



The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies

JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY

Southeast Asia Studies | M.A. Degree Requirements 2012-2013 (entering class)

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. 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 remaining core is not completed by the start of the final semester, the student must enroll in a core course

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 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)

A total of 16 courses taken for credit are required for an MA degree (unless a student has advanced standing or is in a dual-degree program).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

[AY 2011-2012 Entering Class](#)

[AY 2010-2011 Entering Class](#)

[AY 2009-2010 Entering Class](#)

DEGREE AUDIT (CHECKLIST) BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

AY 2011-2012
AY 2010-2011

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