Students in World Endeavors’ program at Thammasat University take up to 4 courses, at 3 credits each. One of these must be a Thai language course. All courses, except Thai classes or otherwise specified, are taught in English.

Some courses are only available Fall or Spring Semester; please contact World Endeavors for more information about specific timetables and pre-requisites.

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Required Courses
STUDENTS MUST TAKE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

THAI LANGUAGE

PD 100 - Beginning Thai
Basic Thai communication: the alphabets, tones, basic conversational skills, and grammar. Basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

PD 101 - Intermediate Thai
Pre-requisite: PD 100 Beginning Thai or lecturer’s permission. Further practice through reading various writing genres and everyday language usage. The language of daily communication on topics relating to their everyday life.

PD 102 - Advanced Thai
Pre-requisite: PD 101 Intermediate Thai or lecturer’s permission. Further practice, 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. Improvement of language skills for practical work and academic usages.
Elective Courses
STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE UP TO THREE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES

**PD 223 - Society and Culture of Thailand**
Thai society and culture as investigated in diverse aspects, using case studies from various researches by Thai and international academics, emphasizing analytical and critical approaches.

**PD 233 - Thai Media and Society**
An examination of the roles and the responsibilities of mass media in Thai society, national policy on media, control and the relationship between the media and the government, as well as other institutions. Emphasis on the media’s rights and responsibilities to the society.

**PD 323 - Ethnic Groups of Thailand**
The history, culture, social structures, relationships and cultural integration of ethnic groups in Thailand such as the hill tribes, Muslims, and Chinese in Thailand. Field study included.

**PD 353 - Buddhism in Thailand**
An investigation of Buddhist institutions in Thailand such as sects, organizations of Buddhists, practices as well as functions and roles of various Thai religious institutions.

**PD 354 - Islam in Thailand**
An introduction to Islam in Thailand and the historical and contemporary features 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.

**PD 343 - Social and Economic Development in Thailand**
An exploration of multiple meanings, concepts and practices of social and economic development in Thailand e.g. rural vs. urban development, community-based development, participatory development, and sustainable development, through 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.
PD 363 - Thai Law
The development of Thai Law, the influences of Western and foreign legal systems on the Thai legal system, various Thai legal institutions and the Thai legal system at present, with regards to Public Law, Personal Law, etc.

PD 313 - Modern Thai History
An interdisciplinary exploration of modern Thai history in the social and political aspects, from the Bangkok period (1782 A.D.) to the modern nation-state of the present time. Emphasis on the modern era when the kingdom confronted western colonization, and its reactions from within, as well as a series of nationwide reforms, and the processes of change and persistence of the nation-state up to the present.

PD 373 - Thailand in an International Arena
Thailand’s role in international relations in the social, economic, political and military dimensions, foreign policy patterns and determinants, policy implementation, outcome and impact, analysis of foreign policy-making in light of emerging world issues.

PD 374 - Thai Politics
The patterns and unique characteristics of Thai politics, 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 the Thai government and politics.

ARTS AND CULTURE COURSES
PD 383 - Contemporary Thai Literature (translated)
Thai literature since World War II. Emphasis on close reading of selected texts in relation to their social, political and cultural contexts.

PD 384 - Art and Architecture of Thailand
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.

PD 183 - Thai Dance
The principles and fundamental theories of Thai Dance, as well as demonstrations of standard Thai Dance for further learning.
PD 184 - Thai Cuisine
The philosophy, 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.

HEALTH SCIENCE COURSES

PD 293 - Thai Traditional Medicine
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.

PD 193 - Thai Massage
Basic knowledge in human anatomy and physiology necessary for Thai massage for health, its history, benefits and limitations, and steps, postures and the etiquette of Thai massage for health. Demonstrations included.