

SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES, M.A.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), 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	All 30 credits must be taken in graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's 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 under the supervision of their faculty advisor; this paper must then be defended 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; these credits do not count toward the 30 credits required for the program. Up to nine credits of advanced language courses can be counted toward the 30 credit degree requirement.

REQUIRED COURSES

Graduate students will receive the M.A. by

- demonstrating a level of proficiency in a Southeast Asian language equivalent to having successfully completed four semesters of that language.
- completing thirty credits of area-content coursework (<http://seasia.wisc.edu/home-page/for-students/courses/>) (with six of these being graduate seminars)– twelve in one field of concentration (that is in one department, in two or more related departments, or in an interdisciplinary field approved by the faculty advisor) and eighteen in one or more other fields.
- perform satisfactorily in an oral examination focused on the candidate's knowledge of Southeast Asia as demonstrated by a research paper approved by the faculty advisor.

Courses

Interdisciplinary courses may be taken from many departments. To complete the MA Program in Southeast Asian Studies, the student must complete 30 credits of coursework (generally 10 courses); 6 of these credits (or two courses) must be graduate seminars. The 30 required courses should be taken in two broad areas: 12 credits (generally four courses) must focus on a single discipline or be connected by a specific theme; the remaining 18 credits (generally six courses), as electives, can be taken in any discipline. Up to 6 credits of Advanced Language (ASIALANG courses) may count towards the 30 credits. All courses counted for 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. For a more complete and up-to-date listing of currently available courses, contact the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Because the instructors and content of many courses may change over time (especially for graduate-level topics courses and seminars), students should consult the Center for Southeast Asian Studies for confirmation on whether a course may count for the M.A. degree, the graduate certificate, or the doctoral minor.