

**University of Utah
Department of Political Science**

**COURSE SYLLABUS – Political Science 3960-001
Politics of Southeast Asia
Spring 2007
January 9 – May 8 2007**

Days/Time: T, Th 2:00-3:20 PM
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Course Overview

Southeast Asia (SEA) is a highly diverse region including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Myanmar, and East Timor. Together, these countries share similar economic, social, political, and historical experiences. However, this region is far from uniform. This area covers one of the largest nations in the world (Indonesia) and a city-state (Singapore and Brunei), the world's leading Catholic nation (the Philippines) and Muslim nation (Malaysia), mainland and archipelago countries, ancient country (Cambodia) and one of the world's newest countries (East Timor).

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to Southeast Asian politics. This course will be divided into three parts. The first part, we will examine history and political development of SEA from a classical period to a modern historical period of WW I, WW II, and the Cold War. In the second part, we will take a comparative look at the government and politics of mainland SEA states in the post-Cold War period. In the third part of our class, we will focus on current government and political processes of archipelago states of SEA.

Required Textbooks

The following books are required and are available at the University Bookstore.

Osborne, Milton. (2004). Southeast Asia: An Introductory History. Singapore: Southwind Production.

Funston, John. (2001). Government and Politics in Southeast Asia. New York, New York: Zeds Book.

Reserved Readings: Journal articles and book chapters indicated in the course schedule are available at the Marriott Library through the Reserve desk.

Course Objectives

There will be four objectives for this course.

1. Students are expected to explain, compare, and contrast the major political systems and structures in the Southeast Asian region.
2. Students must be able to explain historical development and developmental paths of SEA countries.
3. Students are expected to explain current political, economic, cultural, and social issues facing SEA countries.
4. Students will be able to demonstrate understanding the importance of political elites and their roles in development of SEA countries.

Course Grades

Final course grades will be based upon

1. Class attendance and participation	10%
2. Class Quizzes	10%
3. Term paper	25%
4. Examinations	45%
5. Reaction Essays	10%

Course Assignments and Evaluation

Participation and Attendance:

Your participation grade will be based on your attendance and active participation in class (providing thoughtful comments, answering questions posed by instructor, and applying concepts to current events). Although a portion of class period will be dedicated to lecture, you are expected to participate actively in class discussion with your class members. This is to provide you with opportunity to interact with class members in analyzing, critiquing, and questioning materials covered in assignment readings and lectures. Therefore, it is necessary that you come prepared with questions and thoughts based on reading assignments. Excessive absence and tardiness will result in a lower grade. You may be excused in unusual circumstances (medical or family emergency). Instructor will ask for a proof of documents in those circumstances.

Quizzes:

There will be 10 quizzes given throughout a semester. Each quiz will cover assigned readings, educational video, and lecture notes discussed in the previous lecture period.

Writing Assignments I: Reaction Essays

Students are required to submit 3 two-page papers (doubled space) addressing the problems and issues shown in class educational videos. The paper must include your assessment of and reaction to the video content and its applicability to assigned readings.

Writing Assignments II: A Comparative Paper

Students will write an 8-10 page essay comparing two Southeast Asian countries of your choice on one topic such as political party system, civil society, interest group system (a list will be provided). We will discuss this further immediately after the first examination.

One-page proposal is due on **March 15**. Although no grade will be given on the proposal, if you fail to turn in the proposal by the due date, your final paper will not be graded. The paper is due on **May 4**.

Please note that:

* All papers should have a cover page, typewritten, and double-spaced with 12 size font, and one inch margins.

* Sources must be footnoted (minimum of 5 sources), and a bibliography must be provided.

* 10% will be deducted from your original grade for each day that a paper is late.

Examinations:

There will be three in-class exams during the semester after each section of class: (1) Historical and political development, political culture, and political economy of SEA countries, (2) SEA: the mainland states, and (3) SEA: the archipelago states. All examinations will include essay, short answers, multiple choice, true/false and term identification questions.

