# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

## Center for Southeast Asian Studies



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies offers a 15-credit hour Graduate Certificate Program in Southeast Asian Studies. This certificate is intended for U-M graduate-level students in LS&A departments and U-M professional schools, as well as students who have completed a graduate degree from the University of Michigan or another university within the past 5 years. The goal of the certificate is to provide a program of study grounded in in-depth interdisciplinary understandings of Southeast Asia to graduate students whose academic and career trajectories require area-focused knowledge and training.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

The certificate requirements include at least fifteen credit hours of approved graduate-level courses. Up to six of the fifteen credit hours may include courses that are also used to satisfy some requirement for the student's graduate or professional degree. Up to four of the fifteen credit hours may consist of graduate-level language instruction. The following are the course requirements:

- SEAS 501, Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies (3 credits)
- Electives: The remaining 12 credit hours consist of 4 graduate level courses, taken in at least three departments or schools (including the student's home department and SEAS). Only Rackham courses may be used to meet Certificate requirements.
- Language requirements: A basic level of proficiency in a Southeast Asia language is required for completion of the Certificate. This can be demonstrated through successful coursework (first year competency) or by a proficiency exam.

### For more information about the program, please contact:

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#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

#### **U-M** Students

Any student with a bachelor's degree who has been admitted or is currently enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Michigan will be eligible to apply for a Graduate Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies. To be considered, applicants must be in good standing in their graduate degree program, and have the support of their advisor and/or home department or program.

Admissions are done on a rolling basis. To make enrollment in the certificate program effective the same term during which degree conferral will take place, applications must be received by January 15 for winter term, May 15 for spring/summer, or September 15 for fall term. It is to the student's advantage to apply for the Certificate early in their studies, so that they can plan coursework accordingly.

U-M Applicants in a Rackham program must submit the following:

- Rackham Dual Degree/Program Application, signed by current program chair: http://www.rackham.umich.edu/downloads/admissions/forms/DualDegree Program.pdf. The Academic Program code is 01942; the Academic Plan code is 8920CGR.
- Current U-M transcript; or most current transcript for entering students.
- Statement of purpose, which should outline why the applicant wishes to receive a certificate, and how it fits with his or her academic/professional plans and goals.
- Two letters of recommendation. In the case of continuing graduate students, one of these should come from the student's advisor.

#### Non-Rackham or Non-U-M Students

Any student who has completed a post-baccalaureate degree within the past five years is eligible to apply for the U-M Certificate in Southeast Studies.

Non-Rackham and Non-U-M Applicants must submit the following:

- Rackham Application: https://apply.embark.com/Grad/UMich/Rackham/ProgramA/
- Current U-M transcript and/or transcripts from any institution of higher education attended
- Statement of purpose, which should outline why the applicant wishes to receive a certificate, and how it fits with his or her academic/professional plans and goals.
- Two letters of recommendation. In the case of continuing graduate students, one of these should come from the student's advisor.

#### **FUNDING**

Graduate Certificate students are eligible to apply for fellowships during the annual CSEAS FLAS Fellowship Competition. The application deadline is February 1. Please contact the Student Services Coordinator in CSEAS for more information.

#### **ADVISING**

Graduate Certificate students are encouraged to meet with the CSEAS Academic Advisor at least once per year to evaluate progress toward the certificate. It is also important that the student's home department or school is aware of his/her intent to pursue a certificate in CSEAS. The student will be personally responsible for letting the departmental advisor know of such intent.