

Asian Societies (S/A)

Sociology and Anthropology 275

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: The course will provide an introduction to Southeast Asian Societies. The first part of the course will provide an overview of the geography, languages, and cultural background of the peoples of the region (which includes Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Brunei). The second part will focus on the arts of the Thai speaking peoples of mainland Southeast Asia (textiles, carving, painting, dance, and boxing). The final part of the course will be devoted to student presentations relating to selected contemporary Southeast Asian societies.

Grading: Two Quizzes: 20% each

Participation: 15%

Presentation: 20%

Research Report: 25%

*All the assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned.

"The Department of Sociology and Anthropology follows SFU policy in relation to grading practices, grade appeals (Policy T 20.01) and academic dishonesty and misconduct procedures (Policy T 10.03). It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of the content of these policies (available on the SFU website under Administration, SFU Policies & Procedures)."

Required Texts: M.C. Howard, W. Wattanapun, and A. Gordon (eds.) Traditional Thai Arts in Contemporary Perspective (1998) White Lotus Press in Bangkok.

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

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Prerequisite/Corequisite: SA 101 or 150.

Notes: Students may take this course with the permission of the instructor and clearance from the Department Assistant.

All students are expected to read and understand SFU\202s policies with regard to academic dishonesty (T 10.02 and T 10.03). These policies are available at the following web addresses: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-02.htm> and <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-03.htm>

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