Course Outline¹

Date	Topic(s)	Readings	Assignments Due
Tuesday January 9	Introduction to Class	None	- None - Send a blank email to create a group email list.
Thursday January 11	What is Southeast Asia (SEA): Diversity and Similarities?	- Simone Chapter 1, p. 1-13 - Osborne, Chapter 1	- None
Tuesday January 16	Democratic and nondemocratic regimes	- * Juan Linz and Alfred Stepan: "Democracy and its Arenas" - * Lin and Stepan: "Modern Nondemocratic Regimes"	- None
Thursday January 18	The Classical Period of Southeast Asia	- Osborne Chapter 2 and 3	- None - Quiz 1
Tuesday January 23	The Imposition of Colonialism I: The European Arrival	- Osborne Chapter 5	
Thursday January 25	The Imposition of Colonialism II: Transformations	- Osborne Chapter 6 and 7	- Quiz 2
Tuesday January 30	Southeast Asia between the World Wars	- Osborne Chapter 8 and 9	
Thursday February 1	Nationalism and Independent Movement	- Osborne Chapter 10 and 11 - Class video: From the Barrel of the Guns (Pacific Century Series)	- Quiz 3
Tuesday February 6	The Challenges of Independence	- Osborne Chapter 4, 7, and 14	
Thursday February 8	An End to Post-Colonial Settlement	- Osborne Chapter 12 and 13	- Quiz 4
Tuesday February 13	Culture and Identity	- Lucian Pye B Southeast Asia: From God-Kings to the Power of Personal Connections. - * Simone, Vera :Distinctive Features of Asian Cultures	
Thursday February 15	Political Economy	- * Simone, Vera :Southeast Asia: the NECs and the Exceptions	- Quiz 5
Tuesday February 20	Examination I	Bring a blue book	
Thursday February 22	Culture and Identity	- Class video: Sihanouk: the Last God-King	None
Tuesday February 27	Vietnam I	- Funston Chapter 10	
Thursday March 1	Vietnam II	- Funston Chapter 10	
Tuesday March 6	Cambodia I	- Funston Chapter 6	- Quiz 6

¹ This schedule is approximate and may subject to adjustment during semester.

Thursday March 8	Cambodia II	- Funston Chapter 6	
Tuesday March 13	Thailand I	- Funston Chapter 9	- Quiz 7
Thursday March 15	Thailand II	- Funston Chapter 9	- Paper proposal due
Tuesday March 20	Spring Break No class	- None	
Tuesday March 22	Spring Break No class	- None	
Tuesday March 27	Examination II	Bring a blue book	
Thursday March 29	Indonesia	- Funston Chapter 3	
Tuesday April 3	Indonesia and East Timor	- Funston Chapter 3	None
Thursday April 5	Malaysia	- Funston Chapter 5	- Quiz 8
Tuesday April 10	Malaysia II	- Funston Chapter 5	
Thursday April 12	The Philippines I	- Funston Chapter 7	- Quiz 9
Tuesday April 17	The Philippines II	- Funston Chapter 7	
Thursday April 19	Singapore	- Funston Chapter 8	- Quiz 10
Tuesday April 24	Singapore	Funston Chapter 8	
Thursday April 26	Reading Day No Class		
Tuesday May 1	III Examination		Bring a blue book!
Friday May 4			Comparative Paper due @ 12:00 PM

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND DISHONESTY

I sincerely trust and expect that academic dishonesty will not be an issue in this course. Unfortunately, it has become a very serious problem on many campuses, and it is not limited to undergraduate students. My purpose for including the following statement is to prevent any misunderstandings about what constitutes academic dishonesty and what I do if I encounter (or seriously suspect) it.

I expect academic honesty. An act of academic dishonesty will result in a failing course grade of "E" and may result in a recommendation of additional disciplinary action. (The University of Utah Student Code provides these sanctions and provides appeal rights.)

Please understand the following definitions:

Cheating (as defined in Article XI of the Student Code), generally includes the giving or receiving of any unauthorized assistance on any academic work.

Plagiarism, as defined in Article XI of the Student Code, is "the appropriation of any other person's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own work offered for credit."

Falsification. Any untrue statement, either oral or written, concerning one's own academic work or the academic

work of another student, or the unauthorized alteration of any academic record.

Original work. Unless specifically authorized by the instructor, all academic work undertaken in this course must be original, that is it must not have been submitted in a prior course, nor may it be submitted in a course being taken concurrently.

REASONABLE ACCOMADATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), we offer any qualified student with a disability, the opportunity to meet with the instructor privately to discuss receiving reasonable accommodation. Such accommodation will be afforded based on the specific disability and as agreed in writing. This statement in no way asks that students identify themselves as having a disability; however, a request for reasonable accommodation can only be granted if a student makes his or her disability known.