

Module Code	AA-3303			
Module Title	Society and Culture in Borneo			
Type of Module: Bachelor of Arts: Degree Core (Option)/Breadth/Minor Core				
Modular Credits: 4	Student Workload:	8-10 hours per week		
	Contact hours for timetabling:	2 hours per week		
Prerequisite:	None			
Antirequisite:	None			
Aims/Objectives/Rationale: This course offers an anthropological perspective on the societies and cultures of Borneo. It explores the socio-cultural traditions of both indigenous and immigrant peoples, as well as their transformations due to changing political and economic environments during the colonial and post-colonial periods. The course permits the student to delve more deeply into a major Southeast Asia sub-region than is possible in general Southeast Asian courses.				
Course Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pre-history: early human habitation of Borneo• cultural ecology: gatherer-hunters, swidden cultivators, coastal peoples• the peoples: indigenous and immigrant• history: influence from external civilizations: India, China, Arab and the West• socio-political systems: egalitarian and stratified societies, early state formation• kinship, marriage and gender relations in Borneo• religion: worldviews and rituals• development: socio-cultural change among Borneo's peoples				
Assessment	Examination: (2 hours)	50%	Course Work: 2 short essays (@ 20% each) 1 presentation report (10%)	50%
Textbook(s) References : King, V. T. (1993). <i>The Peoples of Borneo</i> . Oxford: Blackwell. King, V. T. (ed.). (1978). <i>Essays on Borneo Societies</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. Leigh, M. (ed.). (2000). <i>Borneo 2000: Ethnicity, Culture and Society</i> . Kuching: UNIMAS.				
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