Southeast Asian Studies Minor

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The SEATRiP Program at the University of California, Riverside—Southeast Asia: Texts, Rituals, Performance—brings together scholars who share an ongoing interest in the arts and humanities and are actively engaged with the languages and expressive cultures of Southeast Asia.

The Southeast Asian Studies minor is an interdepartmental program centered on the study of the arts and cultures of Southeast Asia. The scholars associated with the Program address regionally-specific texts, rituals and performances. They seek to develop better understandings of the forms and practices through which ideas and ideologies are creatively expressed, shaped and communicated within and among different societies of Southeast Asia as well as within the Southeast Asian diaspora.

1. Lower-division requirements (8 units)
   a) Four (4) units from lower lower-division lecture courses on Southeast Asian literature and culture:
      AST 049/HIST 046/SEAS 047, AST 062/CPLT 062, AST 063/CPLT 063, AST 064/MCS 049/VNM 064, AST 065
   b) Four (4) units chosen from above or from one of the Southeast Asian languages (Vietnamese/Indonesian/Tagalog).

2. Upper-division requirements (16 units):
   a) Sixteen (16) units in Southeast Asian literature and culture chosen from
   b) No more than Four (4) units may count from performance ensemble courses.

Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Program

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Graduate Program

The Master’s Program in Southeast Asian Studies is an interdepartmental program centered on the study of the arts and cultures of Southeast Asia and its diasporas. To understand Southeast Asia as a region, students need to make sense of and engage with its diverse expressive forms of culture (including visual arts, literature, and performance) which are crucial in building and maintaining individual as well as group identity both within and across national or ethnic boundaries.

This program is designed for students with a strong interest in Southeast Asia, including those already admitted or enrolled in another graduate program. Students can be concurrently enrolled in both the Southeast Asian Studies M.A. program and another graduate degree program.

Admission
All applicants must fulfill the standard admission requirements as established by the Graduate Division. Additionally, applicants must submit a Statement of Purpose to indicate a serious interest in Southeast Asian Studies (or a specific country or area in this region) as well as a writing sample (such as a past term paper or course essay) to demonstrate basic skills of scholarship.

Foreign Language
Students must acquire (or increase) a distinct level of proficiency in at least one language relevant to Southeast Asian Studies prior to beginning research for the thesis and no later than the fifth quarter in the program. The required proficiency can be demonstrated by way of an exam or by completing one year of course work with a “B” or better.

International students from Southeast Asia may use their native language to fulfill this requirement.

Course Work
All students are required to pass the Proseminar in Southeast Asian Studies (SEAS 200) with a “B” or better. Additionally, students must pass (with a “B” or better) four of the following six seminar courses:

- SEAS 201 Southeast Asian performance
- SEAS 202 Southeast Asian religions
- SEAS 203 Southeast Asian cultures
- SEAS 204 History of Southeast Asia
- SEAS 205 Literatures of Southeast Asia
- SEAS 206 Media in Southeast Asia

In addition, students can select four other graduate seminars or approved upper division undergraduate courses in accordance with their main field of interest and after approval by the Graduate Advisor and the student’s Thesis Committee. A total of 40 units of coursework, including thesis, are required for the degree in Southeast Asian Studies.

Students concurrently enrolled in another graduate program may, when appropriate, include units earned in that program toward the 40 units of the M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies. However, there must be at least 36 units uniquely applied to the Southeast Asian Studies degree.

Plan I (Thesis)
Students enrolled in the Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Program (for the terminal M.A.) must submit an essay (thesis) of 30-40 pages reflecting original research, written under the supervision of a member of the program who also functions as the chair of their Thesis Committee. At the beginning of the second year students should write a research proposal outlining their research project. Approximately ten pages in length this proposal should describe the aims of the research and provide a broader theoretical framework. After this is approved students begin to conduct individual research in the field or in the library. Students must enroll in a minimum of 4 units of Thesis Study (SEAS 299) or Directed Research (SEAS 297) under the supervision of a Southeast Asian Studies faculty. Before filing the thesis with the Graduate Division students must pass a formal oral examination.

Plan II (Comprehensive Exam)
Students concurrently enrolled in another degree program requiring an M.A. thesis (with the approval of the Southeast Asian Studies faculty) be awarded the M.A. degree by passing a comprehensive examination.

University Requirements
All master’s students must be enrolled for at least three quarters to fulfill the University residency requirement and must hold at least a 3.00 GPA in all upper division and graduate level course work related to the degree. A minimum of 40 units must be completed of which 36 must be graduate level (200 level) or approved upper division undergraduate (100 level) and apply only to the M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies.

