S Southeast Asian Studies

The Department of Southeast Asian Studies aims to offer a truly interdisciplinary approach which draws on different disciplinary perspectives and methodologies from the humanities and social sciences. Students majoring in Southeast Asian Studies have a choice of enrolling in the Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Vietnamese or Thai language modules offered by the Centre for Language Studies. In addition to those offered by the Department, specified modules on Southeast Asia offered by other Programmes and Departments are also open to our students. Graduates of the Department have established successful postgraduate research careers or found fulfilling careers in the civil services, NGOs, museum and heritage organisations, marketing and travel industries, here in Singapore as well as across Southeast Asia.

Entry Requirements

The Department does not run aptitude or qualifying tests. The Department welcomes students with good results at GCE ‘A’ Levels or equivalent and a keen interest in the Southeast Asia.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]

To major in SE, students need to:

1. Pass SE1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of SE and SE-recognised modules, which include:

   (i) SE4101

   (ii) A minimum of 16 MCs of Southeast Asian language modules (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Thai or Vietnamese)

   (iii) A minimum of 60 MCs at level-3000 or higher (excluding language modules (See Note 1)) with,

      (a) a minimum of 40 MCs at level-4000 or higher (including SE4101)

      (b) a minimum of 25 MCs of level-4000 SE modules

   (iv) A maximum of 2 level-5000 SE modules

   (v) A maximum of 23 MCs SE-recognised modules (excluding language modules)
Note 1:

A maximum of one more Level-4000 SE language module that has not been included in the 16 MCs of the language modules in point 2(ii) above may be read subject to departmental approval.

Note 2:

All the language requirements will normally be in only ONE language track, i.e., Bahasa Indonesia or Malay or Thai or Vietnamese. The language modules will be offered by the Centre for Language Studies. Under certain circumstances, students may be allowed to transfer to another SE language track.

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 (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis, students must complete 110 MCs including 44 MCs of SE 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.

Note 5:

Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis 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.

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.
Single Major (BA)

To major in SE, students need to:

1. Pass SE1101E. This will count towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of SE and SE-recognised modules, which include:

(i) A minimum of 16 MCs Southeast Asian language modules (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Thai or Vietnamese)

(ii) A minimum of 20 MCs at level-3000 or higher (See Note 1) (excluding language modules)

(iii) A maximum of 8 MCs SE-recognised modules (excluding language modules)

Note 1:

Students are allowed to read Level-4000 modules subject to departmental approval.

Note 2:

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 3:

All language requirements will normally be in only ONE language track, i.e., Bahasa Indonesia or Malay or Thai or Vietnamese. The language modules will be offered by the Centre for Language Studies. Under certain circumstances, students may be allowed to transfer to another SE language track.

Second Major

To major in SE, students need to:

1. Pass SE1101E. This will count towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of SE and SE-recognised modules, which include:
(i) A minimum of 16 MCs Southeast Asian language modules (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Thai or Vietnamese)

(ii) A minimum of 20 MCs at level-3000 or higher (See Note 1) (excluding language modules)

(iii) A maximum of 8 MCs SE-recognised modules (excluding language modules)

Note 1:

Students are allowed to read Level-4000 modules subject to departmental approval.

Note 2:

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 3:

All language requirements will normally be in only ONE language track, i.e., Bahasa Indonesia or Malay or Thai or Vietnamese. The language modules will be offered by the Centre for Language Studies. Under certain circumstances, students may be allowed to transfer to another SE language track.

Note 4:

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

Minor

Pass at least 24 MCs of SE or SE Language modules, which include the following:

1. SE1101E Southeast Asia: A Changing Region
2. A minimum of 8 MCs of SE modules at Level-3000
3. A maximum of 8 MCs of SE language modules (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Thai or Vietnamese)

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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