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Curriculum

Southeast Asia Studies | MA Academic Requirements

Southeast Asia Studies Program Learning Goals and Objectives ^[34]

Entering Class 2016-2017

MA students must take the equivalent of 16 non-language courses (64 credits) in order to graduate. Those students who are approved for dual degree or advanced standing may only need to take 12 courses (48 credits) or 14 courses (56 credits) as approved by Academic Affairs.

SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES ^[35]

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

ASIAN STUDIES ^[36]

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 ^[37] (AsiaIR).

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Students must complete 4 courses within this program.

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
- International Trade Theory (prerequisite Microeconomics)

- International Monetary Theory (prerequisite Macroeconomics)

Eligible students who pass the waiver exams in these subjects or who pass Micro in Pre-Term must replace those courses with alternate economics courses. Many students choose to pursue an International Economics Specialization ^[38] in one of four areas of economics and therefore use electives to meet these requirements. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets ^[39].

Students must receive a 2.67 average in the 4 required economics courses or they must retake a course(s) until a 2.67 average is obtained. If any of the 4 courses are achieved by passing a waiver exam or during Pre-Term, the student must substitute an economics elective course(s) in place of the waived course(s) in order to fulfill the economics requirement above. In this case, SAIS will use the highest economics program elective course grade(s) to compute this average if a student is replacing one or more of the 4 required courses of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory or International Monetary Theory.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Students must complete one course from the list below.

- Statistical Methods for Business & Economics
- Econometrics (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)
- Applied Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Macro Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Risk Analysis and Modeling
- Quantitative Global Economics (prerequisite International Monetary Theory)

Students may not double-count a Quantitative Reasoning requirement as one of the four required International Economics courses and vice-versa. Eligible students who pass the statistics waiver exam or pass the statistics course in Pre-Term are still required to take an alternate Quantitative Reasoning course from the list above.

CORE COURSES/EXAMS

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses in addition to their concentration requirements. Southeast Asia Studies concentrators must pass Comparative Politics as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the second core is not completed by the start of the final semester, a student must enroll in second core course.

- American Foreign Policy Since World War II
- Comparative Politics (old name Comparative National Systems)
- Evolution of the International Systems
- Theories of International Relations

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Southeast Asia Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Burmese, Indonesian, Thai or Vietnamese. All non-native English speakers are also required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Native speakers of one of these Southeast Asian

languages must pass proficiency in a second language which can include English. Native Southeast Asian speakers who pass the English placement exam or proficiency upon entry are encouraged to pursue language study or proficiency in a Southeast Asian language other than their own.

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)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR

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