

SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	30 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations To complete the MA program, students must write a research paper on Southeast Asia approved by and under the supervision of their faculty advisor; this paper must then be defended in an oral examination before three faculty members affiliated with the Center (their advisor and two others selected in consultation with their advisor).

Language Requirements Students must demonstrate a level of proficiency in a Southeast Asian language equivalent to having successfully completed four semesters of the language.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students must complete thirty credits of area-content coursework (<https://seasia.wisc.edu/courses/>). Specific course requirements are outlined below.

Code	Title	Credits
Field of Concentration		
	Students must complete 12 credits related to Southeast Asia in one field of concentration. This can be 12 credits from one department or 12 credits from an interdisciplinary field approved by the faculty advisor. See list below for example courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor	12
Two or more Fields Coursework		
	Students must complete the remaining 18 credits in two or more other fields. These courses are chosen in consultation with faculty advisor.	18
<i>Graduate Seminars (6 credits)</i>		
	Students must complete at least 6 credits of graduate seminars. These seminars can be completed within the student's field of concentration, one or more other fields of coursework, or both requirements.	
Total Credits		30

Example Courses

Please contact the Center for Southeast Asian Studies for additional guidance on course selection.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology (Archaeology of Southeast Asia)	3
ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology (Archaeology of Violence and Warfare)	3
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology (Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia)	3-4
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology (Film/Anthropology/Culture)	3-4
ANTHRO 490	Undergraduate Seminar (Ancient States and Empires of East and Southeast Asia)	3
ASIAN 403	Southeast Asian Literature	3
ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3

COM ARTS 310	Topics in Rhetoric and Communication Science (Discourses of Dictators, Demagogues and Extremists)	3
COM ARTS 470	Contemporary Political Discourse (Rhetoric of Modern Democratic Revolutions)	3
HISTORY/ASIAN/ RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	3-4
HISTORY/ASIAN 319	The Vietnam Wars	3-4
HISTORY/ INTL ST 375	The Cold War – From World War II to End of Soviet Empire	3-4
HISTORY 755	Proseminar in Southeast Asian History (Empire and Revolution: US and European Empires in SE Asia)	1-3
HISTORY 755	Proseminar in Southeast Asian History (CIA Covert Warfare and Conduct of US Foreign Policy)	1-3
HISTORY 755	Proseminar in Southeast Asian History (U.S. and European Colonialism in Southeast Asia)	1-3

Advanced Language

Up to 6 credits of Advanced Language (ASIALANG (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/asialang/>) courses) may be applied toward the minimum degree requirements. Interdisciplinary courses may be taken from many departments. All courses applied toward the degree program must have at least 30% Southeast Asian content, demonstrated by lectures and readings, and/or by relevant writing assignments or a research paper.