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Program

Cornell's Southeast Asia Program (SEAP) develops and promotes knowledge about countries in Southeast Asia, including their languages, literatures, visual and performing arts, histories, societies, economies, governments, international and labor relations, religions, and ideologies, through the support of teaching, research, student degree programs, library and archival resources, specialized publications, and outreach activities. SEAP holds a U.S. Department of Education designation as a National Resource Center (NRC), and is recognized by its peers as a "center of excellence in Southeast Asian language and area studies." Its alumni teach at renowned institutions throughout the United States and around the world and serve in government, business, and non-profit sectors in the United States and abroad.

The Cornell Library's Echols Collection (<https://asia.library.cornell.edu/echols/>) on Southeast Asia attracts visiting scholars from throughout the world and as the library of record on the region makes over 500,000 volumes in 162 languages available to the public.

As part of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, SEAP has 27 core faculty members who are in many different departments and colleges, including 6 senior language lecturers, who are housed in the Department of Asian Studies. SEAP draws its faculty from Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. They participate in an interdisciplinary program of teaching and research on the region that stretches from Burma through the Philippines and Indonesia. The Cornell Modern Indonesia Project (CMIP) faculty sponsor research, conferences, and publications on Indonesia and were involved in establishing the American Institute for Indonesian Studies.

Courses are offered in such fields as anthropology, Asian studies, economics, government, history, history of art, labor relations, linguistics, music, and development sociology. Instruction is offered in six languages: Burmese, Cambodian (Khmer), Indonesian, Tagalog (Filipino), Thai, and Vietnamese. As a member of the consortium behind the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, SEAP encourages students to intensively acquire language skills each summer. The Southeast Asia Program provides competitive

funding grants for language study at SEASSI as well as awards to support research, and internships in the region in collaboration with the Department of Asian Studies and the Einaudi Center.

The Southeast Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.cornell.edu/programs/southeast-asian-studies-minor/>) is open to all undergraduates at Cornell. The minor can be combined with any other major by completing 18 credits of coursework, including ASIAN 2208 Introduction to Southeast Asia. This course covers fundamentals about the region and acquaints students with Cornell faculty who are Southeast Asia experts. Students who major in Asian Studies can also focus on Southeast Asia and its languages. Graduate students may work toward an M.A. degree in Southeast Asian studies or pursue a master of professional studies in another school with a concentration in Southeast Asian studies. Ph.D. students specializing in Southeast Asia receive a doctorate in a discipline such as history, history of art, anthropology, government, linguistics, music, economics, finance, labor relations or city and regional planning. As a Comprehensive NRC the Southeast Asia Program is able to offer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships (to US citizens or permanent residents) for academic year and summer study programs, with priority given to students at the intermediate and advanced level.

During the fall and spring semesters, SEAP organizes the Ronald and Janette Gatty Lecture Series, a weekly lecture series featuring advanced SEAP graduate students, academics, diplomats, researchers, and others who have expertise in Southeast Asia. All talks are held on Thursdays at 12:15pm at the Kahin Center (640 Stewart Avenue), with lunch served.

Additional information regarding courses focused on Southeast Asia, publications, or outreach opportunities and program activities can be found on the SEAP website (<https://einaudi.cornell.edu/programs/southeast-asia-program/>). SEAP has many active social media accounts, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, and LinkedIn; find us on all platforms using the handle 'seapcornell'. We welcome undergraduates or others with new or unexplored interests in Southeast Asia to contact the program office by emailing SEAP Associate Director, Thamora Fishel (tfishel@cornell.edu).