Normative Time to Degree
Two years
Lower-Division Courses

SEAS 047 Introduction to Southeast Asian History (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Introduces major themes and events in Southeast Asian history. Covers from prehistory to contemporary events in the region. Develops basic historical approaches to understanding contemporary trends, such as the spread of world religions, regional differences and connections, trading patterns, cultural forms, and historically important sites. Cross-listed with AST 049 and HIST 046.

SEAS 062 Introduction to Southeast Asian Literature (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): none. An introduction to modern and contemporary Southeast Asian literature and culture with a focus on individual national histories. Explores the relationships between aesthetics, politics, and academic scholarship. Readings in translation; classes conducted in English. Cross-listed with AST 062 and CPLT 062.

SEAS 063 Reading Southeast Asian Stories (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): none. An introduction to the modern short story in Southeast Asia with a focus on literariness and the act of reading. Readings are in translation; classes conducted in English. Course is repeatable as content changes to a maximum of 8 units. Cross-listed with AST 063 and CPLT 063.

SEAS 064 Introduction to Vietnamese and Diasporic Film Culture (4) Lecture, 3 hours; screening, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): none. Engages in critical viewing strategies and visual critique. Explores the revival of film production in Vietnam following the Vietnam War, with a focus on the means of production, state control, and international distribution. Readings are in translation; classes conducted in English. Cross-listed with AST 064, MCS 049, and VNM 064.

SEAS 065 Introduction to Southeast Asian Cultures (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): none. An introduction to the world of Southeast Asia with an emphasis on aspects of local cultures. Cross-listed with AST 065.

Upper-Division Courses

SEAS 136 Anthropological Perspectives on Gender in Southeast Asia (4) Lecture, 3 hours; outside research, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Examines the intersections of gender, power, and sexuality in post-colonial Southeast Asia. Revisits early ethnographic claims of gender equality. Addresses current anthropological literature on the effects of colonialism, capitalism, and globalization on gender roles and relations within national and transnational contexts. Cross-listed with ANTH 136.

SEAS 137 The Vietnamese Americans: The Refugee and Immigrant Experience (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on the Vietnamese immigrant experience in contemporary society. Emphasizes the relationship of Vietnamese Americans to the larger society and on intergenerational strains and conflicts. Topics include socioeconomic and educational problems, family, religion, and the relationship between Vietnamese Americans and other ethnic groups. Cross-listed with ETST 137.

SEAS 143B Critical Filipino(a) Studies: Interrogating the Filipino American Present (4) Lecture, 3 hours; term paper, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): ETST 143A/SEAS 143A; upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Critical examination of the history and legacies of Filipino American community and identity in relation to the U.S. emancipation of the Philippines and the complex restructuring of a neocolonial and imperial relation. Examines the theoretical and conceptual premises of Filipino American and transnational experiences focusing on the ways in which they are transformed by nuns, monks, and the laity in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and California. Cross-listed with ETST 143B.

SEAS 145 Buddhism in Southeast Asia (4) Lecture, 3 hours; outside research, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): RLST 106 or consent of instructor. Explores various texts, magical practices, forms of meditation, rituals, and beliefs of and about Buddhism focusing on the ways in which they are transformed by nuns, monks, and the laity in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and California. Cross-listed with RLST 145.

SEAS 149 Southeast Asian Religions (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): one Religious Studies course or upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Introduces aspects of religion in various Southeast Asian countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. Cross-listed with AST 149. Readings are contextualized readings in translated primary sources. Cross-listed with RLST 149.

SEAS 150 Islam in Southeast Asia (4) Lecture, 3 hours; individual study, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): one Religious Studies course or upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Introduces the religious, intellectual, and cultural history of Muslim Southeast Asia. Includes Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei, as well as minority communities in Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, and the southern Philippines. Examines a series of contextualized readings in translated primary sources. Cross-listed with RLST 150.

SEAS 161 Translating Modern Southeast Asian Texts (4) Lecture, 3 hours; term paper, 1.5 hours; written work, 1.5 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing; knowledge of one Southeast Asian language is recommended. An introduction to translating modern Southeast Asian texts into English. Presents translations of texts from Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines in a context of theory. Materials are in English. Course is repeatable as content changes to a maximum of 8 units. Cross-listed with AST 161.

SEAS 162 Vietnamese Literary History (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing. A historical analysis of Vietnamese literature from its oral tradition to contemporary fiction. Follows the formation of the nation-state and the subsequent struggles with the Chinese, French, Japanese, and Americans. No knowledge of Vietnamese required. Readings are in translation or bilingual editions. Classes are conducted in English. Cross-listed with AST 162, HIST 187, and VNM 162.

SEAS 163 Nationalism and the Novel (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. An introduction to the novel and its role within nationalism as a representative summary or mirror of the nation. Cross-listed with AST 163 and CPLT 163.

