

Master of Arts in Thai Studies, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University

The Master of Arts in Thai Studies was first offered in 1991. The program provides integrated knowledge for understanding Thai society and culture and the development of the Thai nation.

Participants have the opportunity to study and analyze a considerable body of knowledge under the supervision of recognized experts in the field. They can come to appreciate what it is to be Thai in the context of Thailand's rapidly changing economy, society, and cultural life. As the twenty-first century unfolds, a reevaluation of Thai values and Thai worldview - indeed, "Thainess" in all its various aspects - is explored and investigated.

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The program should be of great value to those who have to deal regularly with Thai government agencies, companies and individuals, and to those who would like an integrated knowledge of all aspects of Thai culture.

Originally the MA program was designed to have 48 credits in order to graduate (36 credits for coursework, and 12 credits for thesis). In the revised program, the MA program requires only 36 credits (24 credits for coursework, and 12 credits for thesis). Among 24 credits of coursework, there are 3 compulsory courses (9 credits) and 5 electives courses (15 credits). Since 2009, MA Thai Studies Program has co-operated with Southeast Asian Studies Program, under such co-operation, Thai Studies students can take 2 courses (6 credits) offered by Southeast Asian Studies Program and vice versa. This helps broaden the views of students in both curriculum.

Students from Thai Studies programs can apply for scholarships, for example, the scholarship for Graduate Students in Thainess-related programs. For more information about scholarships, please visit this website <http://www.grad.chula.ac.th/en/scholarship.php?type=1>

Required qualifications

1. Applicants must possess Bachelor's Degree in any disciplines with GPAX not less than 2.75
2. Applicants must have a good command of English

Required Documents

1. A completed application form

2. A photocopy of Bachelor's Degree certificate
3. A photocopy of academic transcripts (in English)
4. A Curriculum Vitae
5. Two recommendation letters from dean, head of department or advisor of the applicants' institution
6. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit any of following English Proficiency test result which meets the scholarship's requirement: CU-TEP (≥ 45), TOEFL (Paper-based ≥ 450 , Computer-based ≥ 133 , Internet-based $\geq 45-46$) or IELTS (≥ 4.0)
7. A brief research proposal (It should include the following items: 1) Rationale; 2) Objectives; 3) Research Question/Hypothesis; 4) Theoretical Framework/ Literature Review; 5) Significance of the Research. It should also be around 7-10 pages in length with double space)
8. A photocopy of ID card (for Thai applicants)
9. A photocopy of passport (for foreign applicants)

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar is divided into two semesters per year. Courses in Thai Studies are offered both in the 1st and the 2nd semester of every academic year.

- First semester: August – November
- Mid-year break: December
- Second semester: January – May
- Summer break: May - July

Requisites for Graduation

Students are required to successfully complete:

1. A minimum of 24 credits of course work, including at least 9 credits of required courses and at least 15 credits of electives. The required courses are as follows;

- Modernization and Traditional Society in Thailand
- Contemporary Thailand
- Thai Buddhism

2. A thesis equivalent to 12 credits, together with an oral examination

Fees and Expenses

- Thai Student: 58,000 baht/semester
- Foreign Student: 115,000 baht/semester

(Fees are subject to be revised.)