

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HA4001 ASEAN in the 21st Century

**Pre-requisites** : HA1001

**No. of AUs.** : 4

**Contact Hours** : 52

### **Course Aims**

This seminar aims to offer students the in-depth, comprehensive knowledge and analyses of potentials, strengths, and limitations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Through class discussions, students will learn history, characteristics, and functions of ASEAN from the material and ideational perspectives. With these knowledge, students will gain an ability to analyze the ASEAN's utility (potentials and limitations) and *raison d'etre* by employing not only International Relations (IR) theories, but also theories in other fields (e.g. psychology, sociology, history). Those who are interested in graduate studies in International Relations and Asian/Southeast Asian studies or career in foreign affairs and international relations should take this course, since this becomes a rigid intellectual foundation of ASEAN studies.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the basic objectives and structures of ASEAN;
2. Theoretically explain institutional strengths and weaknesses of ASEAN;
3. Discuss political, economic, socio-cultural, and security utilities of ASEAN in the Southeast Asian, East Asian, Asia-Pacific regions, and beyond;
4. Debate the limitations and potentials of ASEAN's effectiveness; and,
5. Explain the contemporary ASEAN affairs from a political, security, economic, or social-cultural perspective.

### **Course Content**

The seminar course is divided into 5 sections: (1) introduction [Session 1], (2) ASEAN's Institutional History [Session 2-5], (3) ASEAN's institutional design [Session 6-9], (4) ASEAN's functions in various issue areas [Session 10-12], and (5) Conclusion [Session 12]. Using several analytical frameworks, including IR theories, the course will explore historical, political, and functional dimensions of ASEAN in the past, present, and future.

**Course Assessment**

Weekly Discussion	: 10%
Weekly Mini-Essay Assignment	: 10%
Debate/ Group Exercise	: 20%
Simulation Exercise	: 10%
Scenario Building Exercise	: 20%
Final Paper	: 30%
<b>Total</b>	-----
	<b>100%</b>