



ASEAN in Today's World 2021 Multiculturalism in Asia

Course Overview

This course focuses on multicultural dimensions in Southeast Asia and surrounding countries. The course introduces students to the themes of religion and culture, the evolution of nation-state, and the development of multiculturalism in Southeast Asia through the pre-colonial, colonial and post-independence periods. Through the temporal and thematic approach, the course helps students to understand how Southeast Asia has become the multicultural societies. Several professionals for the subjects are also invited as guest speakers.

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Learning Outcomes

Students are expected to achieve the following learning outcomes:

1. Gain better understanding of Southeast Asian society from social and cultural perspectives.
2. Understand the evolution of multiculturalism in Southeast Asia.
3. Relate to his/her own society and culture through comparative perspectives.

Course evaluation

Group Work	20%
Presentation (Based on Report)	30 %
Report	30 %
Attendance and Participation in Class	20 %

Evaluation Scheme

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F

Class Schedule:

ASC 1 (9 Mar 2021): Introduction to ASEAN

ASC 2 (10 Mar 2021): Language, Culture, and Communication

ASC 3 (11 Mar 2021): Identity and Multiculturalism in ASEAN

ASC 4 (12 Mar 2021): Religion and Society in Contemporary Asia

ASC 5 (13 Mar 2021): Multicultural Societies: Thailand

ASC 6 (15 Mar 2021): Diversity of People and Cultures of Southeast Asia

ASC 7 (16 Mar 2021): Colonialism and 'Divide and Rule' in Southeast Asia

ASC 8 (17 Mar 2021): Nationalism and Nation Building in Southeast Asia

ASC 9 (18 Mar 2021): Final Presentations

- The topics are subject to change.
- Reading assignments will be provided in advance.

Class Policies:

1. All students are encouraged to actively participate in the class. Since we are unable to have enough face-to-face dialogue, much of your learning, retention and evaluation will depend upon your ability. Make your presence known and interact with your fellow students during the discussion as well as in-class group assignment.
2. We come from countries with different cultures, manner and lifestyle. Be respectful and polite to each other. You should carefully consider the words, attitudes and keep avoiding offensive remarks during the discussion and in-class group assignment. If you strongly disagree with your professor or classmates, it is a good idea to speak with him/her after class.
3. When you have a question or comment, please raise your hand first as a courtesy to your classmates and the professor. Remember, your questions are not an imposition – they are always welcome. So, ask questions! You will learn more, it makes the class more interesting, and you are helping others learn as well.
4. Students must turn their smartphones off or turn to silence mode before the class.