SEAS 164 Vietnamese American Culture (4) Lecture, 3 hours; written work, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. A study of the pervasive aspects of Vietnamese American culture. Includes shared histories, acculturation patterns, class struggles, community-building literary and cultural production, youth issues, and cultural survival. Also introduces foundational literature, visual culture, and scholarship in the field. Cross-listed with AST 164 and VNM 164.

SEAS 165 Themes in Vietnamese Literature (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. An introduction to Vietnamese literature in translation as seen through a particular theme or issue. Focuses on the implications of gender and sexuality in literature. All materials are read or viewed in English. Cross-listed with AST 165 and VNM 165.

SEAS 165 Vietnam and the Philippines (4) Lecture, 3 hours; written work, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. An introduction to the comparative national histories of Vietnam and the Philippines by way of great literary works in various genres including poetry, short fiction, and novels. All materials are read in English. Cross-listed with AST 166, CPLT 166, and VNM 166.

SEAS 167 Postcolonial Literature and Criticism in Southeast Asia and South Asia (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on former Indochinese refugees who are producing literature and films in the United States and France. Examines the perceived history of Indochina has been constructed, particularly how the region has been gendered female in the colonial imaginary. Explores the return of Southeast Asian immigrants to the Western gaze. Cross-listed with MCS 142 and WMST 122.

SEAS 175 Asian American Women: Writing the Self in Literature and Film (4) Lecture, 3 hours; screening, 3 hours; written work, 1 hour; extra reading, 2 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on former Indochinese refugees who are producing literature and films in the United States and France. Examines the perceived history of Indochina has been constructed, particularly how the region has been gendered female in the colonial imaginary. Explores the return of Southeast Asian immigrants to the Western gaze. Cross-listed with MCS 172 and WMST 122.

SEAS 176 Vietnamese and Overseas Vietnamese Literature and Film (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 1 hour; written work, 1 hour; extra reading, 1 hour. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on former Indochinese refugees who are producing literature and films in the United States and France. Examines the perceived history of Indochina has been constructed, particularly how the region has been gendered female in the colonial imaginary. Explores the return of Southeast Asian immigrants to the Western gaze. Cross-listed with MCS 172 and WMST 122.

SEAS 177 The Vietnam Wars (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on former Indochinese refugees who are producing literature and films in the United States and France. Examines the perceived history of Indochina has been constructed, particularly how the region has been gendered female in the colonial imaginary. Explores the return of Southeast Asian immigrants to the Western gaze. Cross-listed with MCS 172 and WMST 122.

SEAS 184 The Vietnam Wars (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on former Indochinese refugees who are producing literature and films in the United States and France. Examines the perceived history of Indochina has been constructed, particularly how the region has been gendered female in the colonial imaginary. Explores the return of Southeast Asian immigrants to the Western gaze. Cross-listed with MCS 172 and WMST 122.
SEAS 184S The Vietnam Wars (5) Lecture, 3 hours; discussion, 1 hour; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. An introduction to Vietnamese history in the twentieth century: Coverage of the Indochina Wars (1945-1986) from different Vietnamese perspectives. Topics include experiences during French colonial rule; the anticolonial movements; periods of French and American military involvement up to 1975; the postwar society; and the post-colonial society. Cross-listed with AST 180S, HIST 184S, and VMN 184S. Credit is awarded for only one of the following: AST 160S/HIST 184S/SEAS 184S/VMN 184S or AST 160S/HIST 184S/SEAS 184S/VMN 184S.

SEAS 185 Southeast Asia, Prehistory to 1800 (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Covers the major Southeast Asian historical periods and cultures. Includes prehistory, classical kingdoms, and early modern trading states. Considers the role of ancient stories, religious systems, technologies, and art forms in forming traditional Southeast Asian identities, as well as the influences on these identities from outside the region. Cross-listed with AST 126 and HIST 185.

SEAS 186 Modern Southeast Asia, 1800 to Present (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Explores the formation of modern Southeast Asian nations and cultures since 1800. Compares colonial and postcolonial experiences in the region. Studies the formation of nationalist movements and the relationship of national identity with traditional and local histories. Considers the role of the individual, modern media, and global trade in the near-present. Cross-listed with AST 129 and HIST 186.

SEAS 189 Encountering Vietnam (5) Lecture, 6 hours; tutorial, 6 hours; project, 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Focuses on literary and historical accounts of Vietnam. Utilizes translated travel writings from different genres and eras. Proficiency in Vietnamese not required. Taught in Vietnam and offered only in summer. Cross-listed with AST 189, HIST 189, and VMN 189.

