Thailand, Bangkok-Thammasat University Exchange
IAP Academic Notes – Fall, Spring, Year

Please refer to your IAP Study Abroad Handbook for a complete list of UW policies. These academic notes supply additional information specific to your program.

Thammasat Office of International Affairs: http://inter.tu.ac.th/


Registration
IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)
Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. The deadline to submit the CER is by the end of the fourth week of classes (not including pre-session terms). Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and in your My Study Abroad account under the academics tab.

Please note that every course you take abroad must be awarded an equivalent UW course. There are no exceptions. It is important to start the equivalent process as soon as possible to avoid any delay in posting your study abroad courses to your UW Madison transcript.

Courses and Registration
Courses may be taken in any of these international programs: Thai Studies, Faculty of Economics, Business Administration, Political Science, Liberal Arts, and British and American Studies. Courses in these areas (except for Thai language) are taught in English. Students may also enroll at Sirindhorn Institute of Technology (SIIT), a research institute at Thammasat that participates in the exchange program. All courses at SIIT are taught in English.

At least 50% of courses chosen must be through the program in which you are enrolled. You will select courses at the beginning of your exchange program once in Bangkok.

Exchange students in the Thai Studies program will take courses in Thai culture alongside other international students. The Thai Studies program offers students the opportunity to take courses in Thai language, Thai society and culture, and Thai civilization.
School Uniforms
School uniforms are required at Thammasat University. However, how often and when you have to wear them depends on the faculty teaching your courses. Some faculty and programs may be stricter about wearing the uniform, whereas others may give you more discretion. The Thammasat University school uniform is described in the Thammasat Student Handbook (linked above).

The university logo buttons, pins, and belt buckles are available at Thammasat’s bookstore. You can easily buy the shirts and pants/skirts near the University (near Khao San Road) for a reasonable price. Although we are not used to wearing school uniforms at UW-Madison, it is beneficial for you to wear them early in the semester in Thailand. Local residents will likely behave differently toward you because they will recognize you as a Thammasat student rather than just another tourist. If you prefer, you can choose to bring some or all of the generic articles with you rather than buying them once you are onsite.

Limits and Load
UW-Madison students are required to take a minimum of 12 UW-Madison equivalent credits each semester. Your required UW-Madison credit load is 12 to 18 credits per semester, so keep this in mind when you plan your schedule at Thammasat.

Credits
Most credits at Thammasat are equivalent to UW-Madison, so three credits at Thammasat will be equivalent to three credits at UW-Madison. There may be exceptions depending on the department in which the course is taken. In general, one class hour per week for a 15 week semester equals one credit.

Grades and Grade Conversions
Grades will be converted according to the following scale:

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