**L Malay Studies**

The Department’s undergraduate programme is aimed at providing an in-depth understanding of the culture, history and institutions of the Malays in Southeast Asia from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The curriculum encompasses a broad range of modules that reflect deep concerns with problems and challenges faced by the community in adapting to the process of modernization, globalization and social change. Field studies as well as internship programmes are also offered to enrich students’ experiential learning.

**Entry Requirements**

Students may undertake Malay Studies as a minor or an elective combined with other subjects of choice. No prior knowledge of the Malays or the Malay language are required for these purposes.

A candidate who proposes to major in Malay Studies must have a pass in Higher Malay at the GCE ‘O’ Level Examination or a H1 pass in Malay Language or H2/H3 pass in Malay Language and Literature at GCE ‘A’ Level Examination.

Students without prior knowledge in Malay must obtain a pass in LAM1201 Malay 1 (offered by the Centre for Language Studies at FASS).

**Subject Requirements**

**Single Major [BA (Hons)]**

1. Pass MS1102E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of MS modules or MS-recognised modules which include the following:
   a. MS4101 Theory and Practice in Malay Studies
   b. a maximum of 27 MCs of MS-recognised modules of which:

   (i) a maximum of 15 MCs at level-4000

   (ii) a maximum of ONE from the following:

   (a) GE2101 - Methods and Practices in Geography

   (b) HY2241 - Why History? The 20th Century 1914-1989

   (c) PS3257 - Political Inquiry

   (d) PH3201 – Philosophy of Social Science
(e) SC2101 – Methods of Social Research

(f) SC3101 – Social Thought and Social Theory

3. Pass a minimum of 57 MCs of MS modules at level 2000 or higher, of which

   (i) a minimum of 12 MCs at level-2000

   (ii) a minimum of 20 MCs at level-3000

   (iii) a minimum of 25 MCs at level-4000 (including MS4101)

4. Pass a minimum of 40 MCs at level-4000 or higher

5. Pass a maximum of 4 MCs of level-5000 MS modules (subject to department’s approval)

Note 1:

The following are recognised modules from other departments:

Geography

GE2101 – Methods and Practices in Geography

GE4219 – Eco-development of Southeast Asia

History


HY3201 – Indonesia: History, Economy and Society

HY3231 – History of the Malay World

HY3246 – History of Muslim Southeast Asia

HY4201 – Economy and Society in Southeast Asia

HY4210 – Issues and Events in Malaysian History

HY4217 – Approaches to the study of Southeast Asian History
HY4230 – Historiography and Historical Method

Political Science

PS3257 – Political Inquiry

Philosophy

PH3201 – Philosophy of Social Science

Sociology

SC2101 – Methods of Social Research

SC3101 – Social Thought & Social Theory

SC3203 – Race & Ethnic Relations

SC4201 – Contemporary Social Theory

SC4202 – Reading Ethnographies

SC4209 – Interpretive Sociology

Southeast Asian Studies

SE2211 – Southeast Asian Social History

SE2213 – Politics in Southeast Asia

SE2221 – Old and New Music in Southeast Asia

SE2226 – Moro Peoples of the Philippines

SE3211 – Religion, Society & Politics in SE Asia

SE3217 – Knowing Southeast Asia: Lives and Texts

SE4218 – Majorities and Minorities in Southeast Asia
SE4221 – Southeast Asian Post-Colonialism

SE4223 – Knowledge, Power and Colonialism in Southeast Asia

South Asian Studies Programme

SN2276 – Islam: Society & Culture in South Asia

SN4276 – Epic Traditions in South- and SE-Asia

Theatre Studies

TS3233 – Southeast Asian Performance

Note 2:

Students intending to pursue Honours are encouraged to read ONE of the following MS-recognised methods modules:

GE2101 – Methods and Practices in Geography

HY2241 – Why History? The 20th Century 1914-1989

PH3201 – Philosophy of Social Science

PS3257 – Political Inquiry

SC2101 – Methods of Social Research

SC3101 – Social thought and Social Theory

Note 3:

To declare Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.

Note 4:

The Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must complete 110 MCs including 44 MCs of MS major requirements with a minimum CAP of
3.50. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a minimum CAP of 4.50 AND pass the Honours Thesis/Project.

