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Southeast Asia Studies Program Learning Goals and Objectives ^[1]

Entering Class 2014-2015

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 or 14 courses as approved by Academic Affairs.

SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES ^[2]

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

ASIAN STUDIES ^[3]

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 ^[4] (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 and/or Macro in Pre-Term must replace those courses with alternate economics courses. Many students choose to pursue an International Economics Specialization ^[5] in one of four areas of economics and therefore use electives to meet these requirements. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets ^[6].

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
- Corporate Finance (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
- Quantitative Methods in International Relations (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)

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. Southeast Asia Studies concentrators must pass Comparative National Systems 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 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 and Vietnamese. All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Native Southeast Asia concentrators

must demonstrate proficiency in a Southeast Asian language other than their own choosing from Burmese, Indonesian, Thai or Vietnamese.

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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