

**PSCI 3701A**  
**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**  
**Tuesday 11.35-14.25**  
**Please confirm location on Carleton Central**

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Diversity, rich cultural traditions, rapid change, economic growth and poverty are all hallmarks of Southeast Asia, one of the most dynamic regions in the world. This course in comparative politics is an introduction to the political systems of Southeast Asia, with special emphasis on issues and challenges of political development. The political system of each state will be discussed, along with themes which are common to the region as a whole. It is intended that students will gain an insight into states and cultures far from Canada, but which increasingly will be part of Canada's future. The goal of PSCI 3701A is that students leave the course with extensive knowledge and understanding of the member states of ASEAN, and enhanced analytical skills in comparative politics. We have too few weeks to cover too many states and topics. It will require commitment and diligence to maintain the pace. The reward will be a lifetime of richer engagement with one of the most fascinating regions on the planet.

### **Library and WebCT**

Many journal articles are on Reserve in the main library under our course listing. We will expand them, and utilize the opportunities offered by WebCT. Class members should take full advantage of such sources as U.N. documents, journals such as *Asian Survey*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Contemporary South East Asia*; the annual review issues of the *Asian Survey*. Special student subscription rates are available for most journals. Newspapers and embassy information bulletins from many countries are on file also. Quality news magazines are useful as well. The Internet offers an ever expanding source of information. For example, as starting points see:  
<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html> (Australia National University)  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/area/sarai/> (Columbia University's Asian Studies website)

Students in the class are asked to become knowledgeable about the vocabulary and issues of contemporary Asia. Readings are available in the assigned texts, and others may be put on reserve, which introduce the topics. But students are expected to augment them by individual research, fully utilizing the resources available in Ottawa, including specialized libraries and the Internet.

### **Assigned Text:**

- Damian Kingsbury, *South East Asia: A Political Profile*, Oxford, Second Edition
- Formal current descriptions of government and politics also will be found at various web sites.
- See also: Milton Osborne, *Southeast Asia : An Introductory History*, 9th edition

### **Additional Readings**

NOTE: Additional assignments may be made from time to time. Students should take advantage of the annual updates available in the The Yearbooks and other valuable resources of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies(Singapore), which has many on-line options. See also, Donald C. McCloud, *Southeast Asia: Tradition and Modernity in the Contemporary World*; Government and Politics in Southeast Asia, edited by John Funston, and *Southeast Asia Past And Present*, by D R SarDesai. These and other standard texts plus many useful specialized volumes and articles are on Reserve. Use them.

### **Grading**

We cover many countries and topics in this third year course in comparative politics and political development. Accordingly you will be assessed on a regular basis throughout the academic term. There will not be a scheduled final examination.

The format of the course includes lectures, readings, and frequent class discussions. The grading system will assess all three aspects of the course. Greatest weight is given to formal written essay material. Alternative testing formats are used, to reward diligence and thoughtfulness. All term work must be completed in order to receive a final mark other than F.

#### **1) Quizzes and Examinations**

Two formal examinations will be given in class. They may consist of short-answer, multiple choice, map exercise, fill-in-the-blank and 'briefly identify' type questions; and/or an essay component. The cumulative score of the two examinations will constitute nearly one-half of the final course grade. The Professor reserves the right also to hold unannounced 'pop quizzes'.

#### **2) Major Paper**

A 12-15 page paper, worth 50 per cent of the final mark, will be due at the end of the term. The paper must be comparative in nature and scope, though it may focus on a

single political system. It is anticipated that authors or sources from Southeast Asia will be used in preparation of the essays. A formal research Proposal is required, and the final essay will be based on an approved Proposal, after a personal discussion with the course instructor.

At the instructor's discretion, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on the essay. Note: The Department will not accept faxed essays.

### **Late Assignment Policy:**

All late assignments will be deducted half a letter grade per day (e.g. from B to B- for a one-day late). Students must submit their late assignment in the Political Science Department drop-box.

### **3) Class Participation**

Although it appears the course is a three hour seminar, it is actually a Carleton University 2+1 format (two lecture periods and one T.A. period) compressed into a single time slot. This allows us considerable and welcome flexibility. Class attendance and involvement are required. Presentations may be part of the course.

## **GRADING**

ESSAY	50 % of grade total
Proposals are DUE, Tuesday, October 14, 2008	
Papers are DUE, Tuesday, November 25, 2008	
(The grade is for the Final Essay only; informal assessment of the Proposal and its revisions is incorporated in the Essay grade)	
QUIZZES	40 % of grade total
October 07, 2008	
November 11, 2008	
PARTICIPATION, DISCRETION	10 % of grade total

## TERM TIME TABLE

**Note: assignments here are minimal basic requirements for the course. 'Text' refers here to the Kingsbury volume.**

**We will be using WebCT and the Library to post additional useful readings. Your individual research will constitute an essential component of the learning in the course.**

1. September 09    SOUTHEAST ASIA OVERVIEW  
Recommended:  
Text, Introduction  
Osborne, chapters 1-4 (Serious students of the region should read all of the Osborne volume during the term.)
2. September 16    BURMA  
Text, Chapter 05  
Text, Chapter One  
Constructing the Modern State
3. September 23    THAILAND  
Text, Chapter 09  
Text, Chapter Two  
Authority and Legitimacy in Southeast Asia
4. September 30    VIETNAM  
Text, Chapter 09  
Text, Chapter Three  
Economic and Political Development
5. October 07        **FIRST QUIZ**
6. October 14        CAMBODIA , LAOS  
Text, Chapter 08  
**PROPOSALS DUE**
7. October 21        MALAYSIA  
Text, Chapter 10

8. October 28      SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI  
Text, Chapter 13, 11
  
  9. November 04    INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES  
Text Chapter 12, Text, Chapter 14
  
  10. November 11   **SECOND QUIZ**
  
  11. November 18   SECURITY ISSUES AND ASEAN  
Text Chapter 02
  
  12. November 25   Last Class  
**PAPERS DUE**
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### **Academic Accommodations**

**For Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course are encouraged to contact the Paul Menton Centre (PMC) for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) to complete the necessary forms. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs **at least two weeks before the first in-class test or CUTV midterm exam**. This will allow for sufficient time to process your request. Please note the following deadlines for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: **November 15, 2008 for fall and fall/winter term courses, and March 20th, 2008 for winter term courses.**

**For Religious Observance:** Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance ([www.carleton.ca/equity](http://www.carleton.ca/equity)).

**For Pregnancy:** Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

**Plagiarism:** The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another." The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. The Department's Style Guide is available at: [www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf](http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf)

**Oral Examination:** At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

**Submission and Return of Term Work:** Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

**Approval of final grades:** Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

**Course Requirements:** Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure \_ No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available **ONLY** if the student is in good standing in the course.

**Connect Email Accounts:** The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed via the Connect email system. See <http://connect.carleton.ca> for instructions on how to set up your account.