

HUMN 3054 ISLAM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Credit Points 10

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Description Islam is a significant feature of Southeast Asia's past and present. Employing methodologies and insights drawn primarily from history, political science, and anthropology, this unit explores Islam's place in and contribution to contemporary Southeast societies and politics, as well as its history in the region. Major themes to be explored include: the debates about Islam's spread to Southeast Asia and its interaction with the region's established socio-religious features, the colonial experience, Islam's often contested place in the national life of Southeast Asian nations, its past and ongoing links with the rest of the Muslim world, as well as contemporary issues associated with the War on Terror and conflicts in Muslim societies.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYB 0177 - Islam in Asian and World Politics

Restrictions Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain the main historical factors that have shaped the various practices of Islam in Southeast Asia;
2. Outline the main variations in Islamic practice in different Southeast Asian societies both in the contemporary context and over time;
3. Explore the role of Islam in Southeast Asian politics both in the contemporary context and over time;
4. Develop coherent arguments about the interactions of local traditions and beliefs and orthodox and reforming waves of Islam emanating from the Middle East;
5. Identify the main issues and problems confronting scholars working on Islam in Southeast Asia;
6. Apply historical and religious studies research skills to other countries and cultures.

Subject Content

- Timing, Origins, and mechanisms by which Islam came to Southeast Asia
- Mechanisms and history of Islam's continuing spread throughout Southeast Asia
- Islam's interaction with existing beliefs, customs and political structures in the region, both in the past and present
- Past and ongoing interaction between currents of Islamic thought and teachings in Southeast Asia and those in The rest of The Muslim World
- The impact of colonialism on Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia
- The role of Islam in Southeast Asia in resistance against colonial rule

- Southeast Asian Muslims and The development of nationalism and independence movements in Southeast Asia
- The history of Islam's place in the national life of Southeast Asian nations, including economies, culture and politics
- Islam's contemporary place in the national life of Southeast Asian nations, including economies, culture and politics
- The role of Islam in Regional rebellions in Southeast Asia (especially Mindanao, Pattani, Aceh)
- Islamist movements in contemporary Southeast Asia such as Jemaah Islamiyah and Abu Sayyaf
- academic debates over methodology and approaches to The Study of Islam in Southeast Asia

Teaching Periods