

Study Plan for ASEAN Fellows

Master of Arts in Southeast Asian Studies Chulalongkorn University

Duration: June 2013 – October 2015.

Objectives:

1. Support a profound understanding of Southeast Asia and the issues concerned from Southeast Asian standpoint, and build up an alternative knowledge of the region in line with the rapid and drastic changes in contemporary world society.
2. Develop professional academics in the field of Southeast Asian Studies.
3. Offer the best opportunity to study and analyze a considerable body of knowledge under the supervision of recognized experts in the field.

Course Synopsis & Methodology:

The Southeast Asian Studies Program is multidisciplinary and offers courses in history, arts, culture, economics and political science. Contemporary issues that cut across disciplines are thus easy to address and receive particular attention. The Program has as an integral part a "Traveling Classroom" involving a trip to another Southeast Asian country, in addition to short field trips within Thailand.

Academic calendar	
Semester 1 : Course works	June 2013 – September 2013
Semester 2 : Course works and Thesis Proposal defense	October 2013 – February 2014
Traveling classroom	April 2014
Semester 3 : Thesis works	June 2014 – September 2014
Semester 4 : Thesis works and Thesis examination	October 2014 – February 2015
Graduation (upon the University Committee's approval)	June 2015

For graduation, students are required to successfully complete 36 credits (24 credits for course work, and 12 for thesis work) and will be able to graduate in four semesters.

Plan A (Thesis)	
1 st Semester	
- Compulsory Course	3 credits
- Compulsory Course	3 credits
- Elective Course	3 credits
- Elective Course	<u>3 credits</u>
	<u>12 credits</u>
2 nd Semester	
- Compulsory Course	3 credits
- Compulsory Course	3 credits
- Elective Course	3 credits
- Elective Course	<u>3 credits</u>
	<u>12 credits</u>
3 rd and 4 th Semester	
- Thesis	<u>6 credits</u>
	<u>6 credits</u>
Total	36 credits

Course content/ Study topic:

There are *four required courses* to complete before graduation; Southeast Asian Civilization, ASEAN in Regional and Global Context, Modern Southeast Asia: Colonialism, Nationalism and Democratization, Research Methodology in Southeast Asia;

Southeast Asian Civilization as a product of the creative cultural life of several different races and peoples in Southeast Asia; the formation of various centers of early civilization in Southeast Asia resulting from geographical conditions, interregional and intra-regional contacts, cultural integration, and the rise of urban communities; the conditions that maintained the existence of each civilization center; the evolution of Southeast Asian civilization

ASEAN in Regional and Global Context The emergence of ASEAN in Southeast Asia; ASEAN and its function in Southeast Asia and world politics during and after the Cold War period; ASEAN and the problems of disunity and national interests among the individual members; external influences and internal resistances linked to the current status and future of ASEAN integration.

Modern Southeast Asia: Colonialism, Nationalism and Democratization The unique character of modern Southeast Asia; creative processes by which Southeast Asians have been adapting their cultures to the world of change; factors influencing the emergence and development of Southeast Asia, including climate and ecology, science and technology, and intra-regional and international contacts; the arrival of Western colonialism and its impact on Southeast Asian economic, political and social systems; the rise of nationalism; and the democratization process in Southeast Asia.

Research Methodology in Southeast Asian Studies Forms, approaches, and direction of Southeast Asian studies structured and developed by colonial scholars; concept and ideology underlying noted works produced under the context of nationalism during the anti-colonial era; form, substance, and new direction of academic works on Southeast Asia created by American scholars during the cold war period; significant academic products of indigenous scholars after the cold war period and the methodology which emphasizes internal dimension.

Also, several interesting courses are offered in this program; ***State and Society in Mainland Southeast Asia, Local Autonomy in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Arts and Culture, Ethnic Politics in Southeast Asia, Regionalism and Regional Organizations in Southeast Asia, Ecology and Nature in Mainland Southeast Asia, Urbanization in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Values and Worldview, Gender in Southeast Asia, Globalization and Local Identity in Southeast Asia, Human Rights in the Southeast Asia, Multilingualism in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Landscape and Society, Literature and Society in Southeast Asia, Folklore in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Theatre and Film, The Politics of the Narcotics Trade in Southeast Asia, Islam in Southeast Asia, Current Research on Southeast Asia and Seminar on Southeast Asia.***