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Seminar & Internship Guide

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Introduction

Since its founding in 1967 as a community of states working together to promote regional economic development, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has enjoyed remarkable growth rates while expanding to its present ten member states. It has concluded its own ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA) and also reached free trade agreements with non-member dialogue countries both within and outside East Asia. However, many member countries still face challenges regarding governance, development, and security, in addition to those posed by globalization, the 2007-2008 global financial crisis, China’s rise as a major regional player, the spread of militant Islamism, and burgeoning internal demands for human rights and democratic participation. Some countries, such as Malaysia and Indonesia, have made rapid strides toward addressing these issues while other ASEAN nations appear less affected by the forces of modernization. Multiracial, middle income Malaysia and Indonesia provide excellent venues for exploring this broad agenda. Malaysia has experienced more than a half century of successful parliamentary institutions and integration into the global economy, while Indonesia opened up to globalization in the mid 1980s and made a rapid transition to democracy beginning in the late 1990s. Both enjoy excellent relations with all the member countries of ASEAN as well as the United States and other regional powers. Students interested in international development, globalization, governance, democratic transformation, social change, and East/Southeast Asian studies will find Malaysia and Indonesia outstanding venues for studying the ways in which these nations are coping with vibrant domestic dynamics while also engaging with global economic and political forces.

Program Description

The program enables students to immerse themselves in the politics and cultures of one of the most dynamic regions in the world. On the ground study provides unique opportunities for students to conduct research and undertake internships that explore a wide range of security, political, socio-cultural, and developmental issues. Through core seminars, internship opportunities and/or independent research available in Malaysia and Indonesia, students will be able to individually tailor the Program to best fit their educational goals.

The Program consists of four components:

(a) A pre-departure workshop that will address the academics, logistics, policies, and guidelines for all participants.
(b) A seminar in Malaysia and Indonesia that will include a series of lectures and discussions on the impact of globalization on development, governance, and security in Malaysia and Indonesia, as well as security cooperation and economic integration in the Asia Pacific region.
(c) An optional internship with a partner organization in the ASEAN region. The internship experience is not an integrated part of the seminar program and can be done separately for credit, or on a non-credit bearing basis for students who wish to complete their professional experience requirement.
(d) An optional independent research project conducted in Malaysia and/or Indonesia under the supervision of the Faculty Director.

Students in the Program will explore a variety of themes related to the region’s evolving place in the East Asia international order, security, governance, and globalization, including:

- The impact of globalization on development, governance, security, and democratic consolidation
- Economic transformation and integration
- State-civil society relations
- Fundamental changes in interactions across ethnic, religious, cultural, class and gender lines
• Security cooperation and non-traditional security challenges posed by transnational, national and subnational movements and developments

**Seminar, 3 credits, June 25—July 12**

This seminar will include guest lectures from prominent Malaysian and Indonesian academics, politicians, government officials and non-governmental activists along with pertinent site visits. Participants will explore the ways in which globalization has impacted both national and human security through direct interaction with stakeholders. The course will draw on pertinent readings and dialogue sessions with local experts to explore the region’s evolving place in the East Asia international order and how globalization is affecting democratic consolidation, economic transformation, state-civil society relations, and fundamental changes in interactions across ethnic, religious, cultural, class and gender lines.

**Internship, 3 credits, variable dates**

The Program can provide students who participate in the seminar with connections to internship opportunities with organizations throughout the ASEAN region. SIS maintains relationships with several organizations and offers students the opportunity to intern through one of its established partnerships. The internship can be registered for academic credit or be used to fulfill the MA Professional Experience Requirement (for more information, see http://www.american.edu/sis/gradadvising/professional.cfm)

Students who wish to pursue the internship will be required to indicate during the application process their internship organization preference and identify the skills and qualifications that they would bring to an organization. The application will be used by the Program staff to match students with participating internship hosts. Academic credit for the internship may be earned through completion of the internship work and an academic project under the direction of the Program Director. The grade earned on the academic project, together with an internship evaluation completed by the student’s internship site supervisor, will provide the overall grade for the internship credits. According to the minimum requirements at SIS for earning academic credit for an internship, students must work a minimum of 192 total hours. Service at the internship must be related to the student’s field and should consist of at least 85% substantive work (e.g., research, report writing).

