

**WORLD ENDEAVERS
STUDY IN THAILAND – THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY
Course Description**

Spring 2011 semester (subject to change)

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.

PD102

Advanced Thai

3 credits (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

Prerequisite: Intermediate Thai

Further development of skills, particularly through analyses of 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.

PD233

Thai Media and Society

3 credits (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 the media's rights and responsibilities for the society.

PD354**Islam in Thailand****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

An introduction to Islam and the historical and contemporary feature of Islam in Thailand. An investigation of the ways in which Thai Muslims live and practice their religiosity in a Buddhist majority country such as Thailand.

PD343**Social and Economic Development in Thailand****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

An exploration of multiple meanings, concepts and practices of development i.e. rural vs. urban development, community-based development, participatory development, and sustainable development, the gap between rural and urban development, the role of community members and civil organizations and their relations to the government and businesses. Possible emphasis on development that values democracy, diversity, sustainability, and self-governance, drawing from lessons learned from community-based initiatives involving education, community revitalization, public health, or economic issues.

PD363**Thai Law****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

The development of Thai Law, the incorporation of Western and foreign legal systems into the Thai legal system, key legal institutions and the specific nature of the Thai legal system at present, with regards to —Public Law, Personal Law, etc.

PD373**Thailand in an International Arena****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

Thailand's role in international relations in the social, economic, political and military dimensions, foreign policy pattern and determinants, policy implementation and outcome and impact, and analysis of foreign policy-making in light of emerging world issues.

PD374**Thai Politics****3 credits** (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

The patterns and unique characteristics of Thai political life and behavior, examining influencing factors, such as historical, social, and economic development, as well as changes in the political structure. Included is a survey of problems and issues relating to Thai government and politics.

PD184

Thai Cuisine

3 credits (Lecture 3 hrs/week)

The philosophy and origin of Thai cuisine as well as its basic techniques and ingredients. Different ways to blend and balance the varied flavors to create a stimulating array of unique tastes. Demonstrations included..