

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

World Civ: Southeast Asia

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**Course Description:**

The course is designed to help you become familiar with the region. To achieve this goal, the geography, history, religion, and basic cultural elements of Southeast Asia will be examined; the impact of colonialism and other related topics will also be discussed.

The other objective is to help students develop analytical skills so that their knowledge of the region can be communicated effectively both orally and in writing.

**Tentative Course Outline**

1. General introduction to Southeast Asia - countries, location, capitals, etc.
2. Physical Environment - land, climate, economy
3. Early settlements and influences
4. Religions in SEA
5. Chinese influence, Western colonialism and their impacts
6. The growth of nationalism
7. Occupation and Independence
8. Report/portfolio on independent nations of the region or special topics (-will be discussed in class)

The class will use a lecture format. You may be given reading assignments or library research in lieu of one or two lectures. Class participation in discussion is very much encouraged. All exams and quizzes will be based on assigned readings, class discussions and any visual aid used in class.

**Text:** Heidhues, Mary Somers. Southeast Asia: A Concise History. Thames & Hudson. 2000.

**Attendance:** Attendance is expected and required. The lectures may contain materials not available in the text. You are responsible for these materials.

**Grading:** Final course grade will be determined based on three short exams, a map test, and a final examination. The distribution of points will be as follows:

Final Exam	80
Others Exams	80
Map quiz, report, etc.	40

A final letter grade will be assigned only at the end of the semester according to the following scale (in percentage):

A	93-100	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	Below 60

**Make-ups:** Make-ups will be given only for excused absences because of emergencies like illness, accidents, etc. I should be informed of such emergencies immediately. Final Exam: No make-up.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Please see The University of Akron Bulletin

**NOTE:** If you have any special consideration or circumstances that I should be made aware of, please see me immediately.

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**Tentative Schedule:**

Week 1: General introduction; ~~Countries & capitals~~; and Introductory Chapter

Week 2: Film and finish general introduction to the region.  
Map assignment

Week 3: Chap. 1: Waterways;  
Map Quiz

Week 4: Chap. 1

Week 5: ~~Exam I~~ (~~Introductory information and Chap. 1~~)  
Chap. 3: Multiplicity of Beliefs

Week 6: Chap. 3  
Chap. 2: Temples and Rice

Week 7: Chap. 2  
Question-Answer Session

Week 8: ~~Exam II~~ (Chap. 2 & Chap. 3)  
Chap. 4: Southeast Asia as a Crossroads

Week 9: Chap. 4:

Week 10: Chap. 4:

Week 11: ~~Exam III~~  
Chap. 5: New Directions, New Elites

Week 12: Chap. 5

Week 13: Chap. 6: Violence and Transition  
Thanksgiving Break

Week 14: Chap. 6

Week 15 : Report presentation

Week 16: Finals Week (Exams according to University Exam schedule)