



Faculty of Political Science

Thammasat University

Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program)

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1 Welcome to BMIR

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (BMIR), Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand's leading academic institution.

You are starting a journey which will be exciting and meaningful for your life. This is probably the first time for you to be fully responsible for the way you manage your time between study, social life, sports and other activities and the key to success is the right balance.

Throughout your studies, you will have a chance to learn from our knowledgeable and well-known professors as well as prominent guest lecturers from various fields and professions. In addition, our program also provides you extra-curriculum activities; such as a study trip abroad and an internship abroad, which will be valuable and beneficial experiences for you.

The handbook is a very helpful guide to your study and student life during your time at our faculty. It provides you vital information about our faculty and program, requirements for graduation, as well as useful advice for your academic success.

While the faculty's staff will do as much as they can to support you during your study, your success will depend mainly on your effort and degree of your responsibility. If you need more information or assistance, please feel free to come visit our office and discuss with our staff. We are sure that you will find your time here the most enriching.

Best wishes,

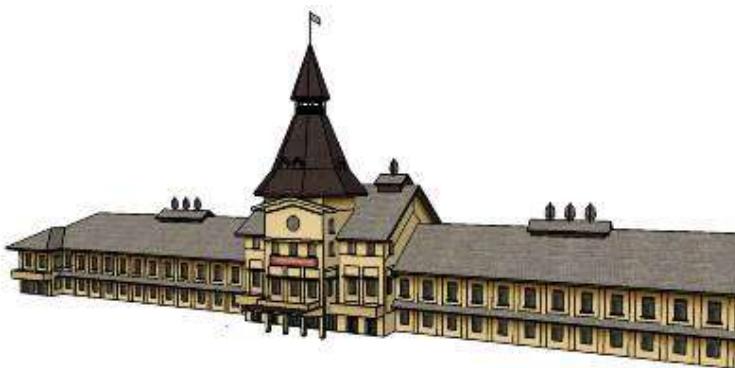
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2 Thammasat University

Thammasat University, founded in 1933, is the second oldest university in Thailand. It is one of Thailand's leading institutions of higher learning. The main campus at Tha Phrachan is the home of the graduate and international programs. The second campus at Rangsit, in northern Bangkok, is the center of undergraduate learning in all fields of study.

Founded as the "University of Moral and Political Sciences" Thammasat has educated well over 240,000 graduates since its establishment, among them many former prime ministers, senior politicians, diplomats as well as leading scientists and artists. It now includes 35 faculties and institutes that cover all ranges of scholarly research and education.

Thammasat University has established an innovative education center at Pattaya in the eastern region of Thailand, with research facilities to meet the needs for developing industrial technology, conducting advanced research, training qualified personnel and doing applied research. There is also a campus in Lampang in northern Thailand, where some faculties offer undergraduate and graduate programs.



3 The Faculty of Political Science

The Faculty of Political Science, established in 1949, has a strong tradition of public service. It offers a full spectrum of undergraduate and graduate studies in three majors: Politics and Government, Public Administration, and International Relations.

Graduate programs are offered to both regular students on a full-time basis and to executives on a part-time basis. There is also a doctoral program which was established in 2001.

In addition, it offers an international program for undergraduate studies, which is the BMIR Program: the Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science in Politics and International Relations (English Program).



The Faculty considers that study in political science prepares graduates to have a strong foundation for understanding important political issues that are local, domestic and international in scope. The mission of the Faculty of Political Science is to provide a solid education about politics that contributes to making people aware, active and responsible citizens of Thailand and of the world.

4 BMIR Program

4.1 Rationale and Objectives

The Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program), established since 2008, aims at providing high-quality education comparable to international standards.

The Faculty of Political Science of Thammasat University sees the importance of offering a taught program in English in the field of politics and international relations that integrates theoretical approaches with case studies, current issues as well as practical skills. It also gives a

priority to a diverse range of academic questions essential to the field of politics and international relations.

