# Handbook for International Students

THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY



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## THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY

## Thammasat in history



Thammasat University (TU), the second oldest university in Thailand, is one of the best known and respected institutions of higher learning in the country. Established in 1934, the university was originally named "The University of Moral Science and Politics", offering academic programs in law and politics.

The history of political development in Thailand can be understood from the significant role that Thammasat University and its students have played from the beginning until now. On many occasions, mass demonstrations on Thammasat's main campus at Tha Prachan triggered events that eventually led to landmark achievements in the progress of democracy in Thailand. Among these events was the student-led protest in October 1976 against the return to power of a former military dictator who had assembled a coalition of right-wing paramilitary groups and government forces.

In May, 1992 Thammasat was the staging ground for mass rallies against an unpopular general who had led a military coup and engineered

his election by Parliament to become prime minister. Aside from its political importance, Thammasat University also pioneered liberal arts education in Thailand by being the first university in the country to establish a Faculty of Liberal Arts in 1986. At the time, this was a significant innovation in the development of higher education in Thailand.

Over the 80 years since its founding, Thammasat University has evolved from being an open university for law and politics to a prestigious international university offering all levels of academic degrees across a broad spectrum of fields and disciplines. The university's alumni have included Prime Ministers, leading politicians and government figures, Bank of Thailand governors as well as most of the city's governors. The previous Thammasat people who were Prime Ministers are:

Pridi Banomyong Sanya Dharmasakti Thanin Kraivichien Chuan Leekpai Samak Sundaravej Somchai Wongsawat

The university has also conferred honorary degrees on many heads of state and other well-known international dignitarties including:

King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia (1955)

Belgian King Baudouin | (1963)

Austrian President Franz Jonas (1967)

Malaysian King Tuanku Abdul Halim (1973)

Yasuhiro Nakasone, PM of Japan (1992)

Aung San Suu Kyi, Burmese Nobel Peace Laureate (1992)

Laotian President Kraison Promvihan (1993)

Hungarian President Arpad Goncz (1994)

UN Secretary-General Kofi Anna (2000)

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (2005)

Laotian President Choummaly Sayasone (2009)

His Imperial Highness Prince Akishino of Japan (2012)

## The Campus

Thammasat University has four centers across Thailand. Thammasat University rather prefers using the term "Center" instead of campus. It refers to how the university is operating from central administration, not separately like in "Campus" style.

#### Tha Prachan



Thammasat University's main campus at Tha Prachan is located in Bangkok's Rattanakosin district, a riverine island in the heart of the old city. It is surrounded by many of Thailand's most famous cultural and historical landmarks, such as the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the National Museum, and the National Theatre. Thammasat Tha Prachan is home to most of Thammasat's international programs, except those in usiness English Communication, Computer Science, Engineering, Health Science, and Journalism which are located at the Rangsit Center.

Facing the Chao Phraya River, Tha Prachan provides students with picturesque scenery and the serenity ideal for studying and relaxation. Yet, the historic buildings of the campus also play host to the frenzy of modern times, giving students a "uniquely unique" experience. It continues to be a potent symbol for Thai human rights, free speech, and democratic society.

## Rangsit Center



Thammasat's second campus, inaugurated in 1986, is the Rangsit Center, approximately 50 km north of Bangkok and, easily accessible by direct high-speed expressway. Designed with the best interests of students in mind, the campus is surrounded by beautiful natural scenery and replete with modern architecture. Facilities on campus include a hospital, pre-school center, primary school, book stores, libraries, restaurants and canteens, convenience stores, banks, post offices, hair salons, and a variety of repair shops. The campus operates under a "Green Policy" with covered bicycle paths and free NGV shuttle services for transportation around huge campus.

The Rangsit Center covers approximately 865,000 m² (962 acres) of land divided into three areas: the academic zone, the housing zone, and various sport facilities. Most faculties (except the College of Innovation, the College of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Pridi Banomyong International College) are located here in Rangsit. Rangsit Center also host Thailand Science Park (National Research Center) and Asian Institute of Technology here.

There are 34 dormitory buildings in the housing zone providing accommodation for over 12,000 students and university staff members. Sport facilities include a main mutli-purpose stadium, the Aquatic Center, tennis courts and various sports fields, and several gymnasiums, all originally built to host the 1998 Asian Games. In 2007, Rangsit Center was also hosting to the worldwide Summer Universidad Games. Currently, the facilities are enjoyed by students for recreation and used by various national sports federations and teams for training.

## Pattaya Center



Thammasat Pattaya Center is located two hours from Bangkok to the Eastern seaboard of Pattaya. Pattaya is a popular tourist destination for seaside and night-life activities. The Pattaya Center itself is about 30 minutes from the Pattaya beach, and has isolated and secluded location

for studying and meeting. The Pattaya Center offers advanced degree courses and training in Rural Development and Management for professionals both from within and outside the province. The center also serves as a research and conference facility with current facilities and beautiful accommodations. The professionally-operated hotel is run by Thammasat Property Management office to facilitate the international and local meeting or conference.

## Lampang Center



Thammasat University's fourth campus is located in Lampang, a northern province of Thailand near Chiangmai. Lampang city itself is a small and peaceful town with an preserved and easy local lifestyle, free from busy life of big cities

lifestyle The Thammasat Lampang Center aims to deliver high quality education and better opportunities to students in "Lanna" (the historic name for the northern region of Thailand). Currently, Thammasat Lampang offers opportunities to a small student population of less than 2,000 to study in specialized and graduate courses, designed to help with local development and industries. Courses offered at Thammasat Lampang Center include Social Works, Interdisciplinary studies, Law, Industrial Craft Design, Public Health, and Computer Science. Graduate programs offer Policy and Social Welfare management and Public Health Administration. Two modern

dormitories with more than 800 students occupancy offer the most comfort and easy living of students. With its specialized focus, educational excellence, and modern facilities, the Lampang Center is positioned to become a hub of "boutique education" for northern Thailand, reaching out to serve learners with rural backgrounds.

## Faculty

At present, the university is comprised of 26 faculties and colleges; they include:

- 1. Faculty of Law
- 2. Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy
- 3. Faculty of Political Science
- 4. Faculty of Economics
- 5. Faculty of Social Administration
- 6. Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology
- 7. Faculty of Liberal Arts
- 8. Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication
- 9. Faculty of Science and Technology
- 10. Faculty of Engineering
- 11. Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology
- 12. Faculty of Architecture and Planning
- 13. Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts
- 14. Faculty of Medicine
- 15. Faculty of Allied Health Sciences
- 16. Faculty of Dentistry
- 17. Faculty of Nursing

- 18. Faculty of Public Health
- 19. Faculty of Pharmacy
- 20. Faculty of Learning Sciences and Education
- 21. Language Institute
- 22. College of Innovation
- 23. Pridi Banomyong International College
- 24. Chulabhorn International College of Medicine
- 25. School of Global Studies
- 26. Puey Ungphakorn School of Development Studens





## International Programs

Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws Program in Business Law (International Program)		Master of Laws Program in Business Laws (English Program)	
Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy	Bachelor of Accounting Program (English Program)		Master of Business Administration Program in Global Entrepreneurship (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Business Administration (International Program)
	Bachelor of Business Administration Program (English Program)		Master of Science Program in Marketing (International Program)	
			Master of Science Program in Finance (International Program)	
Faculty of Political Science	Combined Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program)		Combined Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program)	
			Master of Political Science Program in International Relations (English Program)	
Faculty of Economics	Bachelor of Economics Program (International Program)		Master of Economics Program (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Economics (International Program)

Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Faculty of Social Administration	Bachelor of Arts Program in Social Policy and Development (International Program)			
Faculty of Jounalism and Mass Communication	Bachelor of Arts Program in Journalism (Mass Media Studies) (English Program)			
College of Innovation			Master of Science Program in Service Innovation (International Program)	
			Master of Science Program in Innovative Health- care Management (International Program)	
Pridi Banomyong International College	Bachelor of Arts Program in Chinese Studies (International Program)		Master of Arts Program in ASEAN Studies (International Program)	
	Bachelor of Arts Program in Indian Studies (International Program)			
Faculty of Liberal Arts	Bachelor of Arts Program in British and American Studies (International Program)		Master of Arts Program in English Language Studies (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in English Language Studies (International Program)

Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Faculty of Liberal Arts	Bachelor of Arts Program in Business English Communication (International Program)			
	Bachelor of Arts Program in International Studies (ASEAN-China) (International Program)			
Language Institutes		Graduate Diploma Program in English for Careers (English Program)	Master of Arts Program in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (English Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in English Language Teaching (International Program)
			Master of Arts Program in English for Careers (English Program)	
Faculty of Science and Technology	Bachelor of Science Program in Creative Digital Technology (International Program)		Master of Science Program in Creative Digital Technology (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Statistics (International Program)
	Bachelor of Science Program in Innovative Digital Design (International Program)		Master of Science Program in Innovative Digital Design (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Computer Science (English Program)
	Bachelor of Science Program in Industrial Sciences and Management (International Program)			Doctor of Philosophy Program in Chemistry (International Program)

Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Faculty of Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Electrical Engineering (English Programme)			Doctor of Philosophy Program in Energy and Environmental Technology Management (International Program)
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Industrial Engineering (English Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Civil Engineering (English Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Chemical Engineering (English Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Mechanical Engineering (English Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Electrical Engineering (Twinning Programme)			

Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Faculty of Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Industrial Engineering (Twinning Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Civil Engineering (Twinning Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Chemical Engineering (Twinning Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Programme in Mechanical Engineering (Twinning Programme)			
	Bachelor of Engineering Program in Automotive Engineering (English Program)			
Faculty of Architecture and Planning	Bachelor of Urban Design and Development Program (International Program)		Master of Urban Design and Development Program (International Program)	
	Bachelor of Science Program in Design, Business and Technology Management (English Program)		Master of Science Program in Design, Business and Technology Management (English Program)	

	Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
l) li	sirindhorn nternational nstitute of Fechnology	Bachelor of Engineering Program in Electronics and Communication Engineering (International Program)		Master of Engineering Program in Logistics and Supply Chain Systems (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Engineering and Technology (International Program)
		Bachelor of Engineering Program in Industrial Engineering (International Program)		Master of Engineering Program in Engineering Technology (International Program)	
		Bachelor of Engineering Program in Civil Engineering (International Program)		Master of Science Program in Engineering and Technology (International Program)	
		Bachelor of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering (International Program)		Master of Engineering Program in Information and Communication Technology for Embedded Systems (International Program)	
		Bachelor of Engineering Program in Chemical Engineering (International Program)			
		Bachelor of Engineering Program in Computer Engineering (International Program)			

Progran	n	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Sirindhorn Internationa Institute of Technology		Bachelor of Science Program in Information Technology (International Program)			
		Bachelor of Science Program in Management Technology (International Program)			
		Bachelor of Science Program in Engineering Management (International Program)			
Faculty of Medicine		Doctor of Medicine Program (English Program)			
Faculty of A				Master of Science Program in Biomedical Sciences (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Biomedical Sciences (International Program)
Faculty of Dentistry				Master of Science Program in Dental Implantology (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Oral Health Sciences (International Program)
School of Global Studies		Bachelor of Arts Program in Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship (International Program)		Master of Public Health in Global Health (International Program)	

Program	Bachelor	Diploma	Master Degree	Doctoral
Chulabhorn International College of Medicine			Master of Science Program in Bioclinical Sciences (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Bioclinical Sciences (International Program)
			Master of Science Program in Integrative Medicine (International Program)	Doctor of Philosophy Program in Integrative Medicine (International Program)
Faculty of Nursing	Bachelor of Nursing			Doctoral of Philosophy Program in Nursing



#### The Office of International Affairs

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) provides a full range of services and support for all international students who come to Thammasat University. OIA is managed and operated by University Executives and qualified English speaking professionals. The OIA offices offers the following services:

- General information about international programs offered by the university
- Pre-arrival information, coordination, and visa guidance
- Assistance in arranging housing /accommodation for incoming students
- Orientation and Cultural programs
- Ongoing advisor and academic and intercultural counseling services
- On-campus liaison, when needed, with other university services
- Information on current activity at the university
- General information about cultural events and entertainment activities in Bangkok and the surrounding areas.

The OIA also helps students to adjust to their new surroundings once they arrive by offering a reliable consultation they can turn to. OIA staffs are available to assist international students in many possible issues, such as in helping to gain the most living comfort.



## **ACADEMIC**

#### Academic Calendar

Regular Semester System					
Semester	Classes Begin	Classed End			
First	Mid-August	Mid-December			
Second	Mid-January	Mid-May			
Summer	June	July			
Trimester System					
First	August	November			
Second	December	March			
Third	April	July			

## Examination and Grading

#### Examination

The assessment will depend on the instructor and nature of learning in that class. While most classes have midterm and final exams, and others require writing papers, class participation and project presentation. Class attendance is commonly a mandatory. The attendance that has less than 80 percent of their class time, you will not be able to take the final exa.m. Course outline with grading criteria for each courses will regularly be announced or handed to the students during first few weeks after the beginning of the course.

## Grading

Thammasat University employs three types of grading.

#### 1) Percentage system

Marks	Interpretation	Grade Equivalents	Gp/Cr.hr.
85-100	Excellent	Α	4.0
75-84	Very Good	B+	3.5
70-74	Good	В	3.0
65-69	Almost Good	C+	2.5
60-64	Fair	С	2.0
50-59	Almost Fair	D+	1.5
40-49	Poor	D	1.0
0-39	Failed	F	0

Only the Undergraduate course of the Faculty of Law are reported by percentage. Student must receive not less than 60% of each course to receive a degree in Bachelor of Law.

## 2) Grade-Point system (4 scale)

2.1 Grade-Point of Undergraduate level

$$A = 4.0, B+ = 3.5, B = 3.0, C+ = 2.5, C = 2.0, D+ = 1.5, D = 1.0, F = 0$$

Students must receive the Cumulative Grade Point Average not below 2.00 to graduate in any Bachelor's Degree.

#### 2.2 Grade-Point of Graduate Level

$$A = 4.00$$
,  $A = 3.67$ ,  $B + = 3.33$ ,  $B = 3.00$ ,  $B = 2.67$ ,  $C + = 2.33$ ,  $C = 2.00$ ,  $C = 1.67$ ,  $D = 1.00$ ,  $F = 0$ 

Students must receive the Cumulative Grade Point Average not below 3.00 to graduate in the Master's Degree. For all of the Graduate Diplomas, grade of every course must not be lower than B.

#### 3) None numeric Grade

I = Incomplete, N = Fail, P = Pass, S = Satisfactory, U = Unsatisfactory,

W = Withdraw, Ack = Acknowledge, AUD = Course Taken for audit credit,

EXE = Exempted, CON = Continued, ACC = Accreditation.

Other Abbreviations

CC = Course Coding

Gp/Cr.hr. = Grade point per Credit hour

SEM = Semester

CN = Course Number

GP = Product of Gp/Cr.hr. & Credits

CUM = Cumulative

CL = Credit Loaded

GPA = Grade Point Average

CE = Credit Earned

#### Addition



Some programs at Thammasat will offer a short study visit or short program, which most of time they do not offer grade. Short program will refer to any arranged and intensive programs that study less than a regular semester time. The

host program may offer students hours of participation, then students can use at home university to transfer hours of learning into credit, such as 15-18 hours of lecture will equal to 1 credit hour in ACTS.

## Registration

Student must complete registration before the first day of the semester. The registration must be done in person on the specified date and location according to each progra.m. All international students are required to register at least 3 courses (9 credits) per semester to remain their status as a full time student.

#### - Adding Course

With approval of an academic advisor and course instructor, a student may register for additional courses not later than 14 days after the beginning of the regular semester. Registration for additional courses beyond this period will be permitted only under special circumstances, and with the approval of the Program Director.

## - Dropping Course

Period 1: Within the first 14 days of a regular semester / or 7 days of a summer semester.

A student may drop their courses if the semester does not have less than 9 credits (unless student has an approval from the Dean). The courses withdrawn will not appear on the student's academic record. For the non-degree student who drops a course for personal reason, half of the fees will be refunded. For those who drops courses due to courses have been canceled or the class schedules are changed, so that the student cannot fit it into his/her study plan, fee in full can be refunded.

## Period 2: Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> week and the 10<sup>th</sup> week of a regular semester

A student may withdraw from a course, but there will be the letter "W" appeared on the transcript. Fee is not refunded.

#### Period 3: After the first 10 weeks of the regular semester

No withdrawals are permitted without the approval of the program director and/or dean of the faculty.

#### Student ID Card

Every student will have their ID card which provided by the program or the faculty. Please contact your program or faculty coordinator in order to register in the university registrar database. Students must have their ID cards to contact with university offices. Students are also required to have their ID card at the midterm and final examinations to verify their identity.



#### Student Uniform

#### Male Student

- Plain white button-down shirt (long or short sleeves), without stripes or prints. The sleeves must be unrolled and shirt always tucked in.
- Black or dark-colored trousers without stripes.
- University belt buckle.
- Black loafers with socks.

#### Female Student

- White button-down shirt with short sleeves, without stripes or prints. Shirt always tucked.
- Four silver buttons with university logo. One additional button is to be placed on the collar. University Pin onto the left chest. You may also wear the chain-style pin as optional, by inserting through the button hole in the collar.
- Navy blue or black skirt
- University belt buckle
- Black plain loafers, shoes or high-heels

University uniform and accessories can be purchased at the Thammasat Book store, located at the  $1^{\rm st}$  floor of the Multipurpose building at Tha Prachan Campus, and on the Learning Building 1 (LB1) at Rangsit Center.





## **SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

## Library

Thammasat University has 11 libraries on 4 centers. The system owns over 1.2 million books, periodicals, and newspapers. Access to international online databases and an audio/video collection of over 165,000 items are additional features. Every student enrolled at Thammasat has access to these materials.





#### Library Card

Thammasat student ID cards serve as library cards. ID cards may be activated at any library in order to use library services. Student IDs also provide access to all Thammasat libraries. In addition to checking out books and other library services, student IDs make it possible to consult online database collections through the library website: www.library.tu.ac.th.

## Searching the Collections

A quick search on Thammasat's online databases for author, title, subject, or keyword leads to books, newspapers, journals, films, and music. A librarian is always on duty at the reference desk for further assistance.

