

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HA2003 Politics and Government in Southeast Asia

**Pre-requisites** : HA1001

**No. of AUs.** : 3

**Contact Hours** : 39

### **Course Aims**

This course will provide a survey of the domestic politics of Southeast Asia. Nations studied will include Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and Singapore. It will also examine the important factors that shape the political landscape of Southeast Asia, both historical and contemporary. We will approach this module via both thematic and case-study approaches. It would not be possible to cover every single Southeast Asian country in great depth in just one module; nevertheless, we will be discussing the major issues associated with the most important nations in the region.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- 1) Explain the basic contours of modern Southeast Asian politics.
- 2) Identify the contemporary debates on Southeast Asian politics and public policy issues.
- 3) Describe the historical forces which shape Southeast Asian politics today.
- 4) Debate on major political events and issues in Southeast Asia and provide constructive suggestions on improvements to the political system and/or public policy in the region.

### **Course Content**

1. Introduction
2. Colonialism – The Making of Ethnicity
3. Colonialism – Formation of Nation-States
4. Nationalism and Violence
5. Authoritarianism and Military Rule
6. Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes
7. Economic Development
8. Stagnation and Under-Development
9. Political Islam: State Bureaucratization
10. Political Islam: Non-State Actors

- 11. Democratization
- 12. Methodology

**Course Assessment**

CA1 - Tutorial Participation	: 20%
CA2 - Term Paper	: 40%
Final Examination	: 40%
<b>Total</b>	-----
	<b>100%</b>