The start date and length of each internship will vary depending on the needs of the organization and the preference of the student intern. Students are responsible for determining the dates of their internship with their site supervisor prior to beginning the internship and for reporting these dates to SIS. Students who also participate in the program seminar cannot intern during the seminar dates. Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements and for all housing costs and other personal expenses (e.g., transportation, meals) during the internship period.

Please see the list of Internship Organizations, available on the Program website, for a sample listing of the internship organizations

**Independent Research, 3 credits, variable dates**

Students who wish to pursue an independent research project or Substantial Research Paper (SRP) may do so during their stay in Malaysia and Indonesia. Based on a well-designed research proposal submitted and reviewed during the application and admission process, exceptional students are considered for independent research projects on topics of their choice. If accepted, students receive assistance with research design and resources while enrolled in the Program.
N.B. Human Subjects Research
If any portion of your research involves human subjects as defined by AU’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects, your research must receive prior approval by the IRB or its designee. To determine whether your research qualifies or to whom you should apply for review, please consult the IRB website at:
http://www.american.edu/irb/index.cfm

Program Schedule and Registration Options

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Students can participate in the Program in one of four ways:
1. Seminar only (3 credits)
2. Seminar and credit-bearing internship (6 credits)
3. Seminar and non-credit internship* (3 credits)
4. Seminar and independent research or SRP (6 credits)

*The internship can be done for academic credit or be done on a non-credit bearing basis to fulfill the MA Professional Experience Requirement (for more information, see http://www.american.edu/sis/gradadvising/professional.cfm)

About Malaysia
Malaysia is a constitutional monarchy with an elected federal parliamentary government. The country is comprised of thirteen states, eleven on the Malayan Peninsula and two, Sabah and Sarawak, on the island of Borneo. It is a rapidly developing, multi-ethnic country with a population of 27 million people (Malays 51%, other indigenous groups 11%, Chinese 24%, Indians 7%, and others 7%). A democratically elected, multi-ethnic coalition government led by the United Malays National Organization (UMNO) has been returned to power in each successive election since independence from British rule in 1957. Malay is the official language, but English and Chinese are widely spoken. Islam is the official religion, but freedom of worship is upheld by the country’s constitution. Muslims form 60% of the population; Buddhists/Confucians, 22%; Christians, 9%; and Hindus, 6%.

Kuala Lumpur (KL) is the capital and the largest city of Malaysia. The city proper has a population estimated at 1.6 million. Its metropolitan region - known as Klang Valley - has an estimated population of 6.9 million and is the fastest growing area in the country in terms of population as well as economic development. The city is Malaysia’s legislative capital, economic and business center, and hub for cultural events. It plays host to many international sporting, political, and cultural events, including the 1998 Commonwealth Games and the 2008 Formula One World Championship. In addition, Kuala Lumpur is home to one of the tallest buildings in the world, the Petronas Twin Towers, and has developed into an international shopping destination with a wide variety of shopping centers and mega-malls that carry well known global and local brands.
About Indonesia

With some 238 million people, Indonesia is the world’s largest Muslim country and the fourth most populous nation. Since its transition to democratic governance in 1998, it is now the world’s third largest democracy. Three hundred distinct ethnic groups inhabit some 17,000 islands, with the politically and culturally dominant Javanese forming 42% of the population. Indonesia’s national motto, Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity) articulates a diversity of ethnicity and regional identities that shapes the country while emphasizing its shared identity, defined by a common Dutch colonial history and a national language (Bahasa Indonesia) which has been vigorously promoted since independence in 1949. While religious freedom is constitutionally guaranteed, only six religions - Islam, Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism - are officially recognized. Geographically located at the western rim of the Pacific “Ring of Fire,” the country is subject to frequent seismic activities; recent disasters include the 2004 tsunami that killed an estimated 167,736 in northern Sumatra, and the Yogyakarta earthquake in 2006. Despite its large population and densely populated regions, Indonesia has vast areas of wilderness that support the world’s second highest level of biodiversity. Jakarta is the capital and largest city of Indonesia, and tenth largest city in the world. Located on the northwest coast of Java, its population of some 10 million inhabit an area of 255 square miles (the population of Greater Jakarta is 28 million strong). Established in the fourth century as a major trading port for the Hindu Kingdom of Sunda, it served as the capital of the Dutch East Indies from 1619 to 1942 (when it was known as Batavia) before becoming the capital of the Republic of Indonesia in 1945. As the economic and political hub of Indonesia, Jakarta attracts vast numbers of domestic immigrants who bring their various languages, dialects, foods and customs. The city is also home to a long-established minority Chinese population (6% of the city population) that performs a wide spectrum of economic roles. Jakarta is also the seat of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Faculty Director

