*Estimated Living Expenses	S\$600 – S\$800 (for on-campus meals over 5 weeks)
Estimated Student's Pass & Multiple Entry Visa	S\$90 – S\$120
Estimated Local Transportation Costs	S\$100 – S\$150 (based on 5 weeks travel by public buses/trains only)

**Does not include personal expenses such as toiletries, clothing, groceries, entertainment etc.*

- 3) NUS students may enjoy up to 50% subsidy on fieldtrip costs.** This payment excludes tuition fees and other personal expenses (such as travel visa fees). The estimated total cost payable by NUS students varies according to year of admission and citizenship due to difference in tuition fees payable arising from the University's cohort-based fee system. NUS students should refer to Summer School website under 'Fees' section for the fees payable.

For further application details and information regarding the Summer School, please visit:
<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/sea/undergrad/summerSchool.html>

For enquiries, please contact the following:

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Ms Shirley Koh	For application, registration and enrolment matters	

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