

Faculty of Liberal Arts

Thammasat University

Course Syllabus

AS287: Contemporary Issues in ASEAN (3 credits)

Semester 3/2023

Class times: TBA **Room:** TBA

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1. Course Description

This seminar encourages students to critically explore and share their insights on current issues at the forefront of debate concerning ASEAN, or are under consideration for ASEAN. The goal is to keep up with the changing situation of ASEAN and constructively respond to future trends and influences.

2. Course Objectives

At the end of the course, the students are expected to ...

1. gain a broader overview of ASEAN, especially its driving motives and directions
2. understand better the various perspectives of each ASEAN member
3. understand the ideal and the realistic views of the ASEAN Economic Community
4. understand better the underlying cultural, historical, and political factors drawing ASEAN members together
5. be able to present their own view more clearly in discussion and in written form
6. be able to discuss sensitive issues with care and respect for others' opinions

3. Class Schedule

Date & Time: Fri. 9:00 – 12:00	Content/Topic	Activity	Readings
Session 1:	Introduction	Assignments, topics and nations of focus	-
Session 2:	ASEAN & Brunei&Laos	Lectures, Discussion	<i>tba</i>
Session 3:	ASEAN & Myanmar & Cambodia	Lectures, Discussion	<i>tba</i>
Session 4:	ASEAN & Indonesia& Thailand	Lectures, Discussion <i>Writing Assignment No.1</i>	<i>tba</i>
Session 5:	ASEAN & Malaysia& Philippines	Lectures, Discussion	<i>tba</i>
Session 6:	ASEAN & Vietnam & Singapore	Lectures, Discussion <i>Presentation No. 1</i>	<i>tba</i>
Session 7:	ASEAN Economic Community	Lectures, Discussion	<i>tba</i>
Session 8:	AEC, Education, Identity	Lectures, Discussion	<i>tba</i>
Session 9:	South China Sea and ASEAN	Lectures, Discussion <i>Presentation No. 2</i>	<i>tba</i>
Session 10:	Review	Lectures, Discussion	<i>tba</i>
<i>Final exam week: No final exam</i>			

*Note: This schedule may be subject to change if necessary.

4. Text(s) / Required Readings

Readings will be assigned from time to time, and made available electronically.

5. Evaluation

Participation: (question, summarize, volunteer)	15%
Writing assignments (2x20)	40
Presentations: (3x15)	45

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
85-100	80-84	75-79	70-74	65-69	60-64	55-59	50-54	0-49

6. Class Requirements

- ▶ Students must attend at least 80% of classes in order to receive a grade.
- ▶ “Participation” is a combination of attendance, answering and asking questions in class, actively participating in discussions while respecting views of others, and meeting deadlines for written and oral assignments. Also, where appropriate, contributing to the direction and focus of the course.
- ▶ Plagiarism is defined as using the words of another without acknowledging the source. Clear acts of plagiarism will result in a zero on the assignment and notation in student records.
- ▶ See separate handout for details of Writing Assignments.