

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3038 Civil-Military Relations in Southeast Asia

Pre-requisites : HA1012

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course examines the military's role in state and society, focusing on the political role of the armed forces in Southeast Asia. We will examine important issues in the study of civil-military relations, such as (1) why is civilian control of the military important, (2) what causes the military officers' intervention and political domination via the coup d'état, (3) what is the armed forces' role in political development and decay in non-Western societies, and (4) what is the most desirable civil-military relations in post-democratization political settings. The class begins with the survey on classical literature on civil-military relations, comparative politics and then, investigates civil-military relations of individual countries in Southeast Asia, namely, Myanmar, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon the successful completion of this course, you would be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical foundations in civil-military relations.
- 2) Apply key theories of civil-military relations to Southeast Asia.
- 3) Communicate arguments effectively through written and presentations grounded in theory and empirical evidence.

Course Content

Part I: Theoretical Foundations

Week 1: What is the Study of Civil-Military Relations

Week 2: War, States and the Armed Forces

Week 3: The Canons – Samuel Huntington and Morris Janowitz

Week 4: Coups and Military Intervention into Politics

Week 5: Civilian Control over the Military

Week 6: Transitions from Authoritarian Rule and Military Withdrawal from Politics

Part II: Comparative Applications in Southeast Asia

Week 7: The Philippines

Week 8: Indonesia

Week 9: Thailand

Week 10: Burma/Myanmar

Week 11: Singapore Armed Forces and National Integration

Week 12: New Missions and Re-Politicization of the Armed Forces?

Week 13: Course and Final Assignment Review

Course Assessment

Class Participation : 10%

Reflection/Response Paper : 20%

Policy Paper : 35%

Take-Home Paper : 35%

Total 100%