

GUIDELINES

(22 JUNE TO 24 JULY 2009)

1. INTRODUCTION

- The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore in cooperation with the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) is pleased to announce that it will be welcoming applications for the fourth annual session of its International Residential Summer School on Southeast Asia. This unique program will bring together students from NUS, Yale University, University of Copenhagen, and other universities in two special five-week programme that will blend classroom lectures with field study excursions to sites in Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia.
- The 2009 NUS-IARU Summer School offers a two-tier summer school programme at the introductory and advanced levels:

Introductory level

Students are required to take *SE2222 Southeast Asia in Context* (compulsory module) and choose between *SE2880 Topics in Southeast Asian Studies* and *SE2880A Southeast Asia's Cultural Mosaic* as an elective module. Destinations for the 10-day fieldtrip are Cambodia and Thailand.

Advanced level

Students are required to take two modules, *SE3214 Marketing Southeast Asia's Heritage* and *SE3221 Traditional Music in a Southeast Asian Country*. The 10-day fieldtrip destination is Java, Indonesia.

2. SPECIAL FEATURES

- **Residential** - Students will have the opportunity to live and study together for five weeks.
- **International** – Students from NUS, Yale and Copenhagen will work side by side with international students from other participating universities.
- **Two modules** – Students at both levels are required to take a total of two modules.
- **Field-based component** - Students will conduct fieldwork during short study-tours in Singapore and Malaysia and a 10-day fieldtrip to Cambodia and Thailand (introductory level) or Indonesia (advanced level). This will both develop research skills and reinforce materials from the class lectures.
- **Modular credits** –NUS students will be able to earn a total of 8 MCs. Non-NUS students are advised to check with their respective institutions on the possibility and process of transfer of credits.
- **Conducive class size** – Enrolment is limited to 45 students at the introductory level and 20 students at the advanced level to facilitate maximum interaction.
- **Attractive subsidy from FASS** – NUS students will enjoy up to 50% subsidy on travel and accommodation costs. For example, each student will pay only \$1 250 out of total costs of travel and accommodation of about \$2,500. This payment **excludes** tuition fees and other personal expenses (such as travel visa fees).

3. COST

- The estimated total cost payable by **NUS students** varies according to students' year of admission and citizenship due to difference in tuition fees payable arising from the recent fee review.

	Admitted in AY 2008/2009	Admitted before AY 2008/2009
Singapore Citizen	S\$ 2 522	S\$2 472
Singapore Permanent Resident	S\$2 650	
International	S\$3 158	S\$2 596

These amounts include tuition fees for two special term modules and subsidised travel and accommodation costs.

- The estimated total cost payable by **non-NUS international students** is **S\$5 570** (US\$3 689). This includes tuition fees for two special term modules (S\$3 000), miscellaneous fees, and travel and accommodation costs.
- All fees indicated above are subject to change at any time.**
- In addition, students will be responsible for all personal and living expenses for the duration of the summer school (including the field trips to Cambodia and Thailand or Indonesia).
- Tuition fees are to be paid directly to the Office of Financial Services. Details of the various payment methods may be obtained from:
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/financialServices/payment/index.htm>

4. ELIGIBILITY

- Introductory level**

All NUS undergraduate full-time students are eligible to apply for the introductory level.

- Advanced level**

Applicants for the advanced level must meet at least one of the following pre-requisites:

- Read and passed SE1101/GEK1008/SSA1202 and at least one Indonesian language module;
- Read and passed any SE or SE-recognised level-2000 and above module;
- Have previously participated in the NUS-IARU Southeast Asia in Context summer school

- NUS students should have a minimum Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 3.0 on the 5-point scale, and should not have any grade below 'C' (grade point of 2.0) in any module;
- An interest in the study of Southeast Asia is essential. Students should be able to demonstrate this in their applications.

5. APPLICATION

- The application form is available as an attachment to this document or downloadable from the following website: <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ooop>. Please read and follow all the instructions carefully.
- The following documents must be submitted with the application form:
 - Transcript of academic records. NUS students may apply for a transcript online at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/transcripts.html>
 - A letter of recommendation from one of your NUS lecturers or tutors.
 - Consent form to be signed by all students regardless of age.

