



ASEAN IN TODAY'S WORLD (ASTW) 2025

FACULTY OF LAW UNIVERSITAS GADJAH MADA

in collaboration with

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INTRODUCTION

About AsTW

Established in 2009 by Kyushu University's International Student Centre (ISC), the ASEAN in Today's World (AsTW) program is a short-term study abroad initiative. It focuses exclusively on the ASEAN region, which has significantly increased its political and economic influence on the global stage. The program's main goal is to develop capable human resources who can serve as future Asian ambassadors, actively participating in global affairs. Recognizing the need for individuals who can bridge the gap between Asia and the world, the ISC conceptualized and implemented this program.



Since its inception, AsTW has been a collaborative effort involving prestigious universities in ASEAN countries as host institutions. By 2025, six esteemed universities in ASEAN and Japan—Universiti Malaya, Mahidol University, Ateneo de Manila University, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Fukuoka Women's University, and Kyushu University—have joined forces for the program. Supported by the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN University Network (AUN), these institutions aim to nurture global leaders with a deep understanding of ASEAN's dynamics.

In 2024, the Faculty of Law at Universitas Gadjah Mada committed to joining the consortium, further enhancing the program's reach and impact in 2025. This collaborative effort reflects a collective commitment to fostering cross-cultural exchange, understanding, and cooperation within the ASEAN region and beyond. Through AsTW, participants not only gain academic insights but also develop invaluable cultural and diplomatic skills essential for navigating today's interconnected world.

OBJECTIVES

The program has the following objectives:

- Introducing issues which tend to be neglected by ASEAN citizens and beyond;
- Promoting the importance of youth's role in ASEAN Community and beyond; and
- Increasing the awareness and empowering ASEAN and Japan young future leaders.



**PROGRAM
STRUCTURE**

COURSES

EXCURSION

**NGO-
VISITATION**

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO ASEAN (*ON-DEMAND*) 1-15 FEBRUARY 2025

Introduction to ASEAN course offers a comprehensive exploration of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), examining its evolution, current dynamics, and regional significance. From its humble beginnings to its present-day role as a key player in global affairs, ASEAN has undergone remarkable transformations, shaping the socio-economic, political, and cultural landscape of Southeast Asia.

The course begins by delving into the origins of ASEAN, tracing its establishment in 1967 amidst a backdrop of regional tensions and geopolitical challenges. Through a historical lens, students gain insights into the founding principles of ASEAN, including the promotion of peace, stability, and cooperation among member states.

As the course progresses, focus shifts to the three pillars of ASEAN integration: the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC). Each pillar is examined in-depth, exploring the objectives, achievements, and challenges faced in realizing ASEAN's vision of a cohesive and resilient regional community. Additionally, the course analyzes ASEAN's engagement with East Asian partners, examining mechanisms for regional dialogue, cooperation, and strategic collaboration. Students are required to take on-demand courses in advance during 1-15 February 2025 and submit the assignment before joining the on-site program.

Through a multidisciplinary approach, the Introduction to ASEAN course equips students with a nuanced understanding of ASEAN's complexities, opportunities, and challenges in today's rapidly evolving global landscape. By critically examining historical contexts, policy frameworks, and contemporary developments, students develop the analytical tools and insights necessary to navigate the intricacies of ASEAN affairs and contribute meaningfully to regional cooperation and integration efforts.

AREA STUDY (ASEAN) - *ON-SITE*

The ASEAN Studies course offers a dynamic exploration of contemporary issues shaping the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region. With a focus on pertinent topics such as human rights, climate change, indigenous rights, democracy, gender equality, and disability rights, this course provides students with a holistic understanding of ASEAN's challenges and opportunities in the 21st century.

Through interactive lectures, seminars, and case studies, the ASEAN Studies course equips students with the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities necessary to engage with complex issues facing the ASEAN region. By fostering interdisciplinary perspectives and promoting dialogue and collaboration, the course prepares students to become informed and proactive global citizens committed to advancing human rights, social justice, and sustainable development in ASEAN and beyond.

1. Does ASEAN Matter and is still Relevant? (Dr. Randy Wirasta N.)
2. ASEAN Socio-Cultural and Economic Community (Yulida Nuraini Santoso, M.Sc.)
3. Freedom of Religion and Belief in ASEAN (Dr. Mahaarum K. Pertiwi)
4. Rights and Disabilities in ASEAN (Dr. H. Jaka Triyana)
5. Gender and Woman Protection in ASEAN (Dr. Sri Wiyanti Eddyono/Diantika Rindam Floranti, S.H., LL.M.)
6. Indigenous Peoples and Adat Community in ASEAN (Sartika Intaning P. S.H., M.H./Almonika Cindy F., S.H., M.A.)
7. Human Rights, Climate Change and Environmental Protection in ASEAN (Dr. Wahyu Yun Santoso)
8. ASEAN Disaster Management and Lesson Learned from Japan (Muhammad Rum, Ph.D.)
9. Multiculturalism in Southeast Asia (Kyushu University)

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NGO-VISITATION

The Faculty of Law at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) and a Yogyakarta-based Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) aims to facilitate participant engagement through visits to NGOs focusing on three thematic areas: women and children, disabilities, and religious ethnicity. Recognizing the significance of comprehensively understanding these sub-themes from both academic and practical standpoints, the initiative aims to equip participants with the necessary knowledge to engage in productive discussions during working group sessions. By immersing participants in deeper discussions with NGOs, particularly those operating in Yogyakarta, the initiative seeks to provide firsthand insights into how these organizations address minor issues.