Graduate Courses

SEAS 200 Topics in Southeast Asian Studies (4) Seminar, 3 hours; written work, 2 hours; term paper, 1 hour. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. An introduction to the world of Southeast Asia and the scholarly discussions about it, with an emphasis on cultural aspects embedded in their historical context. Materials are in English. Course is repeatable as content changes to a maximum of 12 units. Cross-listed with CPLT 200.

SEAS 202 Southeast Asian Religions (4) Seminar, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. Discusses different and dynamic aspects of religion in various Southeast Asian countries, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. Explores contextualized readings featuring historical, literary, and other disciplinary perspectives on this diverse region. May be taken Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC) with consent of instructor and graduate advisor. Course is repeatable as topic changes up to 8 units.

SEAS 203 Southeast Asian Cultures (4) Seminar, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. Surveys ethnographic literature on Southeast Asian cultures, with an emphasis on contemporary research. Covers anthropological approaches to the study of text, ritual, and performance practices; intercultural dynamics; the impact of colonialism and nationalism on traditional cultures; and globalization. May be taken Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC) with consent of instructor and graduate advisor. Cross-listed with ANTH 203.

SEAS 204 Approaches to Southeast Asian History (4) Seminar, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. Introduces students to central historical problems, historiographical debates, materials, and theoretical approaches in Southeast Asian history. Readings each week focus on a different theme. Course is repeatable to a maximum of 8 units. Cross-listed with HIST 242.

SEAS 205 Literature of Southeast Asia (4) Seminar, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. Explores the contemporary works by Southeast Asian immigrants within the United States and France. Emphasizes the concept that the dynamic production of culture is a negotiation of power and an expression of resistance. Provides an interdisciplinary framework by utilizing historical as well as theoretical works to contextualize the cultural productions. May be taken Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC) with consent of instructor and graduate advisor. Course is repeatable as content changes to a maximum of 12 units.

SEAS 243A Seminar in Southeast Asian History (4) Seminar, 3 hours; outside research, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. Discusses Southeast Asian topics from regional, comparative, and local perspectives. May be undertaken as a one- or two-quarter course (HIST 243A/SEAS 243A, HIST 243B/SEAS 243B). Graded In (IP) until the last quarter is completed, at which time a final grade is assigned. After completing both HIST 243A/SEAS 243A and HIST 243B/SEAS 243B, students may repeat the sequence once for credit; total credit for each course may not exceed 8 units. Cross-listed with HIST 243A.

SEAS 243B Seminar in Southeast Asian History (4) Seminar, 3 hours; outside research, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. Covers Southeast Asian topics from regional, comparative, and local perspectives. Students produce a substantial research paper that continues their work from HIST 243A/SEAS 243A. May be undertaken as a one- or two-quarter course (HIST 243A/SEAS 243A, HIST 243B/SEAS 243B). After completing both HIST 243A/SEAS 243A and HIST 243B/SEAS 243B, students may repeat the sequence once for credit; total credit for each course may not exceed 8 units. Cross-listed with HIST 243B.

SEAS 290 Directed Studies (1-6) Individual study, 3-18 hours. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and graduate advisor. Directed study to meet special curricular needs. Graded Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC). Course is repeatable.

SEAS 292 Concurrent Analytical Studies in Southeast Asian Studies (1-4) Individual study, 3-12 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing; consent of instructor and graduate advisor. Taken concurrently with a 100-series course, but on an individual basis. Devoted to research, criticism, and written work at the graduate level related to the 100-series course. Graded Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC). Course is repeatable.

SEAS 297 Directed Research (1-6) Outside research, 3-18 hours. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor; graduate standing. Individualized research under the sponsorship of specific faculty members. Graded Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC). Course is repeatable to a maximum of 12 units.

SEAS 299 Research for the Thesis (1-12) Thesis, 3-36 hours. Prerequisite(s): consent of thesis director. Research and preparation for the thesis. Graded Satisfactory (S) or No Credit (NC). Course is repeatable.

Statistics

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The Department of Statistics is concerned with teaching, research, and statistical consulting. The courses offered present a comprehensive spectrum of statistical and probability theory, in so far as such theory is necessary for the understanding and analysis of observational data. The applications of the theory delineated in the courses may be made in any field of experience. Laboratory classes in which examples related to the student's actual field of interest are worked out, play an essential part. The department offers both B.A. and B.S. degrees in Statistics as well as a B.S. in Statistics with options in Statistical Computing and Quantitative Management; the M.S. degree in Statistics; and the Ph.D. degree in Applied Statistics.

The courses STAT 040, STAT 048, STAT 100A, STAT 100B, STAT 104/BUS 104, STAT 110, STAT 130, STAT 140, STAT 146, and STAT 155 are intended for students of other departments who wish a knowledge of statistical techniques. Some of them may be taken as electives by statistics majors. The