Related Courses

Southeast Asia Studies - Area

Code	Title	Hours
AAS 1100	Introduction to Asian American Studies	4
AAS 3020	Asian Americans and Popular Culture	4
ALS 4317	CALS Exchange: National University of Singapore (NUS)	15
AMST 1951	Foreign Policy as Subversion	4
AMST 3025	Asian Americans and Popular Culture	4
ANTHR 1400	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology	3
ANTHR 3420	Myth, Ritual, and Symbol	3
ANTHR 4437	Ethnographies of Development	4
ANTHR 4478	Taboo and Pollution	3
ANTHR 4513	Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia	4
ANTHR 4516	Power, Society, and Culture in Southeast Asia	4
ANTHR 6516	Power, Society, and Culture in Southeast Asia	4
ANTHR 6520	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3
ANTHR 7437	Ethnographies of Development	4
ANTHR 7513	Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia	4
ANTHR 7520	Southeast Asia: Readings in Special Problems	1-4

ARKEO 6530	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3	ASIAN 6697	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4
ARTH 2805	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	ASIAN 7703	Directed Research	1-4
ARTH 3850	The Arts of Southeast Asia	3	ASIAN 7713	Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia	4
ARTH 4852	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	CAPS 4870	China and Asian Security	4
ARTH 4855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	COML 4423	The City: Asia	3
ARTH 4858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	COML 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3
ARTH 6852	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	COML 6623	The City: Asia	3
ARTH 6855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	CRP 3850	Special Topics in Planning	1-4
ARTH 6858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	CRP 5076	International Planning and Development Workshop	4
ASIAN 1111	FWS: Literature, Culture, Religion	3	CRP 5850	Special Topics	1-4
ASIAN 1117	FWS: Crafting Religion: Material Culture in Southeast Asia	3	CRP 6720	International Institutions	3
ASIAN 2208	Introduction to Southeast Asia	3	DUTCH 5010	17th Century Dutch Texts	1
ASIAN 2225	Literature, Politics, and Genocide in Cambodia	3	FGSS 1940	A Global History of Love	4
ASIAN 2245	Gamelan in Indonesian History and Cultures	3	FGSS 3376	Digital Asia	4
ASIAN 2285	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	FGSS 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3
ASIAN 2930	A Global History of Love	4	FGSS 4504	The City: Asia	3
ASIAN 2951	Foreign Policy as Subversion	4	FGSS 6504	The City: Asia	3
ASIAN 3300	Burma (Myanmar) Country Seminar	1	GOVT 1101	FWS: Power and Politics	3
ASIAN 3309	Temple in the World: Buddhism in Contemporary South and Southeast Asia	3	GOVT 3443	Southeast Asian Politics	4
ASIAN 3334	Southeast Asian Politics	4	GOVT 4877	China and Asian Security	4
ASIAN 3350	The Arts of Southeast Asia	3	GOVT 6877	China and Asian Security	4
ASIAN 3376	Digital Asia	4	HIST 1402	FWS: Global Islam	3
ASIAN 3396	Transnational Local: Southeast Asian History from the Eighteenth Century	4	HIST 1930	A Global History of Love	4
ASIAN 3397	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4	HIST 1951	Foreign Policy as Subversion	4
ASIAN 4413	Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia	4	HIST 3950	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4
ASIAN 4423	The City: Asia	3	HIST 3960	Transnational Local: Southeast Asian History from the Eighteenth Century	4
ASIAN 4442	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	HIST 6162	Graduate History Proseminar: Archives, Writing, and Research in Southeast Asian History	4
ASIAN 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3	HIST 6950	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4
ASIAN 4456	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	HIST 6960	Transnational Local: Southeast Asian History from the Eighteenth Century	4
ASIAN 4475	China and Asian Security	4	INDO 1100	Elements of Indonesian Language and Culture	1
ASIAN 4487	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	KHMER 1100	Elements of Khmer Language and Culture	1
ASIAN 6613	Southeast Asian Bibliography and Research Methods	1	LATA 1951	Foreign Policy as Subversion	4
ASIAN 6623	The City: Asia	3	LGBT 1940	A Global History of Love	4
ASIAN 6644	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	LGBT 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3
ASIAN 6646	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	LING 6600	Field Methods	4
ASIAN 6652	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3	MEDVL 3850	The Arts of Southeast Asia	3
ASIAN 6656	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	MEDVL 4858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4
ASIAN 6696	Transnational Local: Southeast Asian History from the Eighteenth Century	4	MEDVL 6858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4
			MUSIC 2341	Gamelan in Indonesian History and Cultures	3
			MUSIC 3610	Cornell Gamelan Ensemble	1
			MUSIC 4641	Advanced Instruction in Gamelan	1
			PMA 3420	Asian Americans and Popular Culture	4
			PMA 4358	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4
			PMA 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3
			PMA 4504	The City: Asia	3

