



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University

COURSE OUTLINE

EE551 SELECTED TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS 1

EE561 SELECTED TOPICS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS 1

Contemporary Issues of ASEAN: CLMV Focus

Semester: S/2016

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Class schedule: Mon – Wed, and Fri; 10.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00
(Please see the final schedule at the beginning of the class)

Course Description:

A problem based learning course regarding contemporary issues of ASEAN, especially those of Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam. Various aspects of overall ASEAN or each country economy, trade, investment, development, environment, public policy, etc. will be covered in the course. In this course, students can learn both from lectures (by invited professors and expertise in each topic) in the classroom and field trips visiting public and/or private organization(s) in Thailand and another ASEAN member country (this academic year is going to Vietnam).

Course Objectives:

To focus on student understanding of ASEAN economy integration and issues related to CLMV countries. As the course includes many guest lectures and discussions, students have to be able to ask questions, express their opinions, and reflect on each seminar/special lecture. Moreover, the course is a project base evaluation. Students are expected to work as a group, be professional in presentation, and solve any problem related to their project.

Readings:

Each special guest lecturer and instructor will provide his/her lecture notes and some references for further reading. All related documents will be posted on Moodle (backboard online). Please follow the reading according to each topic, including your daily reports that you hand in.

Evaluation:

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| 1. Individual Assignments (e.g. daily essay, trip assignments) | 10% |
| 2. Class participation and class attendance | 10% |
| 3. Group project and group assignments | 40% |
| 4. Final exam | 40% |

- Please be on time and dress politely, especially on the days we have a guest lecturer.

Possible topics from guest speakers

(All guest speakers are waiting for a confirmation.)

“ASEAN's origin, evolution, integration and its 21st century challenges”

“A comparative overview of the growth and development path of CLMV”

“Roles of Thai Financial Institutions in ASEAN/CLMV”

“ASEAN economy integration & border trade”

“FDI from East Asian countries to CLMV and economic linkages with Thailand”

“Experience of doing business in CLMV”

“Marketing & branding strategies in CLMV”

“Economic impacts of social problems and legal cooperation in CLMV”

“CLMV/ASEAN economic development”

“An Integrated ASEAN Labor Market: Implications for CLMV Countries”

“Trade and Investment in ASEAN”

Field trip to Vietnam: July 2-8 (Mandatory attendance)

(Tentative trip plan; subject to changes)

July 2: Early morning flight to Hochiminh City (HCMC) – trip to Mekong delta

July 3: Company visits in HCMC

July 4: Company visits in HCMC, Flight to Hanoi (evening)

July 5: Embassy and University visits in Hanoi

July 6: Company visit and trip to Halong Bay

July 7: Back from Halong (might visit Haiphong) to Hanoi

July 8: Hanoi and back to Bangkok

Tentative program (subject to changes)

		M	T	W	Th	F	Study hours
AM:10.00-12.00							
PM: 13.00-15.00							
		19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun*	22-Jun	23-Jun	
Week 1	AM	Intro	C	M	Trade	Company or organization visit	20
	PM	Brief ASEAN	L	V	Discussion		
		26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	
Week 2	AM	Investment	Development	No class	Project proposal presentation	Trip preparation (3 hrs)	18
	PM	Discussion	Discussion		Project proposal presentation	Trip preparation (3 hrs)	
July 2-8		3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul	
Week 3	AM	Field Trip	Field Trip	Field Trip	Field Trip	Field Trip	8
	PM	Field Trip	Field Trip	Field Trip	Field Trip	Field Trip	
		10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	
Week 4	AM	Official Holiday	Official Holiday	Trip discussion	Doing business in CLMV	Banking in CLMV	12
	PM			Environment	Discussion	Discussion	
		17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	
Week 5	AM	Labor Market	World bank visit (3 hrs)	ADB visit (3hrs)	No class	Group project	18
	PM	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion		Group project	
		24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul	
Week 6	AM	Special issue	Special issue	Group project	Group project presentation	Official Holiday	16
	PM	Discussion	Discussion	Course summary	Group project presentation		

Final Exam on July 31, *June 21 ADB-Thammasat conference