SAPDA INSTITUTE

The SAPDA Institute stands for the Center for Advocacy for Women, People with Disabilities, and Children, established in 2005. The SAPDA Institute engages in policy advocacy at the local level, education, mentoring, and empowerment of women, people with disabilities, and children, particularly in the healthcare and education sectors. The institute also collaborates with various community-based service providers and governmental agencies to document cases of gender-based and disability-based violence.



CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES UNIVERSITAS GADJAH MADA

The Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRCS) at the Graduate School, Universitas Gadjah Mada, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, was established in 2000 as the only interdisciplinary academic program focusing on religious studies at a non-religiously affiliated university in Indonesia. The academic work of the Center is focused in three main areas of study: (a) inter-religious relations; (b) religion, culture and nature; and (c) religion and public life.

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EXCURSION

YOGYAKARTA PALACE

The Kraton Yogyakarta Palace, also known as the Yogyakarta Royal Palace or Kraton Jogja, is a royal palace located in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. It is the residence of the Sultan of Yogyakarta, currently Hamengkubuwono X. The palace was constructed between 1755 and 1756 and covers an area of 1.4 hectares (3.5 acres). The architectural style of the palace is Javanese. The Kraton Yogyakarta Palace is a significant cultural and political center in Yogyakarta, housing around 25,000 people and encompassing a market, shops, cottage industries, schools, and mosques. It is a piece of living history and tradition, and it continues to be used for important ceremonial and cultural functions of the Yogyakarta court.



BOROBUDUR TEMPLE

The Borobudur Temple is one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in the world. The architecture of this temple is truly incomparable and was built in the 8th and 9th centuries AD during the reign of the Syailendra Dynasty. Visiting Borobudur temple will bring you to observe 2,672 relief panels and 504 Buddha statues and bringing a masterpiece of Indonesia closer to you.

DESA WISATA PENTINGSARI

Desa Wisata Pentingsari is one of the foremost tourist villages that puts special emphasis on eco-friendly natural, cultural, agricultural tourism and has been flourishing in the Special Region of Yogyakarta for decades. It is located in close proximity with the slope area of Mount Merapi, one of the most active mountains across the globe. It offers wide-ranging experiences that revolve around nature, including the socio-economical and traditional aspects thereof. Moreover, it orientates itself toward achieving several Sustainable Development Goals issued by the United Nations, with a view to empowering the locals of Pentingsari Village and promoting national economic development.



17 – 27 FEBRUARY 2025

SCHEDULE

The program will be held for two weeks, and will be run in accordance with the following schedule:

WEEK 1							
Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
7:30 - 9:00	Kyushu Arrives + Preparation	Moving to FH UGM	Moving to FH UGM	Moving to NGO	Moving to FH UGM	Moving to Borobudur Temple	
9:00 - 10:30		Guest Lecture by ASEAN Secretariat	UGM 1	NGO Visit 1	UGM 5	Visit to Borobudur Temple	
10:40 - 12:10			UGM 2		UGM 6		
12:10 - 13:00		Lunch Break					Visit to Desa Wisata Pentingsari
13:00 - 14:30		Orientation/ Campus Tour	Kyushu 1	UGM 3			
14:30 - 16:00			Kyushu 2	UGM 4			
16:00 - 16:30	Opening Ceremony	Moving to Dorm	Moving to Dorm	Moving to Dorm	Moving to Dorm		Moving to Malioboro
16:30 - 17:00		Prayer and Dinner Break	Grey	Grey	Grey	Visit to Malioboro	
17:00 - 18:00							
18:00- 19:00							
19:00 - 20:00	Moving to Dorm						
20:00 - 20:30	Moving to Dorm					Grey	

WEEK 2						
Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30 - 9:00	Moving to FH UGM	Moving to FH UGM	Moving to FH UGM	Moving to MM UGM	Grey	Grey
9:00 - 10:30	UGM 7	Visit to Kraton Yogyakarta	Group Discussion	Closing Ceremony		
10:40 - 12:10	UGM 8					
12:10 - 13:00	Lunch Break					
13:00 - 14:30	NGO Visit 2	KU 3	Final Presentation	Departure		
14:30 - 16:00		KU 4				
16:00 - 16:30	Moving to Dorm	Moving to Dorm	Moving to Dorm			

APPLICATION

GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- Over 18 years of age;
- Possess great academic standing (has the equivalent of a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) score of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 or a B or a 7.5 out of 10);
- Fluent in the English language for academic purposes;
- Will continue his/her studies at his/her home university after completing the AsTW program.

REGISTRATION FEE

¥ 135.000 JPY



TUITION FEE

(3 credits)

¥ 44.400 JPY

BENEFITS:

3 Credits from AsTW Program
Access to AsTW Classes
Accommodation during the Program
Local Transport during the Program
Excursion
NGO Visit
Welcoming Dinner
Certificate of completion
Networking and Engaging with the Facilitators

Applicant from AsTW consortium member university:

Information: <https://isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/astw/>
Registration: <https://isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/astw/admissions>
Inquiry: astw-program@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

Applicant from a University outside AsTW consortium

Information: <https://law.ugm.ac.id/astw/>
Registration: ugm.id/ASTW2025
Inquiry: astw.ugm@gmail.com



IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATION PERIOD

**10 SEPTEMBER 2024 -
10 NOVEMBER 2024**

SELECTION PROCESS

**11 NOVEMBER 2024 -
20 NOVEMBER 2024**

PARTICIPANT ANNOUNCEMENT

12 DECEMBER 2024

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