

Southeast Asian Civilization (SEAC)

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2020 Course Syllabus

Description

This course is designed for students to understand the development of civilization in Southeast Asia, including important factors leading to prosperities and disparities in and among major empires of the region. This course reveals the impact of external influences, including colonial powers leading to political, religious, social and economic changes in Southeast Asia. The concept of regionalism and the formation of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) is discussed in the contexts of development, communication and cooperation.

Objectives

1. To know and understand the fundamental concepts of civilization with emphasis in the Southeast Asian context.
2. To distinguish the prehistory and history of major cultural periods and empires in Southeast Asia, such as Champa, Khmer, Pagan, Srivijaya, Sukhothai and Ayutthaya.
3. To identify significant interactions and adaptations in Southeast Asian societies.
4. To analyze the impacts of social, political and economic development and change in Southeast Asia from c. 1400-2020.
5. To consider the forces behind the formation of ASEAN and current events in the region.

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	Topics and content	Teaching and learning activities and materials
1	-Welcome students; course introduction and classroom policy -Introduction to the concepts and meanings of civilization in the South East Asian context	Students are introduced to the course syllabus, details, requirements and class policies. Class participation relative to student' perspectives and understanding of civilization.
2	-Overview of Southeast Asia prehistory: early Paleolithic and Neolithic populations, and the rise and expansion of agricultural communities	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
3	-Overview of South East Asian Civilization in terms of regional geography and early cultural heritage in mainland and insular regions -Religion and popular beliefs in Southeast Asia Before c. 1500, including early belief systems in the region and the influence of religion from India	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
4	The age of Fu-nan and Chenla: The Emergence of the Southeast Asian Political-Economy. Early Mon/Khmer peoples	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
5	-The Khmer Civilization and understanding Cambodia and Laos in context -Understanding the historical geography of Cambodia	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
6	-The Champa Kingdom and understanding Vietnam and Laos in context - Ethnolinguistic groups and regionalism and in Vietnam -Early Chinese influence in Vietnam	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
7	-Lanna, Sukhothai and Ayutthaya kingdoms and understanding Thailand in context	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
8	-The communities of Pagan and understanding Myanmar in context	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
9	Midterm Examination	Midterm projects due

10	-The formation and growth of Srivijaya, the rise of Java empires and Indonesia in context	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
11	-Early peoples, civilization and understanding Taiwan and The Philippines in context	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
12	-Early peoples, civilization and understanding Malaysia in context	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
13	-Social, economic and political change in Southeast Asia, c. 1400-1900 -Religious developments in Southeast Asia, c. 1500-1800 Indigenous beliefs and the arrival of Islam and Christianity -Social and religious issues of eighteenth century	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
14	-The establishment of the colonial regimes and international commerce in Southeast Asia	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
15	-International war and Southeast Asia in context -World War II in context -The advance of communism and the Vietnam War in context	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
16	-Contemporary regionalism and the development of ASEAN and the ASEAN Community	-Lecture and documentary film/ Active learning activities/ Discussions and individual and group work/ Essay writing and review on select topics/ Homework
17	Final Examination	Final projects due