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Admission criteria:
- B.A. degree in the field of Southeast Asian Studies or other subjects in the Humanities or Social Sciences
- Proficiency in English
- Proficiency in Malaysian/Indonesian, Thai, or Vietnamese, depending on your focus.

Your Application:
Submit completed application form online and include a printed version with the documents you submit by post. Download the form at www.stine.uni-hamburg.de under “Bewerbung”.

Include the following items:
Curriculum Vitae, Brief statement of motivation, Legally attested certificate of your university degree, Transcript of Records, Language skills: minimum of 25 ECTS in Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian and Malay Studies), Thai (Thai Studies), or Vietnamese (Vietnamese Studies). Native speakers of these languages are exempt from this requirement. 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 requirement.

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There are no tuition fees but registration fees apply which will provide students with a semester ticket for public transportation in Hamburg and its vicinity. For details, please refer to https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienorganisation/studienerverlauf/beitraegegebuehren/semesterbeitrag.html.

Scholarships:
The University provides a limited number of scholarships for MA students and to support the semester abroad. Selection for the scholarships, therefore, is highly competitive.

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- Indonesian / Malay
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The Asia Africa Institute (AAI)

The University of Hamburg’s motto, “To research, to teach, to educate and form”, is the foundation of sustainable training methodologies applied in our teaching. The Department of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia is housed in the modern and spacious eastern wing of the Asia Africa Institute (AAI). The teaching at our Department is carried out in small groups. This makes it possible for us to create a dynamic and conducive learning atmosphere which guarantees a highly personal supervision of individual projects.

Studying in Hamburg

Being the second largest city of Germany and focused on trade through its harbour, Hamburg provides a stimulating cosmopolitan and international environment for students to study and enjoy time outside the University. The AAI is located in the centre of the city.

Study abroad

Take the opportunity to study abroad during the third semester – either at one of our European partner universities, including
- the INALCO Paris/France or
- the University of Leiden/The Netherlands

or to spend a semester in Southeast Asia. We have partnerships with a number of academic and research institutions in Southeast Asia, e.g.:
- The University Gajah Mada in Yogyakarta.
- Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.
- The National University of Ho Chi Minh City.

This third semester program may be combined with carrying out a relevant internship at an organisation that is connected with and/or has offices in the region. Students from Southeast Asia can ask for exemptions and spend their third semester at the University of Hamburg.

Enjoy studying Southeast Asian Cultures!

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We offer a unique and exciting combination of module-based and research-focused training to develop students’ abilities in methods to carry out independent and thorough research and present the results of their projects in oral presentations and written papers.

Besides imparting intercultural skills, the program focuses on the languages, cultures, histories and societies of an important, culturally diverse Asian region undergoing rapid developments. The program is divided along the three interdisciplinary fields of inquiry of Indonesian/Malay, Thai and Vietnamese Studies, which each offer two semesters of modules under the general themes of Literature and Media in the Winter Semester (October-February) and Culture and Society in the Summer Semester (April-July).

In both semesters we also teach a joint module on Theories and Methods, which is meant to introduce you to the interdisciplinary field of Southeast Asian Studies.

In the second year you are required to study subjects not offered by the Department, which in general means that you will enrol in another university in Europe or Southeast Asia to study subjects of your choosing and/or carry out a relevant internship.

You will conclude the program with a thesis in the fourth semester. As far as possible we connect teaching with our research profiles and projects and may involve you in these projects which include studies of manuscript cultures, cultural production, history and religion, and other fields of inquiry.

Program Objectives

The program is taught entirely in English and requires a profound knowledge of the languages of the region, particularly Malay (Indonesian/Malaysian), Thai or Vietnamese, in accordance with your special interest.

We encourage German and international students with a Bachelor in Southeast Asian Studies to apply and also invite students graduated from other BA programs to send in their applications.

We organise a lively and exciting program that has attracted a host of international students, many of whom are from the region itself.

Our program prepares students for both academic and practical careers as well as for doctoral programs in Southeast Asian Studies. Graduates will have had training to produce and present critical papers in the broad field of Southeast Asian Studies, and will have a profound knowledge of historical as well as contemporary developments in the region and trends in Southeast Asia Studies.