

# **HIST 208V- Mainland Southeast Asia Since 1858**

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3 Credit Hours

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## **Meeting Time**

Wednesday: 10 -12:30

## **Office Hours**

By Appointment

## **Course Description**

This course examines the history of modern Mainland Southeast Asia. Special emphasis is given to the modern countries of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia (collectively known as Indochina), from 1858, the year in which the French invaded mainland Southeast Asia, to the present. Topics include a brief history of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, from imperial times through colonial rule, the making of French Indochina, revolutions and wars, and the post war period. Particular attention is given to the massive social and political upheaval, including wars, that the area experienced and how the people have responded.

This course satisfies the Tier Two Loyola Core Curriculum requirement in the Historical Knowledge area and is only offered at Loyola's Vietnam Center.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- Improve students' knowledge of Indochinese history
- Sharpen students' thinking about historical issues, both from personal and historical perspectives

- Provide students the knowledge required to analyze, compare and contrast historical facts and issues in different countries

## **Course Requirements**

-Student must complete all the assigned readings before attending the class and must actively participate in discussion.

-There will be a one page detailed paper outline and annotated references due at the course's midterm and a final paper due in the end of the course. Paper outline and final paper will be submitted via e-mail. The final paper will be the analysis of a historical issue introduced during the course, based on the assigned readings and lectures. Students may use additional sources (not required) but must acknowledge them through the use of footnotes. The paper should be 4 - 5 double-spaced pages.

This is history papers. All statements of fact in your papers **MUST** be referenced with the source of your information. Citations must be in Chicago style. If you have any questions about references, please contact me.

The paper will be assessed on your originality and understanding of major questions of the course as well as the quality and presentation of your own arguments surrounding the chosen topic. Unexcused late papers will result in lower grades.

## **Participation**

This course will be given in a mixed lecture/discussion format. Each class includes both lecture and discussion: the first hour is for discussion of major issues in the reading assignment. The second hour is for lecture. The instructor will present historical background and other relevant information.

Your participation grade takes account of punctual attendance; familiarity with, and reflection on, the assigned readings; and active and thoughtful participation in discussion. A portion of the final grade is dedicated to attendance and participation.

You are also encouraged to pose questions to one another. The discussion may focus on:

- The most interesting issues you found from the reading
- Discussion of what you learned from the reading about Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian histories and their specific aspects

### **Preparation**

Preparation through completion of each week's readings as well as thoughtful reflections on the topics are critical.

### **Assessment**

You will be graded on the following basis:

- Full attendance and class participation (40%)
- Mid-Term Detailed Paper Outline & Annotated References (15%)
- Final paper (45%)

### **Academic Integrity**

In writing course papers, students must document all passages, paraphrases, and ideas that are borrowed from any source. Direct quotations must be placed within quotation marks. Papers must represent research conducted for the course in which they are assigned and no other; it is not appropriate to submit a paper that has already been or will be submitted for another course. Finally, papers must be the product of the student's own work. Papers written by anyone other than the student, including those purchased from commercial services, are unacceptable.

Academic dishonesty on an examination or other assignments is inconsistent with Loyola's standards of academic integrity. The Loyola Undergraduate Studies catalogue states that "plagiarism on the part of a student in academic work or dishonest examination behavior will result minimally in the instructor assigning a grade of "F" for the assignment or examination. In addition, all instances of

academic dishonesty must be reported to the Director of the Vietnam Center.

The University's undergraduate Academic Integrity statement is found at [http://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg\\_academicintegrity.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg_academicintegrity.shtml) .

### **Course Schedule**

#### **Week 1 (January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

*-Introduction to the course*

*-Southeast Asia, Mainland Southeast Asia, and Indochina*

#### **Week 2 (January 23<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

*Pre-modern Indochina: Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos before French  
Colonialism*

Reading:

-Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*, pp.1-37

-David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 91-117

- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp: 6-19

#### **Week 3 (January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

**Class Outing: Vietnam History Museum**

#### **Week 4 (February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

**No Class (TET Holiday)**

**Week 5 (February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

***Colonial Conquest and the Making of French Indochina (1858-1897)***

Readings:

- Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*, pp. 57-88
- David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 161- 174
- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp. 20-33

**Week 6 (February 20<sup>st</sup>, 2019):**

**No Class - Cambodia excursion**

**Week 7 (February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

***Colonial Society and Economy: The Colonizers and the Colonized***

Readings:

- Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*, pp. 157-179
- David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 174-185
- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp. 41-52

**Week 8 (March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

- *Colonial Rule and the Rise of Indochinese Nationalism and Communism*
- *The First Indochina War (1946-1954)*

Readings:

- Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*, pp. 88-109; 135-153; 255-287
- David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 194-232
- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp. 33-41; 52- 58

**Mid-Term Detailed Paper Outline & Annotated References DUE**

**Week 9 (March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

*A Film screening and discussion: Indochine*

(Duration: 2 hours and 38 minutes)

**Week 10 (March 20<sup>st</sup>, 2018):**

*The formation of post-Colonial States in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos  
(1954-1975)*

Readings:

- Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam* pp. 287-329
- David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 233-251
- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp. 59-134

**Week 11 (March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

**No class (*North-Central Excursion*)**

**Week 12 (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019):**

***The Second Indochina War (1965-1975)***

Readings:

- Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*, pp. 330-370
- David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 251-254
- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp.135-167

**Week 13 (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

- *Indochina after 1975*
- *The Third Indochina War (1976-1979)*

Readings:

- Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam* pp. 408-436
- David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 255-276
- Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp. 168- 201

**Week 14 (April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

***A film screening and discussion: The Killing Field***

(Duration: 2 hours and 16 minutes)

**Week 15 (April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

***-Vietnamese presence in Cambodia (1979-1989): Invasion or Assistance?***

***-Indochina after 1989***

Readings:

-Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*,  
pp. 427-442; 483-506

-David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, pp. 277-300

-Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, pp. 190 – 208

**Final paper DUE**

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**READING LIST**

1. Christopher Goscha (2017), *The Penguin History of Modern Vietnam*,  
Penguin Books
2. David Chandler (2000), *History of Cambodia*, Westview Press
3. Martin Stuart-Fox (1997), *A History of Laos*, Cambridge University Press

