Strength Across Disciplines

The UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) sponsors interdisciplinary study and research, and promotes awareness of Southeast Asian cultures and affairs in the broader community. It is committed to strengthening UCLA’s position as a world leader in the study of this dynamic region and to equipping graduates with language skills and practical experience abroad.

More than 20 regular faculty members in the humanities, social sciences, and other fields, ranging from performing arts to ecology and global public health, are affiliated with CSEAS. The Center also brings distinguished scholars of Southeast Asia to campus as visiting researchers, guest lecturers, and participants in its conferences, symposia and workshops. The CSEAS Colloquium Series provides a forum for the discussion of new work by Southeast Asia experts, professionals, creative artists and activists.

CSEAS supports the teaching of Filipino, Indonesian, Thai and Vietnamese at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, with exceptional attention to the needs of both heritage speakers and students with no previous exposure to these languages. The Center also supports advanced summer language programs in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States.

Our library has one of the finest Southeast Asia research collections in the country, managed by a specialist bibliographer, with extensive vernacular holdings in Filipino, Indonesian, Thai and Vietnamese.

Leadership

A year after its founding in 1999, CSEAS joined with its counterpart center at the University of California, Berkeley, in a consortium that was designated a National Resource Center (NRC) by the U.S. Department of Education. An extraordinary honor for a young institution such as CSEAS, the designation was accompanied by Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships that since then have allowed graduate and undergraduate students to immerse themselves in the region. As part of its mission as an NRC, the Center organizes training workshops and develops curricular materials for California’s K-12 schoolteachers.

In recognition of its leadership, the Center has been the beneficiary of two Ford Foundation grants.
for postdoctoral research and public programming on Malaysia, Indonesia, Burma and Vietnam. Gifts from other donors have helped to support our Indonesian Studies and Thai Studies programs.

Vision for the Future

While working to maintain the excellence of its programs, CSEAS continues to develop new ideas for expanding Southeast Asian studies at UCLA. These programs are also opportunities for individuals and foundations to support our mission. They include:

- Additional language offerings to serve the broad needs of Southern California and continue our national leadership in the study and teaching of Southeast Asian languages.
- High-level language courses leading to fluency in Filipino, Indonesian, Thai and Vietnamese.
- Establishment of additional study abroad programs and partnerships with institutions of higher learning abroad. Travel grants for undergraduates to study abroad.
- Endowed fellowships for UCLA graduate students whose work will advance Southeast Asian studies.
- Travel grants for students to develop dissertations and promote their studies throughout the region.
- Endowed faculty chairs in Southeast Asian Studies to recruit and retain top scholars in particular disciplines and countries of the region.
- UCLA-based colloquia, conferences and seminars on Southeast Asian topics.
- Innovative programs bringing new approaches to the region in such areas as public health, science and the environment.

Support the UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies

We encourage you to participate in our events and support our efforts to educate Californians and others about Southeast Asia and to train the next generation of specialists.

Private philanthropy is critical to the health and vitality of our program. There are many ways to give, including outright gifts, pledges payable over time, and permanent endowments. All gifts are tax-deductible and may be directed to the area of greatest interest to you.

We look forward to discussing with you how your gift can make a significant impact. Please write or call us using the contact information on the back cover of this brochure, or visit www.international.ucla.edu/cseas.
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