- NUS students must update their local postal and e-mail addresses via the NUS student intranet for effective communication with the Programme. A link to the online system can be found on the following website: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/responsibility.html>
- NUS students receiving a scholarship, award or grant to finance their University studies must obtain permission from the awarding organisation before applying for the summer school. This is to ensure that the student continues to receive the scholarship, award or grant during the summer school. This requirement is waived for those receiving scholarships administered or financed by NUS. This requirement is inapplicable to those in receipt of tuition grants or loans for studying at NUS.
- The completed application form, together with all supporting documents, must be submitted in **hardcopy** to:

Office of Programmes
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Shaw Foundation Building, AS7, Level 2
5 Arts Link
Singapore 117570
(Attention: Miss Sharon Lee)
- **Enquiries:** Dr Pattana Kitiarsa. Email: seapk@nus.edu.sg. Phone 6516-6588.
- The deadline for the submission of application (forms and supporting documents) by NUS students is **5:00 pm, Tuesday, 7 April 2009.**

6. RESULTS

- Successful applicants will be informed of the outcome by the Southeast Asian Studies Programme by the second week of April 2009.

7. PAYMENT

- NUS students

Full payment by cheque, made payable to 'National University of Singapore', must be made within 3 working days after offer of admission has been made to secure a place in the summer school.

- Non-NUS students

Full payment must be made through the exchange program office at your respective universities. Please contact the administration office responsible for more details.

8. OTHER MATTERS

- NUS students cannot defer admission to the next Summer School intake. Any NUS student wishing to withdraw after admission to the Summer School must write to: Selection Committee, NUS-IARU Summer School 2009: Southeast Asia in Context, c/o Southeast Asian Studies Programme, AS3, Level 6, giving reasons for the withdrawal.
- Participants may be requested to complete a feedback form on the summer school at the end of the programme.

9. MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

Introductory Level

SE2222 Southeast Asian Studies in Context (*Compulsory*)

Lecturer(s): Assoc Prof John MIKSIC and Dr Pattana KITIARSA

Modular Credits: 4

This module introduces students to the transformations of ethnic, religious, national and regional identities in Southeast Asia across time as seen from a variety of perspectives. Students will have the opportunity to learn about: the region's archaeology, seafaring trade and the meanings of its ancient monuments; the major religions of Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and "Animism" and how they figured in movements for change since the 19th century; the modern management of cultural resources and the impact of tourism; and recent anthropological studies with attention on new themes and the ways Southeast Asian societies are understood from the region itself.

SE2880 Topics in Southeast Asian Studies (option 1 of 2)

Lecturer(s): To be confirmed.

Modular Credits: 4

This module is designed to cover selected topics in Southeast Asian Studies. The topic to be covered will depend on the interest and expertise of regular or visiting staff member in the department.

SE2880A Southeast Asia's Cultural Mosaic (option 2 of 2)

Lecturer(s): Assoc Prof Cynthia CHOU

Modular Credits: 4

Southeast Asia is characterized by great ethno-linguistic and cultural variation. How can we make sense of and appreciate this diversity? What is an insiders and outsiders perspective? This course will introduce students to the region from an anthropological perspective. Students will be equipped with the analytical tools for the comparative study of society and culture. Ethnographic materials will be used to discuss themes that include ethnicity, identity, family and kinship systems, gender, economy, and social change. The challenge is for students to explore, conceptualize, and understand differences and similarities between social systems and human relationships, and to ask, Why?

Advanced Level

SE3214 Marketing Southeast Asia's Heritage

Lecturer(s): Assoc Prof John MIKSIC

Modular credits: 4

The systematic study of cultural resources management is a new and strategic field. Students will be exposed to concepts including sociological and anthropological frameworks for recording and analyzing stability and change in traditional societies, and their potential to contribute to the development of tourism. Case studies of change in traditional societies caused by tourism will be examined, and strategies for alleviating the negative effects explored. The module also deals with issues concerning the design and development of planned exhibitions such as museums and archaeological monuments. Students will explore research techniques useful in planning tourism activities which are educational, sympathetic to cultural resources, and which contribute to the welfare of Southeast Asians. Case studies will mainly be drawn from Singapore and Indonesia.

SE3221 Traditional Music in a Southeast Asian Country

Lecturer(s): Dr Jan MRAZEK

Modular Credits: 4

This module will give you a chance to learn to play traditional music from one Southeast Asian country, to understand how the music works, and how music functions in society and reflects cultural values, specifically in the one country. While the first-hand experience of playing ensemble music is an important part of this module, no musical background is required – all you need is a positive attitude. Discussions (with audiovisual illustrations) and readings will help you to understand the workings of the music and the historical, cultural and social setting, with an emphasis on understanding music in and as culture.