RELST 3309	Temple in the World: Buddhism in Contemporary South and Southeast Asia	3	TAG 2202	Intermediate Tagalog-Filipino II	3
RELST 3420	Myth, Ritual, and Symbol	3	TAG 3301	Advanced Tagalog-Filipino I	3
RELST 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3	TAG 3302	Advanced Tagalog-Filipino II	3
SHUM 1930	A Global History of Love	4	TAG 4431	Directed Study	1-4
SHUM 2208	Introduction to Southeast Asia	3	TAG 4432	Directed Study	1-4
SHUM 2805	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	THAI 2201	Intermediate Thai I	3
SHUM 4451	Gender and Sexuality in Southeast Asian Cinema	3	THAI 2202	Intermediate Thai II	3
SHUM 4455	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	THAI 2204	Intermediate Thai Composition and Conversation II	3
TAG 1100	Elements of Tagalog-Filipino Language and Culture	1	THAI 3302	Advanced Thai II	4
THAI 1122	Elementary Thai II	4	THAI 3303	Thai Literature I	4
VIET 1100	Elements of Vietnamese Language and Culture	1	THAI 3304	Thai Literature II	4
VISST 2744	Gamelan in Indonesian History and Cultures	3	THAI 4431	Directed Study	1-4
VISST 2805	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	THAI 4432	Directed Study	1-4
VISST 3696	The Arts of Southeast Asia	3	VIET 1121	Elementary Vietnamese I	4
VISST 4852	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	VIET 1122	Elementary Vietnamese II	4
VISST 4855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	VIET 2201	Intermediate Vietnamese I	3
VISST 4858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	VIET 2202	Intermediate Vietnamese II	3
VISST 6855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	VIET 3301	Advanced Vietnamese I	3
			VIET 3302	Advanced Vietnamese II	3
			VIET 4431	Directed Study	1-4
			VIET 4432	Directed Study	1-4

Southeast Asia Studies - Language

Code	Title	Hours
BURM 1121	Elementary Burmese (Myanmar) I	4
BURM 1122	Elementary Burmese (Myanmar) II	4
BURM 2201	Intermediate Burmese (Myanmar) I	3
BURM 2202	Intermediate Burmese (Myanmar) II	3
BURM 3301	Advanced Burmese (Myanmar) I	3
BURM 3302	Advanced Burmese (Myanmar) II	3
BURM 4431	Directed Study	1-4
BURM 4432	Directed Study	1-4
INDO 1121	Elementary Indonesian I	4
INDO 1122	Elementary Indonesian II	4
INDO 2201	Intermediate Indonesian I	3
INDO 2202	Intermediate Indonesian II	3
INDO 3301	High Intermediate Indonesian I	3
INDO 3302	Advanced Indonesian II	3
INDO 4431	Directed Study	1-4
INDO 4432	Directed Study	1-4
KHMER 1121	Elementary Khmer I	4
KHMER 1122	Elementary Khmer II	4
KHMER 2201	Intermediate Khmer I	3
KHMER 2202	Intermediate Khmer II	3
KHMER 3301	Advanced Khmer I	4
KHMER 3302	Advanced Khmer II	4
KHMER 4431	Directed Study	1-4
KHMER 4432	Directed Study	1-4
TAG 1121	Elementary Tagalog-Filipino I	4
TAG 1122	Elementary Tagalog-Filipino II	4
TAG 2201	Intermediate Tagalog-Filipino I	3