The undergraduate studies of the BMIR program follow four objectives:

1. To provide academic knowledge as well as practical skills essential in the field of politics, international relations and public administration.
2. To stimulate interest in current issues and encourage the application of theoretical learning into practical use.
3. To create ethical and moral awareness as well as social responsibility.
4. To provide international knowledge in response to the labor market in Thailand within the region and international organizations.

The **postgraduate studies** focus on teaching and assessment that meet international standards in order for students to develop an expertise in response to the labor market demands in Thailand and abroad. The BMIR Program intends to educate students to be cognizant of and well prepared for future employment in the field of politics and international relations.

The objectives are:

1. To provide advanced academic knowledge and professional skills as well as create ethical and moral awareness within the field of politics and international relations.
2. To stimulate ability in supporting to world community.
3. To motivate creativity in knowledge and professional skills comparable to international standards in order to respond to the demands of the domestic and international labor market.

4.2 Application and Admission

Students applying for admission to the Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program) must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must meet the requirements indicated in item 7 of the Thammasat University's Bachelor Degrees Regulations (1997).
- Applicants must have a total GPA of at least 2.80 for the last four terms before their application.
- Applicants must have obtained one of the following English Language Proficiency certificates with the listed minimum result:
 - TU-GET of at least 500

- TOEFL of at least 500 (PBT) / 170 (CBT) or 60 (IBT)
- IELTS of at least 5.5
- SAT with at least 50% in Writing and Critical Reading

Selection Criteria

Admission to the Combined Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program) is separated from the normal admission process to Thammasat University indicated in Thammasat University publication. Applicants must pass a written exam and an interview administered by the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University.

4.3 Program Structure and Regulations

The Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (BMIR) is a two-tier program enabling students to acquire an undergraduate and a graduate degree in Political Science within five years. Upon completion of the full program, graduates will be awarded the following two degrees:

1)

Full Name: **Bachelor of Political Science (Politics and International Relations)**

Abbr. Name: B.Pol.Sc. (Politics and International Relations)

2)

Full Name: **Master of Political Science (Politics and International Relations)**

Abbr. Name: M.Pol.Sc. (Politics and International Relations)

The Program operates on a fulltime bi-semester system. Each semester consists of 16 weeks, while summer session consists of 6-8 weeks. Summer session is an optional. For all BMIR classes the lecturing, reading assignments, exams and class participation will be in English.

1st Semester	2nd Semester	Summer Session
August – December	January – May	June – July

4.4 Tuition and Fees

- **Undergraduate** (per academic year)
 - Thai Students: Estimated total 100,000 Baht
 - Non-Thai Students: Estimated total 120,000 Baht

Enrollment fee (payable once)	400	Baht
Tuition fee (per credit)	2,000	Baht
Program fee (per semester)	10,000	Baht
Health fee (per semester)	125	Baht
Sport fee (per semester)	200	Baht
Activities fee (per semester)	200	Baht
Library fee (per year)	2,000	Baht
University fee		
<u>Thai Students</u>		
Regular semester	450	Baht
Summer session	225	Baht
<u>Non-Thai Students</u>		
Regular semester	10,000	Baht
Summer session	5,000	Baht
Educational development fee (per semester)	2,400	Baht
Internet Service Provider Charge (per year)	1,600	Baht
Registration document fee		
First semester enrolled	200	Baht
Regular semester	20	Baht
Summer session	10	Baht
Insurance fee (per year)	110	Baht

- **Graduate** (per academic year)
 - Thai Students: Estimated total 99,000 Baht
 - Non-Thai Students: Estimated total 126,000 Baht

Enrollment fee (payable once)	1,000	Baht
Tuition fee (per credit)	3,000	Baht
Program fee (per semester)	12,000	Baht
Document/textbook (per course / per semester)	2,000	Baht
Library fee (per semester)	4,000	Baht
University fee		
Thai students	1,500	Baht
Non-Thai students	15,000	Baht
Internet service provider charge (per year)	1,600	Baht

5 Section A) – Combined Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations

5.1 Student Assessment

Students are graded according to the Grade Point system as follows:

	A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	F
Point	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0

Depending on the course, grading will be done by a combination of midterm and final exam, paper, presentation and/or class participation. Attendance is mandatory, and students have to attend at least 80% of the class in order to pass. The specific rules regarding grading and attendance may vary from one course to the other. Students need to refer to the course syllabus or ask the course instructor at the beginning of each term.