#### Collection Check-out Policy

Undergraduates: up to 20 books for 15 days.

Graduate students: up to 40 books for 15 days.

Late fees: 5 baht per day per item kept past the due date.

The library system is fully automated, so books are not stamped when checked out. To help remember due dates and avoid late fees, be sure to hold onto the slip of each borrowed item. if in doubt, check any item's due date by looking up its currents status, listed as Borrower Information on the library website. Fill in student ID number and psssword.

#### **Book Delivery**

To reserve and borrow books from different libraries, try the Book Delivery system. Place a request online to make sure a needed book will be available to borrow when you arrive on campus. Searching the online database for items, check that their status is On Shelf, click Services, and select Book Delivery. Fill in the form with your student ID number - the ten digits on your student card - the name of the library where book is shelved, the library where you wish to pick it up, and the book's bibliographical information. You will be informed by e-mail when you request is registered, and again when the book is ready for pick-up.

#### Other Services

- 1. Circulation/Inter-library Loan
- 2. Document Delivery
- 3. Reservation of Books
- 4. Educational Media
- 5. Reference
- 6. Databases
  - \* TU resources
  - \* CD-Rom
  - \* Online database/Internet
  - \* Other Libraries
- 7. Photo Copy and Document Scan & Print
- 8. User Instruction and Student Training

#### Library Hours

Libraries in Thammasat has different service hours so be sure to check its hours before you go!

#### Tha Prachan:

Pridi Banomyong Library	Monday-Friday	8 am-9.30 p.m.
	Saturday	9 am-9.30 p.m.
	Sunday	9 am-9.30 p.m.
Sanya Dharmasakti Library (Law)	Monday-Friday	8 am-9.30 p.m.
	Saturday	9 am-7 p.m.
	Sunday	9 am-7 p.m.
Sangvian Indaravijaya Library	Monday-Friday	8 am-8 p.m.
(Thammasat Business School)	Saturday	8.30 am-6 p.m.
	Sunday	8.30 am-6 p.m.
Puey Ungphakorn Library	Monday-Friday	8 am-7 p.m.

9 p.m.)

(from April 15 to May 15 and from

November 15 to 15, hours are from 8 am-

(Economics)

Saturday Closed

(from April 15 to May 15 and from November 15 to December 15, hours are from 9 a.m.-

4 p.m.)

Sunday

9 am-4 p.m.

Professor Direck Jayanama

C-+-----

Monday-Friday 8 am-7 p.m.

Library

Saturday Sunday 9 am-6 p.m. Closed

Rangsit Center:

(Political Science)

Puey Ungphakorn Library Monday-Friday 8 am-midnight.

Saturday 9 am-6 p.m. Sunday 9 am-6 p.m.

(Open until midnight on weekends during

the exam schedule).

Rangsit Center Library Monday-Friday 8 am-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed

Sangvian Indaravijaya Library Monday-Friday 8 am-8 p.m.

(Thammasat Business School) Saturday 8.30 am-6 p.m.

Sunday 8.30 am-6 p.m.

Puey Ungphakorn Library

(Economics)

Monday - Friday 8 am-7 p.m.

(from April 15 to May 15 and from

November 15 to December 15, hours are

from 8 am-9 p.m.)

Saturday Closed

(from April 15 to May 15 and from November 15 to December 15, hours are

from 9 am-4 p.m.)

Sunday 9 am-4 p.m.

Professor Direck Jayanama Monday-Friday 8 am- 7 p.m.
Library (Political Science) Saturday 9 am-6 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Rangsit Center:

Puey Ungphakorn Library Monday-Friday 8 am-midnight.

Saturday 9 am-6 p.m. Sunday 9 am-6 p.m.

(Open until midnight on weekends during

the exam schedule).

Rangsit Center Library Monday-Friday 8 am-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed

Nongyao Chaiseri Library Monday-Friday 8 am-8 p.m.

(Medical) Saturday 9 am-6 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Phone Numbers:

Tha Prachan

Pridi Banomyong Library (66 2) 613 3544; 613 3547.

Sanya Dharmasakti Library (Law) (66 2) 613 2151. Puey Ungphakorn Library (Economics) (66 2) 613 3550. Direck Jayanama Library (Political Science) (66 2) 613 2308.

Faculty of Journalism & Mass Communication Library (66 2) 613 2717.

Rangsit Center:

Puey Ungphakorn Library (66 2) 564 4444 ext. 1305. Rangsit Campus Library (66 2) 564 4444 ext. 1170. Thammasat Medical Library (66 2) 986 9213 ext. 7502.

Ask a Librarian email: tulib@tu.ac.th

## Thammasat University Bookstore

TU Bookstore sells text-books (Thai, English and other languages), research journals, periodicals, etc., at reasonable prices. Stationery and office supplies are also available. This is where you can find Thammasat uniform,





belts, buttons, and badges.

Location:

**Tha Prachan:** 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Multi-Purpose Building, near the Tha Prachan

Entrance

Rangsit Center: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Learning Center 1

#### Internet Service

A wireless network (wifi) is available throughout campus. Students with personal laptop can gain access to the internet via wifi network for free. To use the wireless internet service, students need to login by using the username and password activated by the Information Processing Institute for Education and Development (IPIED). Please contact your studying program or Faculty coordinator to obtain valid username and password.

## Computer Labs

Computer labs can be found at many spots on Tha Prachan and Rangsit Center. In addition, each faculty has their own computer labs, but they are usually reserved for students of the faculty. Below are the lists of the computer labs.

#### Tha Prachan:

- On floor U2 of the main library
- On the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of Liberal Arts building
- At International Lounge, behind the Student Activities Center

## Rangsit Center:

- Edutainment Room, On IPIED Building
- Student Computer Lounge, On 1st Floor of SC Building
- TU-NET Room, On 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of SC Building
- Computer Lab, On 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of Piyachart Building

#### Health Service

Students at both Tha Prachan and Rangsit Centers have access to use university infirmary which provide free-of-charge basic healthcare. Health Center offers first-aid, initial diagnosis and medical aid. Any students who needs hospital attention will be transferred to the Thammasat University Hospital at Rangsit Center or to the Siriraj Hospital near the Tha Prachan, or provide guidance in suggesting to go to other international hospital.

#### Location of Health Infirmary at Tha Prachan:

 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Student Activities Center. For medical advice or to make an appointment, please contact 02 613 3961 / Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30 a.m.- 4.30 p.m. close on public holidays.

#### Location of Health Infirmary at Rangsit Center:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Office of the Rector buliding. For medical advice or to make an appointment, please contact 02 564 4440-59 ext. 1274, 1275, 1999 / Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30 a.m.- 4.30 p.m.
- Room 1063, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Social sciences (SC) building. For medical advice or to make an appointment, please contact 02 696 6600-2
   / Hours: 9.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. closed on public holidays.

## Thammasat University Hospital

Thammasat University Hospital is located in Rangsit Center. TU hospital offers outpatient, inpatient, specialty, and emergency services.

TU hospital also has other medical services, as well as other health care services such as X-ray, physical examination, physical therapy, and dental care. Physicians, nurses, and medical interns are available 24 hours. For serious illness, please contact the program or faculty coordinator immediately!

**Contact:** Call Center 02 926 9999 / For Emergency 02 926 9555

Website: http://www.hospital.tu.ac.th/index-Eng.php



## **Sport Complex**

TU Sports Center is fully equipped with sports equipment, fitness, and offer many of your sports and exercise needs for the students and the staff of Thammasat University and also the public.

Our Facilitites (mostly in Rangsit center)

- 4 Gymnasiums (Gymnasiums 4-7)
- Swimming pools
- Tennis court
- Main stadium (Asian Games Dormitory Stadium)
- Thammasat Rangsit Football Stadium.
- TU@Fit, a fitness center with state-of-the-art exercise equipment that will also offer consultations all of your questions sports-andexercise-wise by our specialists. They will guide you through our sport facilities.
- TU Sports Wall-climbing, for all of the extreme sports lovers looking for new a challenge which is consisted of the great challenged wall cliff in Thailand.
- Skateboard park offers terrain and rails for great challenge.
- Footsal field by renting hours



## Campus Transportation

#### White Vans

There are many different routes based on popular destinations. Vans leave every 10 - 30 minutes. Traveling time varies due to routes and traffic in Bangkok. At Tha Prachan, vans are parked near Velodome next Sanam Luang gate. At Rangsit Center, vans are parked across from the office of the rector building.

#### Rangsit Center Route:

- to Thammasat Tha Prachan (40 baht)
- to Future Park Department Store (32 baht)
- to the Victory Monument (32 baht)
- to Mo-chit BTS station (32 baht)

#### Tha Prachan Route:

- To Rangsit Center (40 baht)





## NGV Shuttle Buses (Rangsit Center)

At Rangsit Center, there are three lines of (red-and-yellow) shuttle buses: Number 1, 2 and 3. Each line stops at certain points within the campus. You can take them to the dorms, post office, bookstore, etc. The shuttle buses leave every 10-15 minute, on the weekdays, from 7:00 a.m.- 8 p.m. Free for all Thammasat community.

