

HUMN 3076 SULTANS, COLONISTS AND NATIONALISTS: INDONESIA C1200-1942

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102187

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Description This subject examines the historical background of Indonesia's struggle to attain independent nationhood. Emphasis will be placed on social, cultural and political factors that shaped Indonesia prior to 1942, encompassing the classical period of the Hindu-Buddhist kingdoms, the rise of the early modern Islamic sultanates, the first encounters between Europeans and the peoples of the 'Malay world', the emergence of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) as a dominant force in the region, the subsequent imposition of the Dutch colonial rule, and, most significantly, the development of modern Indonesian nationalism.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline History

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Incompatible Subjects HUMN 2054 - The History of Modern Indonesia

Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify the significant historical forces that shaped Indonesia prior to 1942
2. Describe the cultural, religious and political diversity of Indonesian society
3. Recognise the factors that contributed to the rise and fall of traditional Indonesian polities during the pre-colonial era
4. Outline key differences between the Hindu-Buddhist and Islamic kingdoms
5. Discuss the pattern of Dutch colonial rule and changing economic structures in Indonesia
6. Evaluate the impact of modern and traditional influences on the development of Indonesian nationalism
7. Demonstrate effective literacy skills and research techniques.

Subject Content

- Indonesia as An archipelagic cross-roads
- Traditional patterns of state formation and The Legacy of cultural borrowings from India and China

- religious Transformation under Islam and The emergence of A Muslim commercial class
- The rise of Islamic maritime States in The early modern period
- The arrival of European trading companies and their impact upon indigenous political and trading systems
- VOC ascendancy and expansion
- Consolidation of Dutch colonial rule in the 19th century
- The impact of colonialism on indigenous society
- The Dutch Civilising mission and its unexpected outcomes
- The rise of Indonesian nationalism in the early 20th century
- forms of organised resistance to Dutch colonial rule and key ideological influences
- Cooperation versus non-Cooperation
- Subversive forms of Indonesian resistance to Dutch rule
- The Dutch colonial state on The eve of World War II

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Essay	2,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Block A Session (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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