Policy on Reading SE Language Modules towards Fulfiling B.A. or B.A. Hons in Southeast Asian Studies

The following applies to students who major in Southeast Asian Studies for a B.A. or B.A. Hons degree from all existing and incoming cohorts, effective Semester 1, AY 2010-2011.

Change in language track

SE single majors will be allowed ONE change of language track at any point in their course of study, before reading their third SE language module. In such an event, all SE language module(s) read prior to the change in language track will NOT be counted towards their SE major requirements but may instead be counted towards the Unrestricted Elective (UE) outside their major requirements.

Students who would like to apply for a change in language track are required to complete and submit the ‘Application to Change Language Track’ form which can be obtained from the department general office at least 3 weeks before the start of a new semester. Students are advised to consult the department before applying to change language tracks.

Students with existing proficiency in a SE language

Students with existing proficiency in a SE language will be required to sit for a language placement test administered by the Centre for Language Studies (CLS). Following the outcome of the placement test, students may opt for either of the following:

i. If a student is placed at level 3 or below (i.e. LAX3201 or below) in a particular SE language and fulfil the minimum of four language modules required.

ii. If a student is placed at level 4 or level 5 (i.e. LAX3202 or LAX4201), he/she will be allowed to opt for that SE language. However, as CLS offers SE languages only up to level 6, students in this scenario will not be able to fulfil the minimum four language modules. These students will then be allowed to replace the remaining required SE language modules with non-language SE modules at level 3000 (i.e. SE3XXX).

iii. If a student is placed at level 6 (i.e. LAX4202) or deemed to have full proficiency of an SE language, he/she will not be allowed to opt for that SE language and is required to select another SE language to fulfil the minimum four language modules required.

Reading additional SE language modules

All SE majors are allowed to count additional SE language modules on top of their language requirements towards their Unrestricted Elective (UE).

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