Professor Pek Koon Heng received her Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University. Her areas of specialization are international relations, comparative politics, and the political economy in Southeast Asia. She is an Assistant Professor and Director of ASEAN Studies Center at American University’s School of International Service. She is also the Contract Course Chair of the Maritime Southeast Asia Advanced Area Studies program at the Foreign Service Institute, Department of State; Vice-President of the Washington-based Malaysia-American Society; and a member of the Washington-based Southeast Asia Roundtable. Dr. Heng has previously taught at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, University of Hull in England, National University of Malaysia, Temple University Japan in Tokyo, and Peking University (visiting professor). She has been a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow, and a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore and the Institute of Security and International Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. She also worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Orderly Departure Program) in Bangkok.

Who Should Attend

This interdisciplinary program welcomes applications from students in all majors and disciplines and from any U.S. university. Graduate students and advanced undergraduates with interests in comparative political systems, development and globalization studies, international security, economics, education, human rights, international communication, Islamic studies, international politics, Asia area studies, peace and conflict resolution, environmental studies, public policy, anthropology, and/or sociology are invited to apply. Priority consideration for the program will be given to SIS graduate students who have applied by the priority deadline of February 24, 2014. 

Program Orientation

Students will be required to attend a pre-departure workshop at American University and will be
provided with background readings before leaving for Malaysia. The workshop will take place on Sunday, April 20th and will address the academics, logistics, policies, and guidelines for all participants. **This meeting is mandatory.**

In the Fall 2014 semester, SIS will host post-program events for all students who participated in SIS Study Abroad programs, including the student research panels during International Education Week (in November). Students will also be asked to participate in a de-briefing session in order to assess the Program’s impact on professional and career objectives.

**Program Fees**

Students enrolled in the program will pay tuition for each course for which they are registered at the prevailing American University tuition rate. The Summer 2014 tuition rate for graduate students is $1,440 per credit hour; for advanced undergraduates, it is $1,337 per credit hour.

There are no additional expenses for the pre-departure orientation program, double- or triple-occupancy lodging for the duration of the seminar, one-way flight from Kuala Lumpur to Jakarta, ground transportation to and from academic sites during the seminar, mandatory international health insurance, guest lectures, and faculty supervision.

Students enrolled in the internship or independent research portion of the Program will be responsible for making and paying for their own housing arrangements during their internship or independent research period, and will be responsible for all other personal expenses (transportation, meals, etc.) during this period.

All Program participants will be responsible for their own travel to Malaysia and from Indonesia, meals, any and all immunization and/or immigration documents, and all personal expenses. A suggested amount of $500—$1,000 is recommended for students’ personal use and spending during the seminar.

**Visa Information**

Students are solely responsible for obtaining any and all visas or other immigration documents to enter Malaysia and Indonesia. SIS supports students in this endeavor and assists with necessary letters or other documents as needed.

For more information on entry requirements for **Malaysia**, students should consult the following website: [http://www.kln.gov.my/web/usa_washington/requirement_foreigner](http://www.kln.gov.my/web/usa_washington/requirement_foreigner). As of March 19, 2014, citizens of the United States do not require a visa to enter Malaysia for a stay of 90 days or less. An entry stamp, specifying the allowed number of days, is issued upon arrival. Passports must be valid at least six months beyond the visitor’s stay in Malaysia. The U.S. Department of State recommends that students carry their passports with them at all times. More information from the Dept. of State can be found at the following website: [http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/malaysia.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/malaysia.html).

For more information on entry requirements for **Indonesia**, students should consult the following website: [http://www.embassyofindonesia.org/consular/visitvisa.htm](http://www.embassyofindonesia.org/consular/visitvisa.htm). As of April 18, 2013, citizens of the United States require a visa to enter Indonesia, either beforehand or upon arrival. Additional documentation may be required if you are entering from another country, or leaving and re-entering. Travelers also must have a passport that is valid at least six months past travel dates in Indonesia. The Dept. of State
recommends that students have at least two blank visa pages available in their passports. More information from the Dept. of State can be found at the following website: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/indonesia.html.