All grades obtained are accounted for the students' cumulative GPA. For certain courses that have the grades "S" for satisfactory and "U" for unsatisfactory, results will not be counted towards the students' GPA.

5.2 Degree Requirements

- Students will be nominated for the Bachelor Degree of Political Science
 - Students must complete a minimum of 126 credits including the general education courses of 30 credits, major courses of 90 credits and free elective courses of 6 credits.
 - After having completed all of the curriculum requirements with a GPA of at least 2.00.
 - After having enrolled in the curriculum for at least 7 semesters.
 - Students must submit a request to be nominated for their degrees within the first 14 days of their final semester or the first 7 days of their final summer session.
- Awarding an honor degree
 - **First-Class Honors** will be granted for students who:
 1. Complete all of the curriculum requirements within 4 years, not including leaves of absence
 2. Achieve an overall GPA of at least 3.50
 3. Have never been graded with U or any grade below C
 4. Have never repeated any course or F
 - **Second-Class Honors** will be granted for students who:
 1. Complete all of the curriculum requirements within 4 years, not including leaves of absence
 2. Achieve an overall GPA of at least 3.50
 3. Have never been graded below C in major area courses
 4. Have never been graded with U
 5. Have never repeated any course or F

OR

- **Second-Class Honors** will be granted for students who:
 1. Complete all of the curriculum requirements within 4 years, not including leaves of absence
 2. Achieve an overall GPA of at least 3.25
 3. Have never been graded below C in major area courses
 4. Have never been graded with U
 5. Have never repeated any course or F

5.3 Curriculum

Total credits required in this program	126	Credits
<u>Curriculum Outline</u>		
1. General Education Courses	30	Credits
2. Major Requirements	90	Credits
<i>2.1 Core Courses</i>	30	Credits
<i>2.2 Required Courses in Concentration</i>	24	Credits
<i>2.3 Elective Courses in Concentration</i>	12	Credits
<i>2.4 Minor Courses</i>	21	Credits
<i>2.5 Required Course in Faculty of Economics</i>	3	Credits
3. Free Elective Courses (a minimum of)	6	Credits

Course Structure

1. General Education Courses (30 credits). Students must complete the following general education credits.

1.1 Part 1 (21 credits) in the fields of anthropology, sociology, science, mathematics, and languages in accordance with the university requirements:

- <u>Anthropology</u> (3 credits)	
TU.110 Integrated Humanities	2 (2-0-4)
- <u>Sociology</u> (3 credits)	
TU.100 Civic Education (3 credits)	3 (3-0-6)
TU.120 Integrated Social Science	2 (2-0-4)
- <u>Science and Mathematics</u> (6 credits)	
- Science (3 credits)	
TU.130 Integrated Sciences and Technology	3 (3-0-6)
- Mathematics (3 credits) choose 1 course from these courses	
TU.151 General College Mathematics	3 (3-0-6)
Or TU.152 Fundamental Mathematics	3 (3-0-6)
Or TU.153 General Concept of Computer	3 (3-0-6)
Or TU.154 Foundation of Mathematics	3 (3-0-6)
Or TU.155 Fundamental Statistics	3 (3-0-6)
Or TU.156 Introduction to Computer	3 (3-0-6)

- <u>Languages</u> (9 credits)	
- Thai (3 credits)	
TH.160 Basic Thai	3 (3-0-6)
Or TH.161 Thai Usage	3 (3-0-6)
- English (6 credits)	
EL.070 English Course 1	no credit
EL.171 English Course 2	3 (3-0-6)
EL.172 English Course 3	3 (3-0-6)

