



**The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies**

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U N I V E R S I T Y

Southeast Asia Studies | M.A. Degree Requirements

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Southeast Asia Studies must take at least 4 courses within this program.

ASIAN STUDIES

Students also must fulfill the general requirements for the field of Asian Studies, that is, an additional 2 Asian Studies courses, outside of Southeast Asia Studies.

Students in Southeast Asia Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in the [International Relations of Asia \(AsiaIR\)](#).

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a [specialization](#) within International Economics by taking additional course work.

Students in Southeast Asia Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in [Emerging Markets](#).

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. If the core(s) is not completed by the start of their fourth semester, the student must enroll in a core course(s).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Southeast Asia Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Indonesian, Thai or Vietnamese. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

CAPSTONE

Southeast Asia Studies concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. Southeast Asia Oral Exam. The exam is designed to test substantive knowledge and oral communication skills covering SEA politics, economics, history and their impact on international relations. The one-hour exam will be administered by the Program Director, Associate Program Director and others as designated by the program.
2. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible)

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

[Requirements for AY 09/10 class](#)