

WORLD ENDEAVERS
STUDY IN THAILAND – THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY
Course Description
Fall 2010 semester

PD100

Beginning Thai

3 credits (Lecture 3 hours/week; practice 2 hrs/week)

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.

PD101

Intermediate Thai

3 credits (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 and be able to communicate on topics relating to their everyday life.

PD223

Society and Culture of Thailand

3 credits (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

Thai society and culture as investigated in diverse anthropological methods, using case studies from various researches by Thai and international academics, emphasizing analytical and critical approaches.

PD323

Ethnic Groups of Thailand

3 credits (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

An examination of the history, culture, and social structures of ethnic groups such as the hill tribes, Muslims, and Chinese in Thailand as well as their relations with and their cultural integration into Thai communities. Field study included.

PD353

Buddhism in Thailand

3 credits (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

An investigation of the role that Buddhist institutions in Thailand today such as sects, organizations of Buddhists, practices as well as the functioning and roles of the various Thai religious institutions in the past.

PD313**Modern Thai History****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

An interdisciplinary exploration of modern Thai social and political history, from the history of the Thai kingdom, the Bangkok period (c1782) to the modern nation-state of the present time (2008). Emphasis on the modern era when the kingdom confronted western colonization, and its reactions from within, resulting in the formation of a new nation-state. The course will then explore the processes of change and persistence of the nation-state up to the present.

PD383**Contemporary Thai Literature (in Translation)****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

Thai literature since World War II. Emphasis on close reading of selected texts in relation to their social, political and cultural contexts.

PD384**Art and Architecture of Thailand****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

The characteristics and development of art and architecture in Thailand from Sukhothai Period to the present and the influences of other civilizations on Thai art and architecture.

PD183**Thai Dance****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

The principles and fundamental theories of Thai Dance, as well as demonstrations of standard Thai Dance for further learning.

PD293**Thai Traditional Medicine****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

History and development of Thai traditional medicine, theoretical concepts, types of treatments with herb, massage, herbal sauna, and other curative applications, Thai traditional medicine and health care, and its integration into the country's health care system.