1.2 Part 2 (9 credits) Students must complete the following courses in accordance with the requirements of the Faculty of Political Science:

PI.120 Introduction to ASEAN Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PI.121 Social Science and Humanities	3 (3-0-6)
in the Changing World	

PI.122 Society, Technology and Science	3 (3-0-6)
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2. **Major Requirements** (90 credits). Students are required to successfully complete the following (with a passing grade):

2.1 ***Core Courses*** (30 credits) 10 courses, as follows:

PO.210 Introduction to Political Philosophy	3 (3-0-6)
PO.211 Introduction to Political Science	3 (3-0-6)
PO.271 Introduction to International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PO.300 Social Science Methodology	3 (3-0-6)
PO.321 Thai Government and Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PO.380 Economics and International Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI.200 English for Political Science Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI.201 Administrative Law	3 (3-0-6)
PI.241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.280 Theories in International Politics and Current Affairs	3 (3-0-6)

2.2 ***Required Courses in Concentration*** (24 credits) 8 courses as follows:

PO.290 International Organizations	3 (3-0-6)
PO.291 International Law	3 (3-0-6)
PO.370 Thai Foreign Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PO.371 Southeast Asian Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PO.373 Foreign Relations and Policies in East Asia	3 (3-0-6)
PL.270 Diplomacy: Histories, Approaches and Current Debates	3 (3-0-6)
PI.481 Seminar: Problems in International Politics and Economic	3 (3-0-6)

PI.482 Seminar: Globalization, Regional Grouping and the State	3 (3-0-6)
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2.3 Required Courses in Faculty of Economics (3 credits)	1 course:
EE.210 Introductory Economics	3 (3-0-6)

2.4 Elective Courses in Concentration (12 credits). Students must select 4 courses from the 2 groups as follows:

2.4.1 Area Studies Groups. Students must select 2 of the following courses:

PO.375 Latin American Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PO.376 Middle East Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PO.385 Foreign Policy of Russia	3 (3-0-6)
PO.386 Foreign Policy of the United States of America	3 (3-0-6)
PO.387 European Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PO.389 Foreign Policy of South Asian Countries	3 (3-0-6)
PI.373 ASEAN in Global Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PI.374 China in the Current World Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PI.378 Japan in the Current World Affairs	3 (3-0-6)

2.4.2 Approaches and Issues Groups. Students must select 2 of the following courses:

PI.274 Introduction to Comparative Foreign Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.278 Introduction to Peace Studies and Gender Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI.375 International Management Analysis	3 (3-0-6)
PI.376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI.377 Strategic Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI.379 Islam and Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI.483 Seminar in International Conflict and Resolution	3 (3-0-6)
PI.484 Seminar in International Cooperation	3 (3-0-6)
PI.485 Seminar in Political Science	3 (3-0-6)

2.5 Minor Courses (21 Credits). Students must select 21 credits from 1 group.

2.5.1 Governance and Transnational Studies Group

2.5.1.1 Required Courses (9 credits). Students are required to complete the 3 following courses:

PI.380 Nation State and Transnationalism	3 (3-0-6)
PI.381 Globalization and Governance	3 (3-0-6)
PI.382 The Politics of International Development	3 (3-0-6)

2.5.1.2 Elective Courses in Governance and Transnational Studies Group (6 credits). Students must select 2 courses of the following courses:

PI.383 Politics of Transnational Production	3 (3-0-6)
PI.384 State, Market and Governance	3 (3-0-6)
PI.385 Peace Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI.386 Gender Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI.387 Environmental Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI.388 Human Security	3 (3-0-6)
PI.389 Transnational Issues and Civil Society	3 (3-0-6)

2.5.1.3 Elective Courses in the other groups (6 credits). Students must select 2 courses from Public Administration and Public Policy Group or Political Economy and International Political Economy Group.

