The Center for Southeast Asian Studies offers a 15-credit hour Graduate Certificate Program in Southeast Asian Studies. This certificate is intended for U-M graduate-level students in LS&A departments and U-M professional schools, as well as students who have completed a graduate degree from the University of Michigan or another university within the past 5 years. The goal of the certificate is to provide a program of study grounded in in-depth interdisciplinary understandings of Southeast Asia to graduate students whose academic and career trajectories require area-focused knowledge and training.

REQUIREMENTS
The certificate requirements include at least fifteen credit hours of approved graduate-level courses. Up to six of the fifteen credit hours may include courses that are also used to satisfy some requirement for the student’s graduate or professional degree. Up to four of the fifteen credit hours may consist of graduate-level language instruction. The following are the course requirements:

- SEAS 501, Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies (3 credits)
- Electives: The remaining 12 credit hours consist of 4 graduate level courses, taken in at least three departments or schools (including the student’s home department and SEAS). Only Rackham courses may be used to meet Certificate requirements.
- Language requirements: A basic level of proficiency in a Southeast Asia language is required for completion of the Certificate. This can be demonstrated through successful coursework (first year competency) or by a proficiency exam.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be considered, applicants must: (1) be in good standing in their graduate degree program, (2) submit a cogent application statement demonstrating the importance of the Certificate to their educational and career goals; and (3) have the support of their advisor and/or home department or program.

U-M Applicants in a Rackham program must submit the following to the Center:

- Rackham Dual Degree/Program Application, signed by current program chair: http://www.rackham.umich.edu/downloads/admissions/forms/DualDegreeProgram.pdf.
- Current U-M transcript; or most current transcript for entering students.
- Statement of purpose, which should outline why the applicant wishes to receive a certificate, and how it fits with his/her academic and professional plans and goals.
- Two letters of recommendation. In the case of continuing graduate students, one of these should come from the student’s advisor to confirm the degree program’s support and that work toward the two educational goals is well coordinated.

Non-Rackham Students:

- Students must apply using the application for admission to the Rackham Graduate School. A copy of this form must be also submitted to the Center.
- Current U-M transcript and/or transcripts from other higher education institutions with the degree posted.
- Statement of purpose, which should outline why the applicant wishes to receive a certificate, and how it fits with his/her academic and professional plans and goals.
- Two letters of recommendation. In the case of continuing graduate students, one of these should come from the student’s advisor to confirm the degree program’s support and that work toward the two educational goals is well coordinated.