Medical Information
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that travelers consult a health care provider 4-6 weeks prior to traveling abroad. It also recommends that travelers make sure their routine vaccinations are up-to-date. For more information on vaccinations and travelers’ health issues, consult the CDC website: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel

While no special vaccinations are required for entry to Malaysia and Indonesia as of August 6, 2013, the Malaysian and Indonesian governments require travelers arriving from yellow fever areas to present proof of vaccination. The CDC further recommends that travelers to Malaysia and Indonesia are vaccinated against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, and Japanese encephalitis. Rabies vaccination is only recommended by CDC for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta are not in malarial zones.

Nuts and Bolts of Enrollment
Applications
Students must complete and return all parts of the application, the link to which can be found on the Program website. **No incomplete applications will be accepted.** Complete applications should be submitted by **February 24, 2014** for priority consideration.

Components of the application are as follows:
- Participant Application and Information Form
- Internship Interest and Application Form (if applicable)
- Independent Study Application Form and supporting documents (if applicable)
- Personal Statement
- Résumé/C.V.
- Unofficial Transcript
- Academic Advisor Approval Form (AU students only)
- Non-Degree/Visiting Student Information Form (if applicable)

Admission and Acceptance
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but must be **received by February 24, 2014** for priority consideration. As part of the review process, the Faculty Director or the SIS Director of International Programs may invite students to meet with them to discuss the submitted application. Enrollment may be limited to approximately 10 students. Once admitted to the Program by SIS, students will receive notification via e-mail. At that time, students will be required to submit a non-refundable deposit of $250 to SIS, through a check or money order made payable to American University, to secure their place in the Program.

Registration
Once the non-refundable deposit of $250 is received, students will be registered for the appropriate Program components by SIS and will receive e-mail confirmation from SIS. Once registered, students will be billed through the AU Office of Student Accounts for tuition for Summer 2014.

Financial Aid
AU students will be able to use AU financial aid, including loans, to cover tuition for the Program. Some
awards may not apply to summer registration, so students will need to consult their financial aid advisors for specific information. Students should also remember that in order to be considered full-time students in the summer semester, they will need to be registered for 4 or more credits. Students registered for only 3 credits will be considered half-time students in the summer.

Withdrawal Policy
Once students have accepted their place in the Program and paid the deposit, they are committing to participating in the program. Students may NOT drop the Program courses online or through their academic advisor. Students seeking special permission to withdraw must contact Jeannie Khouri in writing (khouri@american.edu).

Students who are granted special permission to withdraw from the Program may be responsible for program-related costs incurred on their behalf. Tuition refunds in this Program do not follow the standard refund policy as outlined in the American University Schedule of Classes. No refunds are guaranteed after the Program start date and depend upon the terms of any/all contracts between American University and affiliates of this Program.

Program Cancellation Policy
In the event that SIS has to cancel the Program prior to the start date, enrolled students will be notified in writing and will receive full refunds for tuition and deposit.

Additional Information
Visiting Students
Degree-seeking students from other educational institutions are welcome to apply to the Program. They must complete the attached Non-Degree/Visiting Student Information Form. Under D.C. law, students under age 26 must also complete an immunization form. This form needs to be returned with the application materials and can be found on-line at: http://www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=39852

International Students
Students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States may be required to obtain immigration documents from AU to enter or re-enter the United States as a function of their participation in the Program. For information regarding visa status, benefits and limitations, international students should consult with the office of AU International Student and Scholar Services, or the appropriate office on their home campus. More information for AU international students is also available online at www.american.edu/ocl/isss

Alumni Audit
The alumni audit option is not available for SIS Summer Study Abroad Programs

Tuition Remission
Current staff members at American University who are also enrolled as degree-seeking AU students may apply their tuition remission benefit to the seminar portion of this Program only. Staff members who wish to apply the benefit to the Program will need to seek the approval of their supervisor first and submit written authorization as part of their application. For additional information, staff members may contact Jeannie Khouri (khouri@american.edu).
Deadlines
Due to the logistics involved in planning this Program, the application process begins immediately. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Applications received after the Program is full will be put on a waitlist in the order they are received. Applications should be received by February 24, 2014 for priority consideration.

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