2.5.2 Public Administration and Public Policy Group

2.5.2.1 Required Courses (9 credits) 3 courses as follows:

PI.340 Public Policy and Management in the Global Context	3 (3-0-6)
PI.341 Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Concepts and Techniques	3 (3-0-6)
PI.342 Organization and Human Resources Management: Theories and Practices	3 (3-0-6)

2.5.2.2 Elective Courses in Public Administration and Public Policy Group (6 credits). Students must select 2 courses from the following:

PI.343 Strategic Planning and Management	3 (3-0-6)
PI.344 Environmental Management and Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.345 Disaster and Emergency Management	3 (3-0-6)
PI.346 Urban Planning and Development Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.347 Fiscal and Budgeting	3 (3-0-6)
PI.348 Comparative Public Administration	3 (3-0-6)
PI.443 Seminar in Public Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.444 Seminar in Public Administration	3 (3-0-6)

2.5.2.3 Elective Courses in the other groups (6 credits). Students must select 2 courses from Governance and Transnational Studies Group or Political Economy and International Political Economy Group.

2.5.3 Political Economy and International Political Economy Group

2.5.3.1 Required Courses (9 credits) 3 courses as follows:

PI.290 Introduction to Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.391 Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory for Political and Economic Policies	3 (3-0-6)
PI.392 Comparative Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)

2.5.3.2 Elective Courses in Political Economy Group (6 credits).

Students must select 2 courses from the following:

PI.395 Political Economy in East Asia	3 (3-0-6)
PI.396 Political Economy in Southeast Asia	3 (3-0-6)
PI.397 Game Theory for Political Scientists	3 (3-0-6)
PI.398 Public Choice	3 (3-0-6)
PI.399 Global Political Economy of Trade and Finance	3 (3-0-6)
PI.493 Special Issue in Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI.494 Political Economy of Development	3 (3-0-6)

2.5.2.3 *Elective Courses in the other groups* (6 credits). Students must select 2 courses from Governance and Transnational Studies Group or Public Administration and Public Policy Group.

3. Free Elective Courses (6 credits)

Students must select 2 courses from any courses provided by Thammasat University except the General Education courses both part 1 and part 2 which in “TU”. Including the general education courses (Language) and PI.574 Internship and Training in Politics, Political Economy and International Relations

Sample Study Plan

First Year	
First Semester	Credits
TU.100 Civic Education	3
TU.110 Integrated Humanities	2
TU.120 Integrated Social Sciences	2
Selection from Mathematics group in Part 1 (1 subject)	3
TH.161 Thai Usage (or Introduction to Thai Language)	3
EL.171 English Course 2	3
PI.120 Introduction to ASEAN Affairs	3
Total	19
Second Semester	Credits
TU.130 Integrated Science and Technology	2
EL.172 English Course 3	3
PO.211 Introduction to Political Science	3
PO.291 International Law	3
PI.121 Social Science and Humanities in the Changing World	3
PI.122 Society, Technology and Science	3
Total	17

Second Year		
First Semester		Credits
PO.210 Introduction to Political Philosophy		3
PO.271 Introduction to International Relations		3
PI.200 English for Political Science Studies		3
PI.201 Administrative Law		3
PI.241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy		3
PI.270 Diplomacy: Histories, Approaches and Current Debates		3
Total		18
Second Semester		Credits
PO.290 International Organizations		3
PO.321 Thai Government and Politics		3
PI.280 Theories in International Politics and Current Affairs		3
EE.210 Introductory Economics		3
Minor course (Required)		3
Minor course (Required)		3
Total		18

Third Year		
First Semester		Credits
PO.300 Social Science Methodology		3
PO.370 Thai Foreign Affairs		3
PO.371 Southeast Asian Affairs		3
PO.380 Economics and International Politics		3
Minor course (Required)		3
Elective Course		3
Total		18

Second Semester	Credits
PO373 Foreign Relations and Policies in East Asia	3
PI.481 Seminar: Problems in International Politics and Economics	3
PI.482 Seminar: Globalization, Regional Grouping and the State	3
Minor course (Elective)	3
Minor course (Elective)	3
Elective Course	3
Total	18