- Bus No.1: Asian Game Dormitories C Zone 14 Story Apartment Building – Buddha Hall – Thammasat Green Canteen – Japanese Study Center Building – Learning Center 1 – Puey Ungphakorn Library –SC Building – Gymnasium 4-5-6 – Faculty of Engineering – Thammasat Printing House
- Bus No.2: Asian Game Dormitories Zone A TU Kindergarten School –
  Thammasat Green Canteen Learning Center 1 Learning
  Center 3 Piyachart Building Faculty of Medicine Thammasat
  Hospital
- Bus No.3: Inter Zone TU Kindergarten school Thammasat Green

  Canteen Puey Ungpakorn Library Sport Center Gym 4-5-6 –

  Chiang Rak Gate TU-DOME Dorm



## Pick-up Trucks (Rangsit Center)

You can also go around the campus by pick-up trucks or "Song Taews". The lines are the same as NGV shuttle buses but you have to pay 4 baht fare. Fare is collected by the driver when you get off.

## Motorbike Taxi (Rangsit Center)

Motorbike taxi service (Green Jacket) cost 10-15 baht for within Rangsit Center, depending how long is your ride.





# **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Here're the lists of the activities arranged for international students by OIA. Please note: The list of activities in the below table can vary from semester to semester

#### Activities for Semester 1

Date	Activity	Description
August  (A week prion to the commecement of each Semester)	Housing Tour	<ul> <li>Tour of accommodations operated by the university and private apartments nearby Thammasat Tha Prachan.</li> <li>Two time slots are offered, 9 am and 1.30 p.m.</li> <li>Seats on van are limited, please contact OIA for making reservation.</li> </ul>
	Uniform Shopping	<ul> <li>Thammasat students are suggested to wear student uniform for formal occasions such as the orientation day, examination, while some program requires uniform to attend classes.</li> <li>Options to buy uniforms either at Thammasat bookstore or outside campus. Pins, belts, buttons are available only at TU bookstore.</li> <li>Student buddy can also assist new comers to go shopping.</li> </ul>
	Orientation	<ul> <li>All mended all international students to attend. We provide all necessary information for students to get ready to study at Thammasat University and Thailand. It is a full day activity.</li> <li>Important information for newly arrival students.</li> <li>Lunch provided</li> <li>More details available in the orientation separated sheet.</li> </ul>

Date	Activity	Description	
	Visiting the Royal Grand Palace and Temple of Emerald Buddha	<ul> <li>University uniform required</li> <li>Free</li> <li>Two rounds offered; morning and afternoon.</li> <li>Seats limited. 35 People max per one round.</li> </ul>	
	Basic Thai Cooking activity (Khaw Kai Jeao & O-leang, Thai style omelet & Thai style coffee)	<ul><li>One of the most favorite Thai menus</li><li>Free of charge</li><li>Seats limited</li></ul>	
	Day trip to mangrove forest @ Samut Songkram province	<ul> <li>Learn about Thailand's mangrove forest</li> <li>Experience forest planting and outdoor activities</li> <li>Fee applies</li> </ul>	
September	Thai Cooking class (Cultural day trip)	<ul> <li>Thai herbs make Thai foods unique. Learn how to cook Thai foods and how easy it can be.</li> <li>Visit a local village, learn by local.</li> <li>Fee applies.</li> </ul>	
	Museum Siam	<ul> <li>Well elaborated and presented the History of Thailand.</li> </ul>	
October	Community Service Project	<ul> <li>Experience Thailand in different dimensions.</li> <li>Learn and give back the development projects on disadvantaged people and how to improve their welfare.</li> </ul>	
	International Night	The special night where students given opportunity to reflect who they are and their cultures	
November	Rice Planting @ Rangsit Center	- Learn how rice plays the big role in Thai economy, and how it gets to become rice.	
	Loy Krathong Activity	- Day of celebrate the importance and respect of the rivers. We use Krathong (flower floater) to worship. Students will learn how to make Krathong and float it away.	

Date Activity Description		Description	
	77	Elephant Camp @Kanchanaburi	One of life time to spend a day with elephants. You will play, feed, and bath with them Fee applies.
	December	Farewell Party	- Throughout the semester, you will have a lot of memories to share with friends and us. What s great moment to express your experience and journey in Thailand and at Thammasat

#### Note:

- 1. Some programs indicated in the list are still tentative, and may subject to change. The exact date will be later confirmed and announced.
- 2. For more details or clarification, please contact office of International Affairs.
- 3. The listed activities may subject to change without prior notice.



## The example list of activities in Semester 2

Date	Activity	Description	
January  (A week prior to the commencement of semester)	The Orientation	<ul> <li>All all international students to attend. We provide all necessary information for students to get ready to study at Thammasat University and Thailand. It is a full day activity.</li> <li>Important information for newly arrival students.</li> <li>Lunch provided More details available in the orientation separated sheet.</li> </ul>	
	Visiting the Royal Grand Palace and Temple of Emerald Buddha	<ul><li>University uniform required</li><li>Free</li><li>Two rounds offered; morning and afternoon.</li><li>Seats limited. 35 People max per one round.</li></ul>	
	National Forest day (forest planting activity)	<ul><li>Learn about Thailand's forest situation</li><li>Experience forest planting activity</li><li>Fee may apply</li></ul>	
	Visiting the Royal Initiative projects (Dusit zoo is optional)	<ul> <li>Visit the Royal initiative projects of King Bhumipol</li> <li>Learn why this projects have contributed in developing Thailand</li> <li>Required to wear university uniform</li> </ul>	
February	Chinese new year Visiting China town	<ul> <li>Experience how Thai-Chinese people celebrate Chinese new year</li> <li>Visit Wat Trimitr where the biggest golden buddha image is located</li> </ul>	
March	Thai elephant day (Activities regarding Thai elephant preservation)	<ul><li>Learn how to treat, react and bath Thai elephants.</li><li>Fee may apply.</li></ul>	
	Thai Cooking class	<ul> <li>Thai herbs make Thai foods unique. Learn how to cook Thai foods and how easy it can be.</li> <li>Visit a local village, learn by local.</li> <li>Fee applies.</li> </ul>	

	Date	Activity	Description
	April	Songkran festival	- Splashing water during Songkran is worldwide known but what is the original way of doing it?
		Visiting a Thai local market	- Thai culture can be perceived through Thai local market.
	May	Farewell Party	- Throughout the semester, you will have a lot of memories to share with friends and us. What s great moment to express your experience and journey in Thailand and at Thammasat





# **VISA**

## Visa Application

Once your application to study an exchange program at Thammasat University has been approved, a letter of acceptance and a letter for a visa application will be issued by the Office of International Affairs. International students will need to apply for a visa to enter the Kingdom of Thailand under a Non-immigrant category "ED". Students must obtain the visa before departing their homeland to come to Thailand. Please use the letter of acceptance as one of documents to apply for visa at the Royal Thai Embassy or Thai Consulate nearby students' area. For more detailed information, please visit website: http://www.thaiembassy.org/main/

#### Required Document

- Passport with validity not less than 6 months
- Visa application form
- Recent ID photo (4x6 cm)
- Recommendation letters addressed to the Embassy or Consulate
- Letter of acceptance from Thammasat University
- Academic record and the Student ID (if currently studying)

#### At date of Arrival

After you are granted the visa to enter Thailand, there will a label on a page on your passport. Please notice the date on your visa label, This is not the date of visa expiration, in fact it is the last date that you can enter Thailand with validity. The period of stay will be 90 days after your arrival.

When you arrive Thailand, the immigration officer at port of entry will place a stamp on your passport for your ED 90-day visa to start. The expiry date will be 90 days after that arrival date. You may be curious that an exchange for one semester will take 16 weeks, so 90 days stay will not

cover the entire period of your stay. Thai immigration law strictly offers only 90 days for ED visa, so students will need to apply for the extension of visa.

#### Visa Extension

After you are granted a Non – Immigrant "ED" from Thai embassy or Consulate, it is normal that the visa is valid for only 90 days. As every exchange student will stay longer than 90 days in Thailand, so all international students will need to apply for the visa extension to continue their staying until the end of their study period (1 semester or 1 year). About 30 days prior to your initial visa expiration, OIA or your study program will issue the letter to request for your extension of stay. It is recommended that students must apply as soon as they can, before the visa expiration date. Students can apply as early as 1 month in advance before expiration date. For the extension, you will need to submit the following documents:

- Application Form TM. 7
- Request for extension Letter from OIA or your study program
- One recent photo (4 x 6 cm)
- Passport and Copy of the Passport
- Copy of Academic Transcript
- Tuition fee receipt
- Visa Extension Fee 1,900 Baht



#### Important Note:

- The visa extension petition must be filed in person at the Immigration Bureau at Government center Cheng Wattana Road.
- Overstaying is a serious crime that committed persons will be fined and subject to the deportation. If the overstay exceeds 40 days, the student must leave the country without any conditions. In emergency case to assist our students who are susceptible to overstaying, students need to file petition to extend a visa temporarily during the "overstay" period:
  - Visa extension form TM.7
  - Letter of certification from Study program (in Thai)
  - A photocopy of the passport
  - One recent ID photo (4x6 cm)
  - Tuition fee receipt
  - Grade report

The overstaying fine is 500 THB per day, up to a maximum of 20,000 THB.

