



Thai Studies in Bangkok, Thammasat University  
Fall 2008

*Please note all courses subject to change and availability*

***Please contact World Endeavors for more information about specific timetables and prerequisites.***

**Art and Architecture of Thailand (Lecture 3 hrs/week)**

A study of the characteristics and development of art and architecture in Thailand from Sukhothai Period to the present and the influences of other cultures on Thai art and architecture. 3 Credits

**Buddhism in Thailand (Lecture 3 hrs/week)**

A historical and anthropological investigation of the role that Buddhist institutions and related beliefs and practices have played in Thailand today and the various Thai polities in the past. 3 Credits

**Ethnic Groups of Thailand (Lecture 3 hrs/week)**

An examination of the history, culture, and social structures of ethnic groups such as the hill tribes in Thailand as well as their relations with Thai communities. Field work included. 3 Credits

**Thai Media and Society (Lecture 3 hrs/week)**

An examination of the roles and the responsibilities of mass media in society, issues of media policy, control and analysis of the relationship between the media and the government, as well as other kinds of institutions. Emphasis on its rights, role and responsibilities for the society. 3 Credits

**Thai Civilization (Lecture 3 hrs/week)**

A study of Thai society from ancient times up to the present, social developments, formation of cities and states, socioeconomic and political structures, religions and beliefs, the arts, the influences of modernization, problems and future directions of Thai society. 3 Credits

**Thai Language: Beginning Thai (Lecture 3 hours/week; practice 2 hrs/week)**

A study of basic Thai communication: the alphabet and tone system, basic conversational skills, grammar, and usage. Students will acquire basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills at the end of the course. 3 Credits

**Thai Language: Intermediate Thai (Lecture 3 hrs/week; practice 2 hrs/week)**

Prerequisite: Beginning Thai

Further development of proficiency in basic communication skills. By reading authentic texts, students will be introduced to the language of daily communication. Students will be able to communicate on topics relating to their everyday life. 3 Credits

**Thai Language: Advanced Thai (Lecture 3 hrs/week; practice 2 hrs/week)**

Prerequisite: Intermediate Thai

Students will read and analyze texts from Thai literature, magazines, and newspapers, as well as audio-visual materials on subjects related to the Thai culture and society. Students will be able to improve language skills for practical work and academic usages. 3 Credits