Summer	
	Credits
Elective Course	3
Elective Course	3
Total	6

Fourth Year	
	Credits
First Semester	
Minor course (Elective)	3
Minor course (Elective)	3
Free Elective Course	3
Free Elective Course	3
Total	12

6 Section B) – Combined Master of Political Science in Politics and International Relations

6.1 Admission to the graduate level

Students applying for the Combined Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program) must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree from Combined Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
- Applicants who have a cumulative GPA lower than 3.00 must pass a written entrance examination in Politics and International Relations administered by the Faculty of Political Science
- Applicants must meet the requirements indicated in Item 8 of the Thammasat University Graduate School regulations (1998), the 2nd Edition (2003) and the 3rd Edition (2012).

6.2 Study Plan

The master's thesis student must obtain no less than 39 credits for graduation. Students will conduct and defend a Thesis (in English) which is equivalent to 12 credits and study 27 credits of coursework.

Thesis

1. Students are allowed to register for thesis writing after no less than 2 semesters of study or having no less than 12 accumulated credits with a minimum cumulative GPA 3.00.
2. The thesis must be written in English.
3. Once students register to write a thesis, the outline of thesis must be presented to the thesis committee.
4. The Thesis Committee includes;

A major adviser is a member of Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University and hold a Ph.D. or Associate Professorship.

Co-advisers are either a faculty member at Thammasat University or a well-recognized expert in the research area and have experience in conducting research. The thesis under supervision may not contain, in whole or in part, material which is counted towards credit for this or any other degree.

Thesis defending

1. The committee consists of at least 3 persons: academic advisor; at least one faculty member; outsider-person who also has the same academic qualifications as an advisor and co-advisor, mentioned in 8.4.1.4. Advisor and co-advisor might be a committee, but not a Chairperson.
2. Receive a “P” in English Proficiency.
3. Defending thesis must comply with the Thammasat University’s Regulation on Graduated School, and students must receive “S” consensus from the committee.

6.3 Sample Study Plan

<i>First Year</i>		
First Semester		
Required Courses		Credits
PI 601	Research Methods in International Relations	3
PI 610	Globalization and International Relations: Institutions, Approaches and Processes	3
PI 630	International Regimes and Organization	3
PI 640	International Law and International Relations	3
PI 690	Global Governance and International Political Economy	3
		15
Summer Session		
Required Course		Credits
PI 801	Pre-Thesis	3
	Oral Thesis Proposal Exam	
Second Semester		
Elective Courses		Credits
PI xxx	Elective Course	3
PI xxx	Elective Course	3
PI xxx	Free Elective Course	3
		9
<i>Second Year</i>		
First Semester		
Research Course		Credits
PI 800	Thesis	12
Overall of credits		39

6.4 Student Assessment

Students in the graduate section of the program are assessed according to the following scale:

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
Point	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.00	0.00

Total credits counted include courses with “S” or at least “C” only. Students who receive a “U” “D” or “F” in any course in this program may re-take that course only once. Students re-taking any course must receive at least an “S” or a “C”. Any students receiving any grade lower will be eliminated from the program. Student who receive at least “C” in any course are not allowed register in that course again.

For the Thesis, the grades “S” for satisfactory and “U” for unsatisfactory exist. Students must receive an “S”. If the thesis remains uncompleted, an “I” will be recorded in the transcript.

For Foreign Language Examination, there is a “P” for pass and “N” for not pass. Students must receive a “P”.

Other requirements please refer to the Thammasat University Graduate School regulations (2010).

6.5 Degree Requirements

Students must complete all courses according to the Combined Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program) Curriculum and follow all rules, regulations of the Faculty of Political Science.

- Students must attain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

- Students must receive an “S” in Thesis plan and his or her thesis or part of the thesis must be published or being accepted to be published in an academic publication or being presented in an academic conference, which also has a proceeding thereafter.