#### Single and Multiple Entry Visas

In some countries, especially in Europe, there are options for Single-entry and multiple-entry to choose when applying for a visa. Obviously single-entry option will allow you to enter Thailand only once. After you leave Thailand, you will no longer allow to come back to Thailand with the same visa. To re-entry, the visa application has to start over from the beginning with new documents.

On other hand, multiple-entry visa will allow you to enter Thailand several times during the period while your 90-day visa is valid. This will allow students to go in and out Thailand freely during 90 days. After students apply for extension of stay, this option will be terminated because the initial visa is no longer valid. However, students will have options to apply for Re-entry permit.





Re-Entry Permit

The re-entry permit is additional and optional to the valid visa. Students who plan to travel outside Thailand need to apply for a re-entry permit before traveling. If you travel outside Thailand without a Re-entry permit, you can not re-enter Thailand with your current visa. The visa process has to start over. Normally it is recommended to our international students to apply for this Re-entry permit, in case of your emergency to travel back to your home country. Students can apply the re-entry permit at the Immigration Bureau. It conveniently can be done right after you receive your extension of stay visa, while you are already at the immigration bureau. The Re-entry permit also comes with various type; Single re-entry and Multiple re-entry. We usually recommend to apply for multiple re-entry permit for the most flexibility of your stay. The required documents are:

- Re-entry Permit form TM.8
- One recent ID photo (4x6 cm)
- A copy of the page containing the current valid visa
- A copy of the page containing the extension stamp
- A copy of ID page of student's passport
- A copy of Immigration arrival card
- 1,000 THB for a single entry permit or 3,800 THB for a multiple entry permit

#### Special case:

There are also rare cases that students cannot obtain ED visa on time while in their homeland, along with citizen in some countries can enter Thailand with tourist visa on arrival. Tourist visa does not offer long period of stay, so students have to change his/her tourist visa to ED visa. We don't recommend this option, but it can be done in emergency case. There are only some International airports that offer this service, including Suvarnabhumi (BKK) and Chiangmai Airport (CNX). Unfortunately, Thai Immigration Bureau does not offer this service.

## Changing Visa from Tourist Visa to Non - Immigrant "ED"

The conversion of tourist visa to non immigrant "ED" visa should be applied at least 15 days before the expiration of your tourist visa. Required documents are:

- Form TM.86
- A Copy of passport pages (Personal information page, last entries stamp, visa sticker and extension stamp (if any) and departure card (Form TM.6)
- 1 recent photo (4x6 cm)

- 2,000 THB Application fee
- A letter from studying program
- A Copy of academic record of applicant with the latest tuition fee
   receipt

## Information on the Immigration Bureau

Thai immigration Bureau is a part of Royal Thai Police department, Ministry of Interior, which is unlike in some countries that is a part of Department of Justice or Homeland Security. Please refer to the Immigration Bureau website for the most update information.

bangkok.immigration.go.th/en/





# **GETTING TO KNOW THAILAND**

## Geography

Thailand is the 50<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world; most nearly equal in size to Spain. Located just 15 degrees north of the equator, Thailand has a tropical climate and temperatures typically ranging from 19 to 38 degrees C (66-100 F). Thailand's largest peak, Doi Inthanon, is 2,565 meters (8,415 ft) tall. Thailand covers 510,890 sq.km. of land and 2,230 sq.km. of water. The coastline of Thailand is 3,219 km. long. Thailand has the longest shared border with Myanmar (Burma), stretching over 1,800 km.



#### Weather

The weather in Thailand is generally hot and humid: typical of its location within the tropics. Generally speaking, Thailand has three seasons: hot season, rainy season, and cool season. Though Thailand's geography, it allows visitors to find suitable weather somewhere in the country throughout the year.

#### Population

The population of Thailand comprises of roughly 65 million people.

Approximately 7 million people live in the capital city, Bangkok.

#### Area

Thailand has a rough geographical area of 514,000 sq.km. (200,000 sq.miles). This makes Thailand roughly equivalent in size to France or Texas.

#### Language

More than 92% of the population speaks Thai or one of its regional dialects. Thai language is the official language of Thailand, as it has its own scripts or language characters. As the cosmopolitan Bangkok and many major provinces in Thailand have established tourism infrastructure, English is spoken and understood throughout many parts.

## Religion

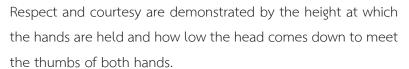
95% of Thais are Buddhists, and less than 5% of Thais are Muslim, while less than 1% are Christian.



#### Thai Cultural

#### Wai

- The wai is the common form of Thai greeting and adheres to strict rules of protocol. We do not shake hands.
- Wai can be done by raising both hands, palms joined with the fingers pointing upwards as if in prayer, lightly touching the body somewhere between the chest and the forehead.
- The wai signifies both a sign of respect as well as a greeting.



- The wai may be made while sitting, walking, or standing.
- The person who is junior in age or status is the first one to offer the wai.
- The senior person returns the wai, generally with their hands raised to somewhere around their chest.
- If a junior person is standing and wants to wai a senior person who
  is seated, the junior person will stoop or bow their head while
  making the wai.
- If there is a great social distance between two people, the wai will not be returned.



#### **Buddhist Monks**

Buddhism is the major religion in Thailand. It is common to see Buddhist monks everywhere. Women is not allowed to have a close contact adjacent to a monk or his robe. In any public transportation or anywhere, women cannot sit next to the monk. We often see many tourists ask the monk for selfie picture, please notice that is extremely inappropriate.

In addition, no one should sit higher level than the monk. When walking, try to walk just staying behind the monk, it is a sign to show your respect towards the monk by giving them priority.



## **Body Significance**

Head is considered the higher part of body, and a personal item. Thai people do not like anyone touch their heads, unless within close friends and family. Please try to avoid touching anyone's head for any reasons.

Feet is considered to lower part of body, and a dirty item. Thai people do not bring feet to any contact or conversation context. You can avoid pointing at people or things with your foot. Do not raise them on the table. Remove your shoes when entering someone's house, some public places, or temple.

## Appropriate Wear

Formal dresses, suits and ties may be necessary for business travelers or if you plan to visit exclusive dining venues and official events. When visiting temples, certain museums and the Grand Palace, remember to dress politely. It is not hard to find polite or formal way of dressing. Inappropriate wears (in a formal place) include shorts, see-thru ware, spaghetti strap t-shirt, short skirts, tank-tops and open backed sandals. Do not be surprised if officers of any Thai organization refuse to provide you services due to your wearing is inappropriate. Thai people may consider as an insult of inappropriate attire.



## Thai Public Holidays

Here are the official holidays in Thailand when the embassies and the government offices are closed.

Date	Name	Remarks	
1 January	New Year's Day	Celebrates the start of the solar and Gregorian year. From 1889–1941, this was held on 1 April.	
1 <sup>st</sup> day of the Chinese calendar (February)	Chinese New Year	Observed by Thai Chinese and parts of the private sector. Usually celebrated for three days, starting on the day before the Chinese New Year's Eve. Observed by governmental units inNarathiwat, Pattani, Yala and Satun Provinces. <sup>[2]</sup>	
Full moon, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thai lunar month (February) <sup>b</sup>	Magha Puja	Buddhist observance commemorating the Buddha's teaching of Ovada Patimokkha.	
6 April	Chakri Memorial Day	Commemorates the establishment of the Chakri Dynasty and the founding of Bangkok by King Phutthayotfa Chulalok in 1782. Officially known as King Phutthayotfa Chulalok the Great Day and Chakri Dynasty Memorial Day	
13 April – 15 April	Songkran Festival	Traditional Thai new year, and the major holiday of the year. Many people return home for family reunions during this period. The first day is known as Wan Maha Songkran, the second as Wan Nao, and the third as Wan Thaloeng Sok. The 14 <sup>th</sup> is also observed as Family Day.	
5 May	Coronation Day	Commemorates the coronation of King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1950.	
May, arbitrary date	Royal Ploughing Ceremony and Farmer's Day	Ceremonial blessing of the country's farmers. Officially known as Wan Phra Ratcha Phithi Phuetcha Monkhon Lae Charot Phra Nangkhan Raek Na Khwan. Also observed as Farmer's Day. Each year's date is astrologically determined and announced by the Bureau of the Royal House Hold.	

Date	Name	Remarks	
Full moon, 6 <sup>th</sup> Thai lunar month (May) <sup>b</sup>	Visakha bucha	Buddhist observance commemorating the birth, enlightenment and passing of the Buddha. Also observed as National Tree Day.	
Full moon, 8 <sup>th</sup> Thai lunar month (July) <sup>b</sup>	Asalha Puja	Buddhist observance commemorating the Buddha's first discourse, the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta	
First waning moon, 8 <sup>th</sup> Thai lunar month (July) <sup>b</sup>	Beginning of Vassa	Buddhist observance marking the beginning of Vassa, also known as Buddhist Lent	
12 August	HM the Queen's Birthday	Commemorates the birthday of Queen Sirikit i 1932; also observed as National Mother's Day (วันแม่แห่งชาติ; Wan Mae Haeng Chat).	
23 October	Chulalongkorn Day	Commemorates the passing of King Chulalongkorn in 1910.	
5 December	HM the King's Birthday	Commemorates the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1927. Also observed as National Day and National Father's Day.	
10 December	Constitution Day	Commemorates the promulgation of the first permanent constitution in 1932.	
31 December	New Year's Eve	Final day of the Gregorian year.	