**Note 5:**

Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read Level-4000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

**Note 6:**

Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Study Module (5 MCs). The Level-4000 ISM carries a prerequisite of 100 MCs completed, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20. It precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

**Note 7:**

All Level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

**Note 8:**

A maximum of 8 MCs from the Second Major can be double counted with the Primary Major, where possible and subject to approval.

**Single Major (BA)**

1. Pass MS1102E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of MS modules or MS-recognised modules which include the following:
   
   (i) a maximum of 12 MCs of MS-recognised modules, of which
   
      (a) GE2101 Methods and Practices in Geography
      
      (b) HY2241 Why History? The 20th Century 1914-1989
      
      (c) PS3257 Political Inquiry
      
      (d) PH3201 Philosophy of Social Science
      
      (e) SC2101 Methods of Social Research
(f) SC3101 Social Thought and Social Theory

(ii) a minimum of 32 MCs of MS modules at level 2000 or higher, of which

(a) a minimum of 12 MCs at level-2000

(b) a minimum of 20 MCs at level-3000

Note 1:

The following are recognised modules from other departments:

**Geography**

GE2101 – Methods and Practices in Geography

**History**

HY2241 – Why History? The 20th Century 1914-1989

HY3201 – Indonesian History, Economy and Society

HY3231 – History of the Malay World

HY3246 – History of Muslims in Southeast Asia

**Philosophy**

PH3201 – Philosophy of Social Science

**Political Science**

PS3257 – Political Inquiry

**Southeast Asian Studies**

SE2211 – Southeast Asian Social History

SE2213 – Politics in Southeast Asia
SE2218 – Changing Economic Landscape of Southeast Asia

SE2221 – Old and New Music in Southeast Asia

SE2226 – Moro Peoples of the Philippines

SE3211 – Religion, Society and Politics in Southeast Asia

SE3217 – Knowing Southeast Asia Lives and Texts

South Asian Studies Programme

SN2276 – Islam: Society and Culture in South Asia

Sociology

SC2101 – Methods of Social Research

SC3101 – Social Thought and Social Theory

SC3203 – Race and Ethnic Relations

Theatre Studies

TS3233 – Southeast Asian Performance

Second Major

1. Pass MS1102E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of MS modules or MS-recognised modules which include the following:
   
   (i) a maximum of 12 MCs of MS-recognised modules, of which

      (a) GE2101 – Methods and Practices in Geography

      (b) HY2241 – Why History? The 20th Century 1914-1989

      (c) PS3257 – Political Inquiry

      (d) PH3201 – Philosophy of Social Science
(e) SC2101 – Methods of Social Research

(f) SC3101 – Social Thought and Social Theory

(ii) a minimum of 32 MCs of MS modules at level 2000 or higher, of which

(a) a minimum of 12 MCs at level-2000

(b) a minimum of 20 MCs at level-3000

Note 1:

The following are recognised modules from other departments:

**Geography**

GE2101 – Methods and Practices in Geography

**History**

HY2241 – Why History? The 20th Century 1914-1989

HY3201 – Indonesian History, Economy and Society

HY3231 – History of the Malay World

HY3246 – History of Muslims in Southeast Asia

**Philosophy**

PH3201 – Philosophy of Social Science

**Political Science**

PS3257 – Political Inquiry

**Southeast Asian Studies**

SE2211 – Southeast Asian Social History
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SE2218 - Changing Economic Landscape of Southeast Asia

SE2221 - Old and New Music in Southeast Asia

SE2226 - Moro Peoples of the Philippines

SE3211 - Religion, Society and Politics in Southeast Asia

SE3217 - Knowing Southeast Asia Lives and Texts

South Asian Studies Programme

SN2276 - Islam: Society and Culture in South Asia

Sociology

SC2101 - Methods of Social Research

SC3101 – Social Thought and Social Theory

SC3203 - Race and Ethnic Relations

Theatre Studies

TS3233 – Southeast Asian Performance

Minor

Pass at least 24 MCs of MS modules, which include the following:

1. MS1102E Malays – Tradition, Conflict and Change
2. A minimum of 8 MCs at Level-3000

Note 1:

A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor.
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