



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## COSU01, Contemporary South-East Asia - Political Developments and Societal Issues, 7.5 credits

*Dagens Sydostasien - Politisk utveckling och samhällsfrågor, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2024-11-11 (U 2024/722). The syllabus comes into effect 2024-11-11 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

### General information

The course is offered in collaboration with the Institute of International Education as part of the Myanmar Higher Education Consortium Pilot Capstone Project and funded by USAID.

*Language of instruction:* English  
The course is taught in English and Burmese

*Main field of study*      *Specialisation*

-                      G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the participants shall be able to:

#### Knowledge and understanding

- account for contemporary political developments in Southeast Asia
- account for the developments in different social and political areas such as civil societies and social movements, human rights, environment and land right issues

## Competence and skills

- identify and analyse how different issues and problems are related and affect each other
- critically discuss and analyse different conceptions of developments in Southeast Asian societies
- from a global perspective identify and analyse current issues in contemporary Southeast Asian societies
- collect, evaluate, and use relevant sources as a basis for a written analysis of a specific issue concerning Southeast Asian societies

## Judgement and approach

- analyse and critically assess current issues in Southeast Asian societies

## Course content

The course provides students with basic knowledge of Southeast Asian political systems and contemporary political developments. It analyses a number of key issues and challenges that characterise contemporary Southeast Asian societies. It includes issues of democracy, the development of authoritarian rule and authoritarian innovation, and populism. The course also focuses on the role played by Southeast Asian civil societies and social movements, and on the human rights situation. Environmental issues and land rights issues are also addressed. Domestic issues are also studied from a global perspective.

## Course design

The course is offered as a distance learning course with the support of a web-based learning platform and/or digital tools. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to an Internet connection. The teaching consists of online lectures, seminars and discussions.

## Assessment

The assessment is based on an oral group presentation (3 credits) and an individual written home exam (4.5 credits).

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination and a re-sit.

## Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

Marking scale: Fail, Pass. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. For the grade of Pass on the entire course, the student must have been awarded at least a Pass on all assessed credits.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## Entry requirements

Participants must be participants of the Myanmar Higher Education Consortium's Pilot Capstone Program.

## Further information

- The course is given at the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Department of History, Lund University.