# **Emergency Phone Numbers**

Topic	Number	Topic	Number
Ambulance and Rescue (Only in Bangkok)	1554 , 1646	Medical Emergency Call (All Regions)	1669
Bangkok Metropolitan Administration	1555	Telephone Directory Service	1133
Crime	1195	Tourist Police Hotline	1155
Highway Police 1193 Weath		Weather Forecast Service	1182
Immigration Department	0 2287 3101	Highway Police Call Center	1586
National Disaster Warning Centre	192	Thammasat University Hospital	02 926 9555
Police (General Emergency Call)	191	SOS - Police and Fire Department	199

# Thammasat University Phone Numbers

Topic	Number	Topic	Number
Tha Prachan	02 613 3333	Rangsit Centre	02 564 4440 - 79
Pattaya Center	038 259 010 - 69	Lampang Centre	054 268 701-8
Office of International Affairs	02 613 3021 02 613 3020 - 24	Tha Prachan Security Center	02 613 3000 / 02 623 5165
Rangsit Security Center	02 564 4407 ext. 1000, 1234	Lampang Security Center	054 268 701

# LIVING IN BANGKOK

# Accommodation TU dormitory near Tha Prachan

Thammasat Tha Prachan does not offer on-campus housing. However, there is only one Thammasat university dormitory outside campus in Talingchan area, about a 30-45 minutes bus ride to Tha Prachan. It is called Thammasat



Ratchdapisek dormitory, a six-story building with a 500-bed capacity.

#### TU dormitory in Rangsit Center:

The Rangsit Center has in-campus dormitories called the Asian Games Village, named after sport housing for 1996 Asian Games. It is available for Thai and international students. Dormitory is operated by Thammasat



Property Management office. Rooms are equipped with furniture, air-conditioning, cable TV, and Wifi. There are multiple buildings as follow:

- Zone B building
- Zone C and E buildings
- Khu Dome Dorm (All-male)
- Kheng Dome Dorm (All-female)
- TU-DOME Dorm (outside Campus)

#### Off Campus Residence and Apartment

There are many apartments outside campus in nearby areas, which can be accessible by walks, buses, or boats. They are privately-owned apartments that have good contact with Thammasat University. There are various choices for students with costs ranging from 22,000-50,000B a semester (5 months). They are furnished and non-furnished, Air-con and non-Air-con rooms. Obviously non-AC rooms are less expensive. A typical furnished room usually has a bed, desk and chair, a closet and a bathroom with shower. The use of bath tub is not typical in Thailand. Most rooms and apartments have no kitchen facilities but a small pantry area can offer casual cooking. A hot plate or electric pot can be purchased inexpensively. Some apartments offer a small refrigerator, a microwave oven, TV and cable, and internet access for additional fees. It is very easy to purchase freshly cooked food everywhere as well as fruit and vegetables, so there is no need to cook. Buying ready-to-eat food is simple and timesaving, that is also the usual living way of many Thais as well. Therefore, kitchen is not a crucial factor in finding apartments. When looking for an apartment, it is a good idea to take a Thai friend with you or seek local advices or join our housing tour by OIA at beginning of semester, so that the local information can assist you what to fit your need and budget.

#### Insurance

All international students are required to have health and accident insurance. The insurance should be obtained before coming to Thailand. When searching for insurance option, you should provide specifically that you would be a student instead of a tourist. Health insurance from your country will mostly be accepted by many international hospitals in Thailand.

#### Transportation

#### City Buses:

You can go anywhere in the Bangkok metropolitan by bus. Buses are the cheapest way of transportation in Thailand. However, they might not be the most comfortable way and direct way to go to your destination. BMTA buses are operating in different routes by using different numbers. Regular buses collect flat rates below, while AC buses collect different rates according to distances. You will tell the bus conductors where you will get off, and he/she will tell you how much fare you need to pay.

Many bus conductors cannot communicate well in English, you should ask your Thai friends to write down the name of the place and Thai word "Please let me when to get off" (ช่วยบอกฉันด้วยว่าลงป้ายไหน). You can hand the piece of paper to the bus conductors. This will make your ride on buses much easier.





#### Vehicle Categories and Service Rate:

Categories	Color	Fare Rate	Service Period
Regular bus	Cream-Red	6.50 baht	05.00 a.m 11.00 p.m.
Regular bus	White-Blue	7.50 baht	05.00 a.m 11.00 p.m.
Regular Express Way	Cream-Red	8.50 baht	05.00 a.m 11.00 p.m.
Regular Overnight	Cream-Red	8 baht	11.00 a.m 05.00 a.m.
Air Conditioned	Cream-Blue	10 12 14 16 18 baht (depending on the distance traveled)	05.00 a.m 11.00 p.m.
Air Conditioned (Euro 2)	Yellow-Orange	11 13 15 17 19 21 23 baht (depending on the distance traveled)	05.00 a.m 11.00 p.m.

Getting to Tha Prachan, Bus Line: 3, 15, 32, 51, 53, 124, 201, 203, 508, 524 Getting to Rangsit Center, Bus Line: 29 (TU - Rangsit Line), 39, 504, 510 (TU - Rangsit Line) and 520.

For others bus line, you can check at the website: http://www.bmta.co.th/?q=en/bus-lines

## BTS Skytrain:

The fastest way to get around Bangkok is by the skytrain, while local people called BTS (Bangkok Train System). Bangkok is still growing, while the city only offer two lines running across the Bangkok busiest areas. Many more lines are in construction, and should be operating in few more years. BTS Fares start at 15 THB and increase by distance. BTS operates daily from 06.00 a.m.– 12.00 p.m. hrs. 2 BTS Lines are Silom Line and Sukhumvit Line.



#### Silom Line:

National Stadium / Siam / Ratchadamri / Sala Daeng / Chong Nonsi / Surasak / Saphan Taksin / Krung Thon Buri / Wongwian Yai / Pho Nimit / Talat Phlu / Wutthakat / Bang Wa

#### Sukhumvit Line:

Mo chit / Saphan Kwai / Ari / Sanam Pao / Victory Monument / Phaya Thai / Ratchathewi / Siam / Chit Lom / Ploen Chit / Nana / Asok / Phrom Phong / Thong Lo / Ekkamai / Phra Khanong / On Nut / Bang Chak / Punnawithi / Udom Suk / Bang Na / Bearing

#### Going to Tha Prachan by BTS:

- Option 1: Get off at National Stadium station (Silom Line), and continue at ground by using Bus no.15, 47
- Option 2: Get off at BTS SaphanTaksin station (Silom Line), take the Chao Phraya Express boat to Wang Lung pier (N10), and using River crossing ferry to Tha Prachan pier.
- Option 3: Get off at Victory Monument station, and take bus No.503, 59 on the bus stop near exit 4 on Koh Phaya Thai.

## Getting to Rangsit Center by BTS:

Get off at Victory Monument station (Sukhumvit Line), take Thammasat "White van" service which is near exit 4, and near 7-11, on Koh Phaya Thai.

Peak hours (07:00 - 09:00 a.m. and 04:00 - 07:00 p.m.) can be quite crowded on BTS plateform. For more information, please visit website: http://www.bts.co.th/customer/en/main.aspx



BTS Hotline: (66) 2617 6000 Daily

from: 06.00-24.00 hrs.

Tourist Information Center:

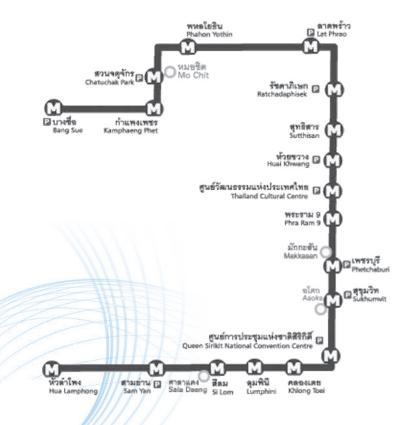
(66) 2617 7341 Daily from: 08.00 a.m. - 08.00 p.m.

#### MRT Subway Train:

MRT reaches from the Northern train station of Bangsue to Hua Lumphong main railway station in a loop, connecting with the Skytrain on 3 different stations, namely: Silom, Sukhumvit and Chatuchak Park.

#### MRT Route:

Hua Lamphong / Sam Yan / Si Lom / Lumphini / Khlong Toei / Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre / Sukhumvit / Phetchaburi / Phra Ram 9 / Thailand Cultural Centre / Huai Khwang / Sutthisan / Ratchadaphisek / Lat Phrao / Phahon Yothin / Chatuchak Park / Kamphaeng Phet / Bang Sue



## Getting to Tha Prachan by MRT:

Option 1: Get off at Hua Lamphong station (Central Railway Station), take a bus No.53

Option 2: Get off at Bang Sue station, take bus No.65 to Tha Prachan.

## Getting to Rangsit Center by MRT:

Get off at Chatuchak station and take BTS at Mo Chit Station to Victory Monument Station, then take Thammasat White Van.

