



International Division
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

OVERVIEW

Established in 1973, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at UW-Madison is a well-established **Title VI National Resource Center**, offering a variety of academic undergraduate and graduate programs. Located within the Institute for Regional and International Studies—a unit of the International Division—CSEAS provides K-14 outreach, local community collaboration, research opportunities, and more. In addition to federal grants, CSEAS has garnered significant external funding from prestigious organizations like the Mellon Foundation and Henry Luce Foundation. These funds support student research, study abroad, internships, language instruction, outreach activities, and faculty positions focused on social justice issues in Southeast Asian studies.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Undergraduate concentration *This concentration is available as a “named option” in the undergraduate major offered by the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC).*

Undergraduate certificate *This certificate is awarded to undergraduate students in any degree program other than Asian Studies (Southeast Asia Concentration).*

Master of arts *Boasting over 160 graduates since 1991-92, this program meets the unique needs of two broad groups of students: those seeking certification of area expertise enroute to a disciplinary PhD and those seeking a terminal MA enroute to a wide range of careers in SE Asia.*

PhD minor *This minor in Southeast Asian Studies is offered to doctoral students who are interested in documenting their knowledge of Southeast Asia in pursuit of their PhD degrees.*

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

CSEAS offers a wide range of reputable fellowships and grants, including but not limited to:

CSEAS Fellowships: Center fellowships are awarded as 40% research assistantships or project assistantships and pay a modest living stipend, as well as provide health insurance and tuition remission. It is intended to support the study of Southeast Asia by graduate students in any department.

CSEAS Field Research Grants: For pre-dissertation, dissertation, and thesis research on Southeast Asia. These awards are supported from the center’s endowment funds and are intended to provide limited support for field research and the acquisition of research-related materials.

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40+

FLAS fellowships per grant cycle

50+

years in operation

30+

affiliated CSEAS faculty

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Local: Through the Wisconsin International Resource Consortium (WIRC), CSEAS collaborates with other area study centers to provide local K-14 outreach activities, including their Professional Development Workshop Series. Some notable recent events have included a workshop to assist middle and high schools in meeting a new state mandate to teach on genocide, a climate optimism workshop for K-12 educators, and a curriculum development workshop for community college and K-12 educators that focused on the Southeast Asian refugee experience in Wisconsin.



Statewide: In collaboration with the Southeast Asian Language Council (SEALC), and with a five-year grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, CSEAS is working to professionalize the field of Southeast Asian language teaching by offering training workshops and materials development projects as well as creating national standards, proficiency assessments, and instructional resources. Additionally, CSEAS has collaborated closely with faculty of Madison College to develop and implement initiatives in Hmong and Hmong-American Studies at the community college level. This four-year initiative, funded by Title VI, will lead to the creation of a new Hmong Studies program at Madison College.



International: CSEAS's commitment to international outreach is exemplified by the recent SEALC (Luce grant) workshop on Southeast Asian language teaching, held at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Fully funded by the Luce Foundation, this successful event brought together experts from across the region to share best practices and foster collaboration.

SIGNATURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Friday Forum lecture series
- ▶ Professional Development Workshop Series
- ▶ Free film screenings
- ▶ Panel discussions



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