

## **SEC333e Government and Security**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

**E-Learning:** BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

### **Synopsis:**

The central concepts of legitimacy, authority and power are the pillars of all modern governments regardless of their ideological positions. Students will learn to criticize the three arms of government, viz., legislature, executive and the judiciary. The course relates the concepts of legitimacy, authority, power and justice to the security of modern states. Relevant security issues are evaluated in terms of the state and civil society, defence, health and environment. Modern governments from around the world will be used to illustrate their different approaches to security as well as the common ground that such state security approaches share.

### **Topics:**

- Introduction to government and security in Southeast Asia (Power and the State)
- Introduction to government and security in Southeast Asia (Defining the State and Modernity)
- Legitimacy, authority and power (emphasis on legitimacy and authority)
- Legitimacy, authority and power (emphasis on power)
- Legislature, executive and judiciary in late modernity (who checks the checker)
- Legislature, executive and judiciary in late modernity (mixed government and government in reality)
- Security and power in Southeast Asia in late modernity (the state, power and Southeast Asia)
- Security and power in Southeast Asia in late modernity (illegal weapons, the state of the military, corruption, and money politics)
- Security, state power, and civil society in Southeast Asia (Malaysia and Thailand)
- Security, state power, and civil society in Southeast Asia (Indonesia and the Philippines)
- Defence, health, environmental security in late modern Southeast Asia (Defence Security)
- Defence, health, environmental security in late modern Southeast Asia (Health Security)

### **Textbooks:**

: The Cybersecurity Dilemma: Hacking, Trust and Fear Between Nations  
ISBN-13: 9780190665012-AA

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ISBN-13: 9780190665012

Benjamin Lai: The Dragon's Teeth: The Chinese People's Liberation Army—Its History, Traditions, and Air Sea and Land Capability in the 21st Century 2016 Casemate Publishers  
ISBN-13: 9781612003887

: Cryptocurrency and State Sovereignty - Comprehensive Review of Bitcoin, Blockchain, and Virtual Currency Technology, Hash Functions, Merkle Trees, and Security, Government Bans and Regulations 2018 Independently published  
 ISBN-13: 9781720107545

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**Learning Outcome:**

- Debate issues in Southeast Asian government.
- Appraise the definition of government in terms of legitimate power.
- Examine the notion of government in terms of authoritative power.
- Contrast the meaning of government in terms of executive power.
- Question how authoritarianism works against democracy.
- Discuss the differences between authoritarianism and democracy.
- Relate how governments work in Southeast Asia.
- Compare state security and power in Southeast Asia.
- Examine the classical and modern forms of states in Asia and the West.
- Infer how politics arises from modern governments.
- Differentiate defence, health, and environmental security in late modernity.
- Demonstrate knowledge of government and security policies in practice.
- Solve practical policy problems in governance.
- Practice academic writing (political science).

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	2
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	2
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	2
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	38
PARTICIPATION	6
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**