Applications

- The application must consist of:
- Application form which will be made available at www.stine.uni-hamburg.de under “Bewerbung”. The application must be submitted electronically.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Brief statement of motivation
- Legally attested certificate of university degree
- Transcript of Records
- Language skills: minimum of 25 ECTS in Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian and Malay Studies) in Thai (Thai Studies) or Vietnamese (Vietnamese Studies)

The application must be filled in by the applicant online and submitted electronically. Also a printed version of the online application form and the required documents must be sent by post to the following address:

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Asien-Afrika-Institut
Department of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia
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Studying in Hamburg

Universität Hamburg is Germany’s first democratically founded university. On 28 March 1919, the Hamburg State Parliament voted to establish the university. In 1911, the businessman Edmund Siemers donated what would become the University’s main building. His motto „To research, to teach, to educate and form,” may still be read above the main door and Universität Hamburg remains committed to these principles today. Accordingly, the University sees research and teaching as inseparable spheres of activity. It is their interaction which makes sustainable education possible.

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We look forward to seeing you in Hamburg!
MA Program

The M.A. program consists of two compulsory modules, “Southeast Asian Languages and Literatures” and “Southeast Asian History and Society.” Students can choose from one of three areas of concentration, all of which are related to the research profiles of the Asien-Afrika-Institut and the Department of the Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia. Our research spectrum includes such diverse fields as manuscript cultures, modern literature, history, religion and society. Graduate research should contribute to departmental research. The compulsory “Southeast Asian Studies: Theories and Methods” module forges a link between instruction and research. The final module consists of a master’s thesis, an oral exam and a compulsory colloquium.

Goals and Content

The International Master in Southeast Asian Studies offers three different tracks or studies: Indonesian/Malay Studies, Thai Studies and Vietnamese Studies. Every track consists of two compulsory modules, “Southeast Asian Languages and Literatures” and “Southeast Asian History and Society.” Students can choose from one of three areas of concentration, all of which are related to the research profiles of the Asien-Afrika-Institut and the Department of the Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia. Our research spectrum includes such diverse fields as manuscript cultures, modern literature, history, religion and society. Graduate research should contribute to departmental research. The compulsory “Southeast Asian Studies: Theories and Methods” module forges a link between instruction and research.

Program Objectives

The M.A. program targets German and international students, particularly graduates of B.A. programs in Southeast Asian Studies. Students from Southeast Asia are most welcome. Besides imparting intercultural skills, this program focuses on the languages, cultures, histories and societies of an important, culturally diverse Asian region undergoing rapid development. In accordance with Universität Hamburg’s traditionally high academic standards, students receive rigorous training in one of the program’s three areas of concentration:

- Indonesian and Malay Studies
- Thai Studies
- Vietnamese Studies

The M.A. prepares students for both academic and practical careers as well as for doctoral programs in Southeast Asian Studies.

Semester | Concentration | Joint Modules
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1 | Indonesian and Malay Literature and Media, Thai Literature and Media, Vietnamese Literature and Media | SEA Studies
2 | Indonesian and Malay Society and Culture, Thai Society and Culture, Vietnamese Society and Culture | Research foci
3 | Term Abroad | 
4 | Final colloquium | Final colloquium

Study abroad

M.A. students can spend a semester (worth 30 credit points) at one of our European partner universities, including the INALCO Paris, the University of Copenhagen or the University of Leiden, or they can spend a semester in Southeast Asia. We have partnerships with ten academic and research institutions in Southeast Asia, such as the University Gajah Mada in Yogyakarta, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and the National University of Ho Chi Minh City.

Admission Requirements

Applicants should have an B.A. in a relevant subject such as Southeast Asian studies or Southeast Asian linguistics, literature, history, society or religion: they should have a working knowledge of English and Bahasa Indonesia, Thai or Vietnamese, depending on their concentration.

Tuition fees

At the moment the tuition fees are 290 Euro per semester. Please consult: www.verwaltung.uni-hamburg.de/campuscenter/waehrend-des-studiums/semesterbeitrag_e.html

Scholarships

Please consult your home university for possibilities of funding by your government. You may also consult the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): www.daad.de/en