

# SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES



ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

University of Pittsburgh

## Southeast Asia Studies at the University of Pittsburgh

A diverse and illustrious group of nine faculty members in six departments promotes the study and appreciation of the politics, economics, and cultures of Southeast Asia at the University of Pittsburgh. Southeast Asia includes the modern nation-states of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, East Timor, and Vietnam. As one of the most dynamic and influential regions in the world today, Southeast Asia is recognized as an integral component of the Asian Studies program at Pitt.



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Faculty in Southeast Asian Studies have research and teaching interests relevant to the entire region. Recent and current faculty projects include research on Filipino domestic workers in Hong Kong; economic policy and political culture in Indonesia; sound systems of Hmong-Mien and Tibeto-Burman language families; and the cultural politics of Indonesian popular music, among others. The faculty encourages interdisciplinary research, and facilitates the exchange of ideas and information through courses, seminars, conferences, outreach activities, and cultural events.

The University of Pittsburgh is home to one of the largest Indonesian gamelan orchestral programs in the country. Established in 1995, the gamelan performance program at Pitt has introduced hundreds of students to new ways of thinking about, practicing, performing, and composing music.

The annual artist-in-residence program brings guest artists from Indonesia to teach, present workshops and lectures or demonstrations, and perform in concerts for the university community, K-12 area schools, as well as for the larger Pittsburgh community.



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## Less Commonly Taught Languages

Housed in the Department of Linguistics, the Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL) Center exists to broaden the range of options in foreign language instruction at the University of Pittsburgh. In any given semester, 350 to 500 students may be enrolled in their 40 to 50 course sections, with class sizes ranging from small independent study groups with two or three students to larger sections with up to 20 students.

Students often pursue instruction in the LCTL Center because they are engaged in research on a particular area of the world, because knowledge of a LCTL will enhance their academic program, or because they have a personal interest in one of the countries where the language is spoken. Many students in this latter group have friends, family or ancestors

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who are or were speakers of a particular language. The Center will consider the development of a course for study of any modern language for which adequate instructional materials exist, including many languages of Southeast Asia.

## Course Offerings

### Anthropology

- >> Tribal Societies & Anthropological Theory
- >> Gender Perspectives
- >> Gender and Transnationalism

### English

- >> Literatures in Southeast Asia

### Music

- >> Music in Southeast Asia
- >> University Gamelan
- >> Music and Islam in Southeast Asia

### Public & International Affairs

- >> Globalization and Welfare
- >> Seminar in Southeast Asia

## Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies

Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Pittsburgh is housed within the Asian Studies Center. Students enrolled in BA, BS, MA or PhD programs in any department or



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professional school at Pitt may earn a Certificate in Asian Studies with a focus on Southeast Asia.

The certificate is another academic credential for students who want to intensify their study of Southeast Asia—either because they intend to use their knowledge of that critical part of the world in their careers after graduation, or because they realize the importance of an understanding of Southeast Asian history, language and culture as part of their liberal arts education. Upon graduation, both the academic degree and the Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies are posted on the student's transcript.

For more information on undergraduate and graduate certificate requirements, please visit the Asian Studies Center at [www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/academics](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/academics).

## Southeast Asia Studies Faculty

For the most up-to-date information on Southeast Asia Studies Faculty, visit the Asian Studies Center website: [www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/faculty/dept.html](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/faculty/dept.html)



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### UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

[www.pitt.edu/libraries.html](http://www.pitt.edu/libraries.html)

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