

<b>Module code</b>	AZ-3301		
<b>Module Title</b>	Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia		
<b>Degree/Diploma</b>	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-Anthropology)		
<b>Type of Module</b>	Major Option/Breadth		
<b>Modular Credits</b>	4	<b>Total student workload</b>	8 hours/week
		<b>Contact hours</b>	4 hours/week
<b>Prerequisite</b>	None		
<b>Anti-requisite</b>	None		
<b>Aims</b>			
Using the holistic approach of the socio-cultural anthropologist, and avoiding (so far as possible) the nation-state-by-nation-state approach to the region favoured by historians, political scientists, economists, etc., this course strives to provide a comprehensive introduction to the rich and varied fabric of social and cultural life in the Southeast Asian region. It begins with an examination of past and present definitions of Southeast Asia as a distinctive socio-cultural region and, thereafter, concentrates on prehistoric, historic and environmental issues all of which constitute the essential backdrop for an understanding of the contemporary peoples and cultures of this region.			
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>			
<i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	30%	- Engage critically and knowledgeably and anthropologically in discussion about contemporary Southeast Asia.	
Middle order :	40%	- Identify and practice different methods of cultural anthropological inquiry. - Evaluate and compare resources available on Southeast Asia understanding.	
Higher order:	30%	- Recognize and identify the main theories and methodology in cultural anthropology of Southeast Asia. - Compare and contrast Southeast Asian cultures, religions and believes, social organization, as well as political structures with those of the Asian cultures and the non-Asiatic cultures.	
<b>Module Contents</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- physical backdrop to the region's social-cultural life: the mainland - island divide</li> <li>- early human habitation of Southeast Asia</li> <li>- the linguistic situation of Southeast Asia</li> <li>- influence from external civilizations: India, China, the Islamic world and the West</li> <li>- the cultural ecology of Southeast Asia: gatherer-hunter, swiddening, settled farming, fishing and urban adaptations and their socio-cultural concomitants</li> </ul>			
<b>Assessment</b>	Formative assessment	Weekly assessment and feedback	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50% Coursework: 50% -Classroom participation (10%) -Critical press review (20%) -Critical Literature Review (20%)	