

Southeast Asia in Context

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GSP2010 SEAiC at Borobudur World Heritage Site, Central Java, Indonesia. (Photo by Foo Shu Tieng)

The Southeast Asia in Context (SEAiC) GSP course is a 5-week thematically based exploration of Southeast Asia's geographical and cultural diversity. It takes advantage of Singapore's position and character as a microcosm of this diversity. SEAiC offers modules on Southeast Asian Studies with archaeological, anthropological and historical concentrations. It also blends classroom instruction on NUS Kent Ridge campus with hands-on fieldwork at sites in Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia. You can also hear more about the course from the following YouTube videos ([link 1](#) & [link 2](#))

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Testimonials

?The 5 weeks I spent in Singapore, Thailand, and Cambodia were the most enlightening, transformative weeks of my life. I, like most of the other Yale students, came into the program with little to no background about the region we would be studying. This was really the only opportunity I had to study Southeast Asia, because classes on the region's history, politics, and culture are simply not offered at Yale. Although I wish I'd had more background to better understand the material, I nevertheless feel that I learned more in these 5 weeks than I learned in many of my semester long classes back in New Haven. This was largely a result of the field trip. I only wish the program could have been longer so that we could have traveled more extensively.?

- Ruth Montiel, 2010 participant from Yale University

?The Southeast Asia in Context program has been quite an experience. The international environment with students from very different academic and cultural backgrounds which provide a valuable contribution to any student of any age, culture and field of academic interest. The intensity of the course at NUS as well as the field trip itself has at times been stressful, but a few days of rest after completion has lead to more of the impressions to really sink in, and for me personally this has been a major influence on my further advancement in the world of academia. I know a lot of my fellow students have changed their major or chosen courses for the next semester based on parts of what they learned during the program.?

- Simon Storm, 2010 participant from the University of Copenhagen

NUS Summer Internship

The National University of Singapore offers a series of research and administrative internship opportunities for IARU students. Please visit <http://www.iaruni.org/internships> for more information. Internships run 23 May - 15 July.

THE BASICS:

Lecturers:

Dr Pattana Kitiarsa (NUS)
A/P John Miksic (NUS)
A/P Cynthia Chou (COP)

Field Trip:

Cambodia, Laos and Thailand (Option A); or Java, Indonesia (Option B)

Tuition: SGD5,180

Accommodation:

SGD555 (for 5 weeks)

Target audience:

Undergraduate students across academic majors with strong interest in Southeast Asia

About the National University of Singapore

Founded in 1905, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. Its holistic educational approach is supported by its dedication to strategic research in key areas such as engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. NUS' cosmopolitan community of students from over 100 countries further provides a diverse social and cultural educational experience. As a globally-oriented institution that strives towards the nurturing of an innovative community amongst students, NUS is an active partner in numerous activities, particularly the Global Summer Program and the Global Internship Program. NUS also spearheads discussions in areas such as global education and the value of research intensive universities. NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan is the incumbent IARU Chairman. For more information, visit <http://www.nus.edu.sg/>

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