ABOUT SEASSI

SEASSI is administered and hosted by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and Language Program Office at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. It is an eight-week intensive language training program for undergraduates, graduate students, professionals, and non-traditional students. Students learn speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills through classroom instruction and a full range of co-curricular activities.

Established in 1983 at Ohio University, SEASSI provides high quality intensive language instruction in major Southeast Asian languages during the summer. It remains a unique program of area language training that combines institutional, federal, and foundation funding to bring faculty and students together every summer.

SEASSI has been hosted by institutions known for their strong Southeast Asian Studies programs. The first full-scale institute was held at the University of Michigan in the summer of 1984. Since 2000, the University of Wisconsin–Madison has been the host of SEASSI.

SEASSI Supporting Institutions

Arizona State University · Cornell University · Michigan State University · Northern Illinois University · Ohio University · University of California, Berkeley · University of California, Los Angeles · University of Hawai‘i at Manoa · University of Michigan · University of Notre Dame · University of Washington · University of Wisconsin–Madison · Yale University

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Please note that minimum enrollments apply.
Schedule and Coursework

All SEASSI classes take place during the eight week summer session.

Instruction is intensive and given in small, individualized classes taught by teachers who are native or near-native speakers of the target language.

Classes are held from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays. All students are expected to attend class daily. Most students find that they spend three to four hours per day on homework.

Credits

The SEASSI students complete two intensive semester courses, equivalent to one year of academic study. Students will receive a total of 8 credits from the University of Wisconsin–Madison for the duration of SEASSI.

Housing and Living Costs

Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements and for all living costs while attending SEASSI. Many on- and off-campus options are available for a variety of budgets. Student health insurance is available for the duration of the summer session. Visit our website for more details.

Alumni Voice

“I don’t know where else I’d have learned so much so quickly.”