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**General Syllabus**

**HIST 4303 History of Southeast Asia**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

Studies of the natural history, human habitation, emerging civilizations, colonization, modern responses for independence, and effects of war on Southeast Asian states and their people.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the natural history of Southeast Asia including geographical factors that influenced development.
2. Examine migrations, early settlement patterns, and civilizing institutions that emerged in Southeast Asia.
3. Evaluate the effects of colonization on the people of Southeast Asia and the development of their region.
4. Describe the religions of Southeast Asia.
5. Develop a broad knowledge of the modern political, social, and economic life in Southeast Asia.
6. Formulate informed conclusions and judgments about the people of Southeast Asia, their values, and their overseas communities, especially those in this section of the United States.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

### **Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision making from examples and experiences throughout Southeast Asia over the past century.

### **Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will complete essay examinations testing their knowledge of the history of Southeast Asia. Students will discuss interpretations and explanations of historical evidence in class and to deliver group and individual oral reports to the class.

### **Analytical Skills**

#### **Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will synthesize materials from various sources to write a term paper and to construct answers to essay examinations. Students will be required to reach their own conclusions regarding historical evidence and to support those conclusions through well-constructed arguments.

### **Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will appreciate the natural and human history of Southeast Asia. Students will further study anti-colonial wars and the role the United States played in offering assistance and then refuge to anti-Communist Southeast Asians.

## **III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Natural History Background
- B. Migrations
- C. Ancient Civilizations
- D. The Nineteenth Century Colonial Period
- E. Agriculture-based Societies of Southeast Asia
- F. Religion and Independence Movements
- G. The Vietnam War and its effects
- H. The Overseas Southeast Asians
- I. The UA Fort Smith Oral History Project for Relocation of Southeast Asians