Operating Hour 06.00 am - midnight daily.

Frequency - Less than 5 minutes during the peak hours 06.00 - 09.00 a.m. and 04.30 - 07.30 p.m.



#### River Boat:

Boats are a great way to get to Tha Prachan. There are different types of boats offering different services, and some of the express boats only stop at the main piers.

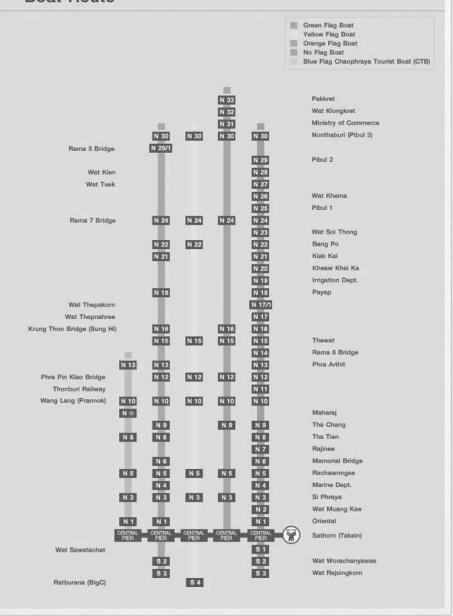
Chaopraya Express Boat, there are different lines of Express Boat. Each lines are identified by different color flags. They make stops differently; more frequent or less frequent, signifying different levels of regular, rapid, or express.

- No flag (Local Line)
   Stops at every pier / 06:00 a.m.- 06:30 p.m., Monday to Friday / 10-20 THB
- Blue Flag (Tourist boat)
   Stops only main tourist attraction places / 09:00 a.m. 07:00 p.m.,
   daily / 40 THB / trip or 100 baht for all-day pass
- Orange Flag (rapid)
   Stops at the main piers / 05:50 a.m. 07:00 p.m., daily / 15 THB per journey
- Yellow Flag (Express)
   Stops at main piers fro commuters / Morning 06:15 07:00 a.m.,
   Afternoon 04.45 a.m. 08:00 p.m., Monday to Friday / 20-29 THB



Getting to Tha Prachan: Get off at Wang Lang Pier (N10), and take River Crossing Ferry (3 baht) across the river to Tha Prachan Pier.

#### **Boat Route**



## Airport:

There are two international airports in Bangkok:



- Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK)
- Don Mueang International Airport (DMK)

Suvarnabhumi International Airport is the main airport of Thailand, where large air traffic in international and domestic flights are gathered here. Don Mueang Airport is used to be main hub of air traffic, but after everything is moved to Suvarnabhumi Airport, DMK is handled in many domestic flights and few international flights.

# Travel to and from Suvarnabhumi Airport:

#### Airport Rail Link:

The airport rail travels from Phaya Thai (BTS) station to Suvarnabhumi Airport every 10-20 minutes. The train stops at Ratchaprarop - Makkasan - Ramkhamhaeng - Hua Mak - Ban Thap Chang - Lat Krabang and terminates at Suvarnabhumi international Airport. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes. Line runs from 06.00 a.m. to midnight every day. On the way from Suvarnabhumi airport to the city, passengers can catch the train in the underground level of airport terminal building.



#### City Buses:

City buses arrive and depart Suvarnabhmi International Airport at Bangkok Airport public transportation center which is serviced by free shuttle buses: the Express Line and Routes A-D. Shuttle buses transport passengers between the transportation center and the departures and arrivals halls. Line A services the passenger hall on the first floor at gate 3 and 8. Line B services the arrivals hall at Gate 5. Line C, D and the Express Line service both the arrivals and the departures halls, both at Gate 5. The Express Line makes no stops between the terminal building and the transportation center.

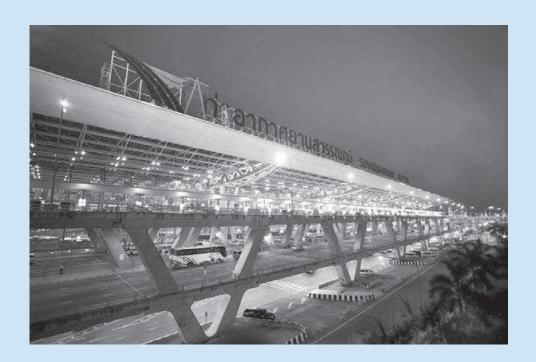
555 Bangkok Airport ↔ Rangsit

Suvarnabhumi Airport - Ransit (Rama 9 Expressway) Dindaeng – Suthisarn - Vibhavadee Rangsit - Kasetsart University - LakSi - Don Muaeng Airport- Rangsit (THB 34) Departure every 15-20 minutes (after 11.00 p.m. - 02.00 a.m..every 1 hour)











## Public Vans:

From the Suvarnabhumi Public Transportation Center, but in case of free seats picks up outside the arrivals hall at gates 1 and 8. Public Vans run between 4-5.00 a.m. and 10-11.00 p.m.

549 Bangkok Airport ↔ Minburi  24 hour service	Suvarnabhumi Airport - Lardkrabang Police Station Romklao Road Kasembundit University Minburi (THB 25) Departure every 10 minutes (4.00 p.m6.00 p.m. departure every 5 minutes)	
550 Bangkok Airport ↔ Happy Land	Suvarnabhumi Airport - On Nuch - Praves District - On Nuch Intersection †Bangkapi Intersection †"Happy Land (THB 30) Departure every 20 minutes (4.00 p.m. â€" 6.00 p.m. departure every 5 minutes)	
551 Suvarnbhumi ↔ Victory Monument	Suvarnabhumi Airport – Motor Way – Victory Monument (THB 40) Departure every 20 minutes (4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. departure every 5 minutes)	
552 Bangkok Airport ↔ On Nut	Suvarnabhumi Airport - Bangna-Trad Road - Chularat Hospital 1 - Ramkhamhaeng 2 - Central Bangna - Udomsuk - BTS Station (On Nut) (THB 20) Departure every 20 minutes (4.00 p.m 6.00 p.m.)	
552A Bangkok Airport ↔ Samut Prakarn	Suvarnabhumi Airport - Bangna-Trad Road - Chularat Hospital 1 - Ramkhamhaeng 2 - Central Bangna – Samrong – Samutprakarn – Praeksa Garage (THB 25) Departure every 20 minutes (4.00 p.m 6.00 p.m.)	
554 Bangkok Airport ↔ Rangsit	Suvarnabhumi Airport - Ram Intra Road - Lak Si - Saphan Mai - Lam Lukka Entrance - Bangkok Gate (Saphan Mai) (THB 40) Departure every 20 minutes (4.00 p.m 6.00 p.m. departure every 5 minutes)	



555 Bangkok Airport ↔ Rangsit	Suvarnabhumi Airport - Rama 9 Expressway - Dindaeng Get down at Dindaeng Suthisarn - Vibhavadee Rangsit - Kasetsat University - Lak Si - Don Muaeng THB 45 (05.00 a.m. 03.00 p.m.) THB 50 (03.00 p.m. – 05.00 a.m.) Departure every 20 minutes (4.00 p.m 6.00 p.m. departure every 5 minutes)
559 Bangkok Airport ↔ Futurepark Rangsit (Expressway)	Suvarnabhumi Airport - Motorway - Exit Rangsit Nakornnayok Rd Future Park Rangsit

For more information, please contact Airport Call Center, Tel. 1722 Webiste: http://suvarnabhumiairport.com/en

# How to get from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Thammasat

# 1. Airport Taxi Service:

24 hours service / at Platform of Passenger Terminal on the  $1^{\rm st}$  Floor, Gates 4 and 7 / Tel. 0-2132-9199 / Fare is charged according to the distance traveled plus a surcharge fee of 50 THB.

# 2. Airport Rail Link

To Tha Prachan: Take Airport City Line to Phaya Thai Station. Take BTS from Phya Thai to Victory Monument Station, use exit 4 and there's a bus stop, take bus No.503, 59.

To Rangsit Center: Take Airport City Line to Phaya Thai Station. Take BTS from Phya Thai to Victory Monument Station, there's Thammasat "WHITE VANS" service located near exit 4.

## Don Mueang International Airport:

Don Mueang is the main hub for Nok Air, Thai AirAsia, Thai Lion Air, and Orient Thai Airlines.

# Travel to and from Don Mueang International Airport:

### Airport Buses:

Air-conditioned buses running between 8.30 am and 11.30 p.m. Runs 1-2 times per hour. Flat fare 30 THB. Travellers should allow 60 minutes for the journey with A1 and 80 minutes for the journey with A2.

- A1 Don Muang Airport Mochit BTS Mochit 2 / Northeastern Bus Terminal
- **A2** Don Muang Airport Mochit BTS Saphan Kwai BTS Ari BTS Sanam Pao BTS Victory Monument

### City Buses:

- 29 Don Muang Airport Mochit BTS (some buses continue past Mochit to Victory Monument and Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lampong))\*\* 24 hour service.
- 59 Don Muang Airport Bang Khae (Some buses continue to The Emerald Buddha Temple (Sanam Luang/Khao San Road))24 hour service.

