

Bestuurlijke reactie BA South and Southeast Asian Studies

The programme appreciates all recommendations, advice and suggestions of the assessment panel. Based on the assessment report, the programme has drawn up a Plan of Action and is already implementing it to improve the quality of education.

- 'Broad label' BA Asian Studies on the model of Humboldt University's BA Asian-African Studies. BASSEAS staff are in favour of this and programme chair Henley began in 2019 to explore how such a programme might be constructed. However there is strong opposition to the idea among LIAS Sinologists, and in the face of disunity within LIAS, the Faculty is reluctant to back the initiative.
- Social cohesion. This is an issue in MAAS but not, as far as we are aware, in the much smaller BASSEAS programme.
- Thesis supervision. BASSEAS, like Humboldt University, is proud of the flexibility it offers its students with respect to choice of thesis topic and is almost always able to provide appropriate supervision, sometimes with the help of external parties. The programme is in the process of incorporating additional thesis-relevant methodological training into at least two of its mandatory courses.
- Transmitting disciplinary skills. Attention to the theory and practice of Area Studies as a discipline is built into the BASSEAS programme in the form of the mandatory first-year core curriculum course Area Studies, currently taught by BASSEAS staff member Ben Arps, and more diffusely in many other courses too, both mandatory and elective. The issue of transmitting disciplinary skills is an ongoing topic of discussion within the programme management.