

Thai Studies PhD Program

Course Description

Compulsory Courses: S/U grade

2200601 Modernization and Traditional Society in Thailand

(MOD TRAD SOC THAI) 3(3-0-9)

Selected aspects of twentieth century Thai Society and culture with a focus on understanding historical continuities and transformations of traditions. Major forces that have shaped Thai culture. The intellectual impact of major political and economic events and the adaptation of social ideas and values to new conditions

2200602 Contemporary Thailand

(CONTEMP THAI) 3(3-0-9)

Contemporary political, economic, social & cultural events and phenomena in Thailand

2200603 Thai Buddhism

(THAI BUD) 3(3-0-9)

Relationship between Buddhism and development of the Thai State. Mutual integration of Animism, Brahmanism, and Buddhism in Thailand. Buddhism as the ideology of the Thai state and an explanation of Thai social life. Buddhist reformations and religious movements in Thai history. Thai Buddhism in the 21st century.