<sup>\*\* -</sup> Both air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned buses service this route

- 95 Don Muang Airport Ram-intra Rd.-Ram Khamhang Rd Runs 04.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.
- 187 Don Muang Airport Si Phraya Rd Runs 04.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.
- 538 Don Muang Airport Phaya Thai\* Runs 04.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.
- 555 Don Muang Airport Suvarnabhumi Airport\* Runs 04.00 a.m. 11.00 p.m.
- \* Air-conditioned service

For more information, please contact AOT Call-Center (66) 2535-1722

Website: http://donmueangairportthai.com/en



# How to get from Don Mueang International Airport to Thammasat

#### 1. Taxi Service

The public taxi is arranged to park at the provided area along the arrival platform, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at entrance No.8 of Terminal 1 and arrival platform of Terminal 2 in case of passenger congestion. To use taxi service, passengers need to contact with its service counter located at the entrance No.8 of the arrival platform of Terminal. Also, passengers need to pay for 50 baht surcharge apart from the taxi fare.

## 2. City Buses

To Tha Prachan: Take Air-con Bus No.59 at the bus stop on the same side

of the airport.

To Rangsit Center: Take Air-con Bus No.29 and 510 at the bus stop on the

opposite side of the airport.

## Money

Thai currency is Baht and Satang: 1 Baht = 100 Satang (THB).

- Satang coins: 25 Satang and 50 Satang (not frequently used)
- Baht coins: 1 Baht, 2 Baht, 5 Baht, and 10 Baht
- Baht banknotes: 20 Baht (green), 50 Baht (blue), 100 Baht (red),
   500 Baht (purple) and 1,000 Baht (gray)



## Opening a Thai Bank Account for Foreigners

Any foreigner will be able to open a Thai Bank Account by using a Non Immigrant Visa. Also, you can apply for additional services of the bank such as: ATM Card, Phone Banking and Internet Banking. For the type of account which the foreigners can open with the Thai Bank, will be divided for two types:

## 1. Resident Account using Baht

With this account, you are able to deposit/withdraw with the passbook at a counter of the bank OR through ATM machines

# 2. Foreign Currency Account

With this account type, you will be able to make the international transactions in foreign currencies. The foreign customers can deposit funds in any of following currencies:

U.S. Dollar (USD)

Euro (EUR)

Pounds (GBP)

Japanese Yen (JPY)

Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)

Singapore Dollar (SGD)

Australian Dollar (AUD)

Swiss Francs (CHF)

Canadian Dollar (CAD)



#### Food

Thai food is a worldly famous food and worth exploring. Most of Thai food is cooked and refined with more than two types of herbs or spices which are beneficial to health. The principle of Thai food is the balance of five flavors which are spicy, salty, sweet, sour and bitter. Thai food is one of many things that you should not miss while you are here.

However, if you are not used to spicy food, the best policy is to try everything, but always ask if the dish is spicy. If a Thai says it is, try a very small amount or avoid eating it until your taste buds have adjusted. Another choice is to ask for "mai-ped", which means "not spicy". Here are the top 3 rank of Thai food that you must not miss.

- 1. Pad Thai (Stir fried Thai Noodle with tamarind sauce)
- 2. Tom Yam Goong (Spicy Shrimp Soup)
- 3. Som Tam (Spicy Papaya Salad)



## Eatting on campus

At Thammasat, many students on campus eat at student Canteen because food are fresh, varied and inexpensive. There're varieties of Thai-Style foods, vegetarian and halal dishes and drinks are available at the very low cost of 20-25 THB. The canteen areas are open Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; some stalls are open on Saturday and all are closed on Sunday.





Canteen in Tha Prachan: The canteen located on Anekprasong 2 building and Faculty of Social Administration canteen.

Canteen in Rangsit Center: Main canteen is the Green Canteen located opposite of Thammasat Book store. There are also two big canteens near SC buildings, called SC1 and SC2 canteen. There are many more small canteens wide spread in many faculty areas. Thammasat hospital also has its own canteen.

# Our recommended guidelines for eating the food in Thailand:

- Enjoy looking but avoid indiscriminate sampling from street stalls and markets.
- Eat only freshly prepared cooked food served HOT. If the soup broth is boiling you can assume it is safe.
- Avoid raw meats and raw seafood dishes.
- Always drink bottled water which is sold everywhere





# **Tourist Attraction**

## Bangkok:

# Temple

- The Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew)
- Chetupon temple (Wat Pho)
- The temple of Dawn (Wat Arun)
- Benjama Bophit Temple

#### Palace

- The Royal Grand Palace
- The Vimarnmek Mansion
- Wang Suan Pakkad

## **Shopping Areas**

- Chatuchak Weekend Market

# Walking Streets

- Khao San Road
- China Town (Yaowaraj)
- Tha Prachan





## Helpful Words and Phrases

When staying in Thailand, it will be good to learn a few Thai common phrases. Many Thai understand some English, and some do not. Many Thais are also shy to talk to foreigners. In many polite ways, there is a suffix to add to your sentence. If you are male, you can end the sentence with "Krab", and if you are a female, you can use "Kha". This ending suffix will make it easier to communicate with Thais.

#### Some Useful Thai Phrases.

Hello & Good Bye Sa-wad dee (kha, krab)

Thank you Khorb koon

How much? Gee baht (kha, krab)

Where is ......? ...... yoo tee nai

I don't want Mai tong gaan

Sorry Khor toad (kha, krab)

I like it Chob maak (kha, krab)

Yes/No Chai/ Mai chai

Why? Tum mai

What? Nee Arai

I want to go to... Chan ja pai tee......

Toilet Hong naam

Which way? Pai taang nai (kha, krab)

Left Sai

Right Kwaa

Straight on Trong pai Is it far? Glai mai?

How to go to ......? Pai ...... yang ngai

Never mind Mai pen rai (kha, krab)

Do you speak English? Khun poot par sar ang grit dai mai

Pleased to meet you Yin dee tee roo jak

I beg your pardon? Arai na



I don't understand

See you later

Can you help me?

Where can I get a taxi?

How long?

Mai kow jai

Laiw jer gan

Chuay noy dai mai

Reark taxi dai tee nai

Naan mai

# Shopping

How much is this?

That is a little expensive

Can you make it cheaper?

How about ...... Baht?

Can you help me?

Can I see that?

Do you have another color?

Raka thao rai

Paeng pai

Lod noi dai mai

..... baht dai mai?

Chuay chan dai mai

Khor doo dai mai

Mee see auen mai



# Number

0	Soon	20	Yee sib
1	Nueng	30	Saam sib
2	Song	40	See sib
3	Saam	50	Har sib
4	See	60	Hok sib
5	Har	70	Jed sib
6	Hok	80	Paed sib
7	Jed	90	Gao sib
8	Paed	100	Nueng roi
9	Gao	200	Song roi
10	Sib	1,000	Nueng pan

Once you have mastered from one to ten, the rest is easy.

Number's Unit :- 10: Sib, 100: Roi, 1,000: Pan, 10,000: Muen, 100,000: Saen,

1,000,000: Laan

Example:- 21: Yee sib et

22: Yee sib song23: Yee sib saam

1,200: Nueng pan song soi

1,312: Nueng pan sam roi sib song



#### Restaurants

Eat here

Take away

Check bill

Can I have a spoon (fork) please?

Delicious

Not Delicious

Not Spicy

May I have the menu please?

I don't eat meat

Can I pay with this Credit Card?

May I have a receipt?

Gin tee nee

Glub baan

Geb tang duay

Khor chorn (som) noi dai mai?

Aroi mak

Mai Aroi

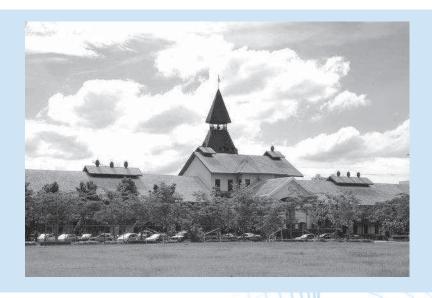
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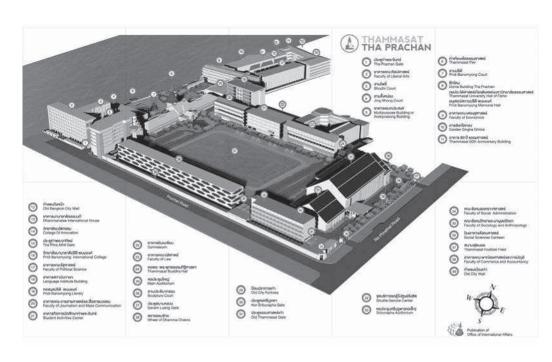
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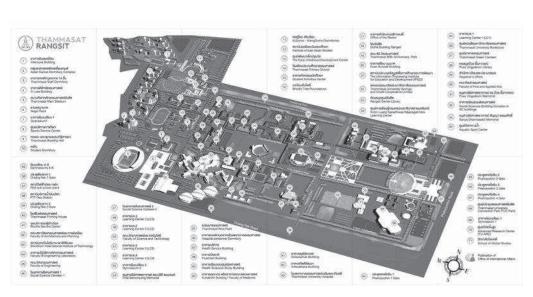
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