SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES

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The Council on Southeast Asia Studies offers an interdisciplinary program that brings together faculty and students sharing an interest in Southeast Asia and contributes to the curriculum with language courses, a weekly seminar series, periodic conferences, cultural events, and special lectures. Yale maintains extensive library and research collections on Southeast Asia, including online archives of periodicals and newspapers from all parts of the region.

Yale does not offer a degree in Southeast Asia studies, but majors in any department may consult with Council faculty regarding a senior essay on a Southeast Asian topic, and in certain circumstances students who have a special interest in the region may consider a Special Divisional Major. Students interested in pursuing field research or language study in Southeast Asia may apply to the Council for summer fellowship support.

Courses featuring Southeast Asian content are offered each year within a variety of departments and programs, including Anthropology, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration (ER&M), Environmental Studies, History, History of Art, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. A list of courses for the current year can be obtained through the Council office or the Southeast Asia Studies website.

Language instruction at all levels is offered in two Southeast Asian languages, Indonesian and Vietnamese. Other Southeast Asian languages may be available in any given year via video conference through the Yale Shared Course Initiative. Check the Southeast Asia Studies language studies web page for updated information. The Council on Southeast Asia Studies supports language tables and independent study in other Southeast Asian languages through the Directed Independent Language Study program.

Burmese Courses

BURM 140b, Intermediate Burmese II  Staff
This course is a continuation of BURM 130 and relies on student knowledge of Burmese script. The course aims to provide students with intermediate skills in all major aspects of the Burmese language. Students develop competency in reading and writing Burmese script, including formal style. Students also practice spoken Burmese using compound sentences, communicating at an increasingly complicated and practically useful level. Prerequisite: BURM 130 or equivalent. Course taught through distance learning using videoconferencing technology from Cornell University. Enrollment limited; interested students should e-mail minjin.hashbat@yale.edu for more information.  L4  RP  1½ Course cr
Indonesian Courses

INDN 110a, Elementary Indonesian I  Indriyo Sukmono
An introductory course in standard Indonesian with emphasis on developing communicative skills through a systematic survey of grammar and graded exercises. Enrollment limited to 15 per section.  L1  1½ Course cr

INDN 120b, Elementary Indonesian II  Indriyo Sukmono
Continuation of INDN 110. Introduction to reading, leading to mastery of language patterns, essential vocabulary, and basic cultural competence. After INDN 110 or equivalent. Enrollment limited to 15 per section.  L2  1½ Course cr

* INDN 130a, Intermediate Indonesian I  Dinny Aletheiani
Continued practice in colloquial Indonesian conversation and reading and discussion of texts. After INDN 120 or equivalent. Limited enrollment.  L3  1½ Course cr

* INDN 140b, Intermediate Indonesian II  Dinny Aletheiani
Continuation of INDN 130. After INDN 130 or equivalent. Limited enrollment.  L4  1½ Course cr

* INDN 150a, Advanced Indonesian I  Indriyo Sukmono
Development of advanced fluency through discussion of original Indonesian sociohistorical, political, and literary texts and audiovisual sources. Extension of cultural understanding of Indonesia. Prerequisite: INDN 140 or equivalent. May not be taken after INDN 153.  L5

* INDN 160b, Advanced Indonesian II  Dinny Aletheiani
Continuation of INDN 150. Prerequisite: INDN 150 or equivalent.  L5

* INDN 470a, Independent Tutorial  Dinny Aletheiani
For students with advanced Indonesian language skills who wish to engage in concentrated reading and research on material not otherwise offered in courses. The work must be supervised by an adviser and must terminate in a term paper or its equivalent. After INDN 160. Permission to enroll requires submission of a detailed project proposal and its approval by the program adviser.

Khmer Courses

* KHMR 110a, Elementary Khmer I  Staff
Basic structures of modern standard Cambodian introduced through the integration of communicative practice, reading, writing, and listening comprehension. Introduction to Khmer society and culture. Course taught through distance learning using videoconferencing technology from Cornell University. Enrollment limited; interested students should e-mail minjin.hashbat@yale.edu for more information.  L1  1½ Course cr

* KHMR 120b, Elementary Khmer II  Staff
Basic structures of modern standard Cambodian introduced through the integration of communicative practice, reading, writing, and listening comprehension. Introduction to Khmer society and culture. Prerequisite: KHMR 110. Course taught through distance learning using videoconferencing technology from Cornell University. Enrollment limited; interested students should e-mail minjin.hashbat@yale.edu for more information.  L2  1½ Course cr
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KHMR 130a, Intermediate Khmer I  Staff
This course focuses on learning Khmer (the national language of Cambodia). Students communicate in day-to-day conversation using complex questions and answers. The course focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening to Khmer words, long sentences, and texts. The course also emphasizes grammar, sentence structure and using words correctly. Course taught through distance learning using videoconferencing technology from Cornell University. Enrollment limited; interested students should e-mail minjin.hashbat@yale.edu for more information. Prerequisite: KHMR 120 or equivalent.  L3  RP  1½ Course cr

KHMR 140b, Intermediate Khmer II  Staff
This course focuses on learning Khmer (the national language of Cambodia). Students communicate in every day conversation using complex questions/answers. The course focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening to Khmer words, long sentences, and texts. The course also emphasizes grammar, sentence structure and using words correctly. Course taught through distance learning using videoconferencing technology from Cornell University. Enrollment limited; interested students should e-mail minjin.hashbat@yale.edu for more information. Prerequisite: KHMR 130 or equivalent.  L4  RP  1½ Course cr

Vietnamese Courses

VIET 110a, Elementary Vietnamese I  Quang Van
Students acquire basic working ability in Vietnamese, developing skills in speaking, listening, writing (Roman script), and reading. Discussion of aspects of Vietnamese society and culture. Intended for students with no previous knowledge of Vietnamese.  L1  1½ Course cr

VIET 120b, Elementary Vietnamese II  Quang Van
Continuation of VIET 110.  L2  1½ Course cr

* VIET 132a, Accelerated Vietnamese  Quang Van
This course follows a community-based language model designed for heritage students or speakers who comprehend and speak informal Vietnamese on topics related to everyday situations but do not read or write Vietnamese. Study of interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communicative modes, as well as standard foreign language education (communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities). Students will engage with Vietnamese American communities in New Haven and beyond. Admits to VIET 140.  L3

* VIET 142b, Accelerated Vietnamese II  Quang Van
An accelerated course designed for heritage students who wish to build a higher level of proficiency and develop sociocultural competence in speaking, reading, and writing. Topics include health care, rituals, community, linguistic landscape, education, mass communication, literature, history, values, and traditional and pop cultures. VIET 132 or equivalent.  L4

VIET 150a, Advanced Vietnamese  Quang Van
Students improve their fluency and accuracy in Vietnamese and solidify their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Topics include social, economic, and cultural practices, gender issues, notions of power, and taboo. Prerequisite: VIET 140 or equivalent.  L5
* VIET 471b, Independent Tutorial  Quang Van
For students with advanced Vietnamese language skills who wish to engage in concentrated reading and research on material not otherwise offered in courses. The work must be supervised by an adviser and must terminate in a term paper or its equivalent. Permission to enroll requires submission of a detailed project proposal and its approval by the program adviser.