



## APPLICATION

The application must be submitted online. Download the form at [www.stine.uni-hamburg.de](http://www.stine.uni-hamburg.de) under „Bewerbung.“

The following documents are also required:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter
- Legally attested certificate of your university degree
- Transcript of Records
- Language skills: Minimum of 25 ECTS either in Bahasa Indonesia, Thai or Vietnamese. Native speakers are exempt from this
- Evidence for proficiency in English (equivalent to B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR); English native speakers are exempt from this

Please e-mail your documents in time to:  
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## THE PROGRAM



This M.A. offers a unique combination of module-based and research-focused training. Students from around the world can develop their abilities in methods to carry out their own research projects under the guidance of experienced academic experts in the field of Southeast Asian Studies.

The program goes far beyond simple language skills and basic regional knowledge by strongly focusing on the analysis of Southeast Asian histories and cultural developments. Due to the vast diversity of Southeast Asia, every student has the opportunity to choose one of the three interdisciplinary fields: Austronesian Studies, Thai Studies or Vietnamese Studies. Each of these divisions provides profound and exciting insights into the study of the region.

Students draw on the array of classes to help them both critically and constructively approach current issues and to build a theoretical framework to use when conducting independent research. Assessment comes from sharing the results of these studies in oral presentations, written essays, and in-class discussions.

On the basis of the diverse classes, students develop and study topics in a critical as well as constructive way - based on a theoretical framework to conduct fundamental research. Its results will be presented in oral presentations and written papers.

In addition, students are encouraged to take the opportunity to study abroad during the third semester.

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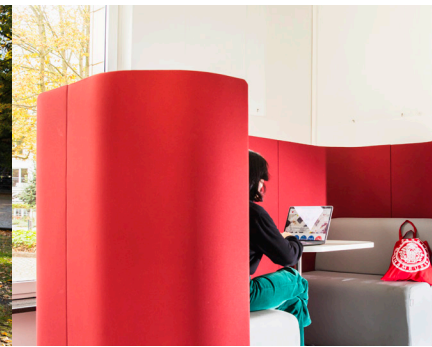
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## THE INTERNATIONAL M.A. PROGRAM LANGUAGES AND CULTURES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA







## THE ASIA AFRICA INSTITUTE (AAI)

Asian influence around the world continues to grow and Southeast Asia is often at the forefront of these challenging developments. With major issues ranging from climate change to sociopolitical upheaval, Southeast Asia proves to be both a dynamic and important region worthy of critical study. Classes at the Southeast Asia Department are taught in small groups, making it possible for students to create a fulfilling and conducive learning environment that guarantees personalized supervision on research projects.

### OTHER BENEFITS

- Intercultural competency in exchange with German and international students studying South or East Asian Studies, African Studies, etc.
- Unique collection of works and primary sources in European, Asian languages at the in-house library
- Tuition fee is not required, only semester fee which includes the cost of the Semesterticket (to use public transportation in Hamburg) and administration costs
- Access to German and other language courses which are free of charge and can be rewarded with credit points
- Academic and non-academic activities such as cultural events, lectures, movie nights, etc. within a familial atmosphere and great food!

## EXPERIENCE HAMBURG!

As the second-largest city in Germany, Hamburg is a vibrant community that provides a stimulating cosmopolitan and international environment for students to study and enjoy time outside the university.

The AAI is located in the city center; the Alster lake and the Planten un Blomen park are within walking distance. The location offers the perfect connection to local and long distance public transport as well.



## CONTENT

**Degree:** Master of Arts

**Duration:** 4 semesters

**Application times:**

1st May - 15th June for winter term

1st December - 15th January for summer term

**Language:**

English, Bahasa Indonesia, Thai or Vietnamese is a pre-requisite depending on the region of choice the M.A. offers a multitude of courses on a broad range of subjects. These are arranged in three main modules:

### LITERATURE AND MEDIA:

This module offers a wide variety of specialised courses that aim at equipping the students with thorough understanding and the ability to analyse and work with primary sources from literature and media of the region of choice.

### CULTURE AND SOCIETY:

This module teaches the students to make educated analyses of different aspects of material culture, philosophy, science, religion, and society in the region of choice.

### THEORIES AND METHODS:

This joint module is required by all students of Southeast Asian Studies. It encourages students to place their area of study into the context of Southeast Asia as a region. It also offers students specialized knowledge and tools on an assortment of useful methodologies in area studies.

## SEMESTER ABROAD

Students have the option to do a semester abroad at either a university in Southeast Asia or one of the University of Hamburg's other European partner institutions. In addition to further deepening their intercultural competencies, students have the opportunity to research a topic of their choice and prepare for their master's thesis.

### AND THEN?

For any master graduate of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia, there exists a wide range of career prospects that depend on the specific student's interests and the focus of their studies. Possible areas include:

- Economy and business in Germany and Asia
- Political foundations
- Non-governmental organisations
- Developmental aid
- Culture and education
- Journalism
- Translation
- Tourism
- Academic careers

Graduates also have the opportunity to apply for the Ph.D. program at AAI. The Ph.D. degree emphasizes the ability to contribute profound fieldwork and source-based work through original research. The program facilitates students in exploring the academic landscape in regard to theoretical and methodological perspectives, disciplines, and subjects. In the process, students build academic networks that are crucial for research-related careers.