

HIST 459 – SOUTHEAST ASIA: CULTURE AND POLITICS

SYLLABUS

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COURSE CREDIT:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

Two introductory courses among the following: History/World Civilization, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science/International Relations

COURSE MATERIALS:

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to www.exstudies.adams.edu and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 581** to order books from Bookstore site.

Required Texts:

Owen, Norman G., ed. *The Emergence of Modern Southeast Asia: A New History*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2005. ISBN: 0-8248-2890-9

Osborne, Milton. *Southeast Asia: An Introductory History*. 9th ed. Crows Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin, 2004. ISBN: 1-74114-448-5

Mulder, Niels. *Inside Southeast Asia: Religion, Everyday Life, Cultural Change*. Amsterdam and Kuala Lumpur: The Pepin Press, 1996.

Supplementary Text (optional, recommended):

Keyes, Charles F. *The Golden Peninsula: Culture and Adaptation in Mainland Southeast Asia*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1995. ISBN: 0-8248-1696-X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The main objective of the course is to understand the dynamics of local culture and political change in Southeast Asia since the 18th century. The course seeks in particular to examine how politics is shaped by the cultural realities in, and impinging on, the

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region. The scope of the course covers the transition from the pre-modern world to modernity and our postmodern beyond.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Based on the course syllabus, the student will:

- Learn to master course materials through evaluative tests
- Develop critical thinking and evaluative skills through an essay exam
- Acquire interpretative and analytical writing skills by through a research paper

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to take mid-term and final exams followed by a research paper. The mid-term and the first two parts of the final are short-essay questions designed to test your knowledge of the course material. The third part of the final is a 24-hour take-home interpretative exam covering the entire course. Students will return the take-home portion of the final to their proctor within 24 hours of taking the test. A 15-20 page double spaced research paper, demonstrating original research in a topic that relates to a problem or issue covered in the course, is due after the final exam. Submit a proposed topic, topic outline, and working bibliography prior writing the paper.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

Mid-term exam	25 points
Final exam	35 points
Research paper	<u>40 points</u>
Total Points	100

Scale:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% and below	F

ADA STATEMENT:

Students who need special accommodation to complete this class should contact the instructor and the Office of Student Affairs, 719.587.7221 as soon as possible.