



MULTICULTURALISM IN ASIA COURSE

ASEAN Studies Course

Course Overview:

This course focuses on multicultural dimensions in Southeast Asia and surrounding countries. The course introduces students to the themes of religion and culture, the evolution of nation-state, and the development of multiculturalism in Southeast Asia through the pre-colonial, colonial and post-independence periods. Through the temporal and thematic approach, the course helps students to understand how Southeast Asia has become the multicultural societies. Several professionals for the subjects are also invited as guest speakers.

Learning Outcomes:

Students are expected to achieve the following learning outcomes:

1. Gain better understanding of Southeast Asian society from social and cultural perspectives.
2. Understand the evolution of multiculturalism in Southeast Asia.
3. Relate to his/her own society and culture through comparative

Course evaluation:

Group Work	20%
Presentation (Based on Report)	30 %
Final Paper	30 %
Attendance and Participation in Class	20 %
Total	100%

Evaluation Scheme:

90-100%	S
80-89%	A
70-79%	B
60-69%	C
0-59%	F

Class Schedule:

Day	Thailand time	Program	Instructors
Tue 8 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Introduction to ASEAN	Prof. Ikuta
Wed 9 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	History of Politics and Economics in ASEAN Countries	Prof. Konishi
Thu 10 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Religion and Society in Contemporary Asia	Prof. Kinoshita
Fri 11 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Religious Conflicts in Southeast Asia	Prof. Kinoshita
Sat 12 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Cross-Cultural Clinical Psychology in South East and East Asia	Prof. Gan
Mon 14 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Intangible Cultural Heritage in Asia	Prof. Iwamoto
Tue 15 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Colonialism and 'Divide and Rule' in Southeast Asia	Prof. Ikuta
Wed 16 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Nationalism and Nation Building in Southeast Asia	Prof. Ikuta
Thu 17 March 2022	12.30 PM – 3.30 PM	Final Presentations	Prof. Ikuta & Kinoshita

* The topics are subject to change.

** Reading assignments will be provided in advance.

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 Faculty of Health Sciences, National University of Malaysia

Prof. Tetsu Konishi
 Associate Professor
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 International College of Arts and Sciences
 Fukuoka Women's University

Mr. Wataru Iwamoto
 Director-General
 International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI)

Final Paper due on March 17:

- Topic: "Discuss one aspect of multiculturalism in ASEAN with examples."
- 1500 words, ±10%, excluding citations
- Including minimum 3 academic references
- WORD format, Double-spaced, 12 font, New Times Roman
- Citation needs to be consistent (MLA, Chicago Manual, etc.)
- Submit via email by 23:59 on March 17:
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Final Presentations on March 18:

- Present your own paper
- 10 min. each + Q&A

Class Policies:

1. All students are encouraged to actively participate in the class. Since we are unable to have enough face-to-face dialogue, much of your learning, retention and evaluation will depend upon your ability. Make your presence known and interact with your fellow students during the discussion as well as in-class group assignment.

2. We come from countries with different cultures, manner and lifestyle. Be respectful and polite to each other. You should carefully consider the words, attitudes and keep avoiding offensive remarks during the discussion and in-class group assignment. If you strongly disagree with your professor or classmates, it is a good idea to speak with him/her after class.

3. When you have a question or comment, please raise your hand first as a courtesy to your classmates and the professor. Remember, your questions are not an imposition – they are always welcome. So, ask questions! You will learn more, it makes the class more interesting, and you are helping others learn as well.

4. Students must turn their smartphones off or turn to silence mode before the class.

Level of course:

Elementary

Credits earned:

2 credits

Program period:

8 – 17 March 2022 (Except on Sunday)

Thailand time: 12.30 PM – 3.30 PM

(3 hours/class x 9 classes)

Venue:

Online platform, Cisco Webex Meetings