- Students must receive a “P” in Foreign Language in accordance with University’s rule. Accredited English tests include TUGET with a minimum score of 550 points; TOEFL with a minimum score of 550 points for the paper-based exam or 213 points for the computer-based exam and at least 79 points for the Internet-based exam; and IELTS at least the 6.0 level.

6.6 Curriculum

Total credits in this course 39 Credits

Course Structure

Required Courses	18	Credits
Elective Courses	6	Credits
Free Elective Course	3	Credits
Thesis	12	Credits
Total of credits	39	Credits

Course of Studies

- **Required Courses** All students must acquire 18 credits from the following required courses:

PI.601 Research Methods in International Relations	3 (3-0-9)
PI.610 Globalization and International Relations: Institutions, Approaches and Processes	3 (3-0-9)
PI.630 International Regimes and Organizations	3 (3-0-9)
PI.640 International Law and International Relations	3 (3-0-9)
PI.690 Global Governance and International Political Economy	3 (3-0-9)
PI.801 Pre-thesis	3 (0-0-12)

- **Elective Courses** Student must study only one major field group from 3 fields of the following:

1. Governance and Transnationalism
2. Public Administration and Public Policy
3. Political Economy and International Political Economy

Two courses (worth 6 credits) are offered as elective courses. Furthermore students choose one free elective course (worth 3 credits), according to their interest in an alternative field group:

Group 1: Governance and Transnationalism

PI.623 Human Security: Discourse and Practice	3 (3-0-9)
PI.627 Marginality and Global Politics	3 (3-0-9)
PI.629 Politics, Space and Culture	3 (3-0-9)
PI.633 International Development: Theory and Practice	3 (3-0-9)
PI.674 Multilateralism	3 (3-0-9)
PI.677 Selected Topics in Governance and Transnationalism	3 (3-0-9)

Group 2: Public Administration and Public Policy

PI.643 Intergovernmental Relations in Public Policy	3 (3-0-9)
PI.644 Cross-Cultural Management in Public Organizations	3 (3-0-9)
PI.648 Environmental and Disaster Policy and Management	3 (3-0-9)
PI.649 Selected Topics in International Public Policy	3 (3-0-9)
PI.743 Advanced Public Policy and Management	3 (3-0-9)

Group 3: Political Economy and International Political Economy

PI.693 Global Political Economy of Financial Crisis	3 (3-0-9)
PI.694 State Strategies in Global Political Economy	3 (3-0-9)
PI.695 Selected Topics in Global Political Economy	3 (3-0-9)
PI.793 Advanced Theories in International Political Economy	3 (3-0-9)
PI.794 Advanced Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory for Political and Economic Policies	3 (3-0-9)

• Thesis Plan

PI.800 Thesis	12 (0-0-48)
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7 Academic Life

Starting out as a student is a very exciting time. There are many rules and regulations that need to be observed, a new environment in which to fit in and many new people to meet. This time of change holds many challenges to new students and also many rewards.

To make the first semester easier, the following chapters clarify some topics that are often a bit confusing for first-year students. In order to stay abreast of the formal requirements of their studies, new BMIR students should also refer to Thammasat University's Regulations for Undergraduate Degrees, which are available online at the website of the Registrar's Office

7.1 Course Registration

Students find out about the course offerings for each year through program announcements on the BMIR website (www.polsci.tu.ac.th/bmir). Once they decide, which courses to take, students must complete their course registration in the registration period that will be announced on the BMIR website.

Registration must be done via online on the specified date by the BMIR Program for each semester.

All matters of course registration, including adding and dropping of courses are done via the online registration mask on the website of the Registrar's Office (www.reg.tu.ac.th). Students have to log in the registration system on the website and proceed to the menu point 'Enroll'. Full-time students must register for no less than 9 credits and no more than 22 credits in each regular semester *or* register for no more than 6 credits in summer session according to the requirements indicated in Item 10.4 of the Thammasat University's Bachelor Degrees Regulations, the 3rd Edition (2012).

| Adding a Course |

With advisor's or course instructor's approval, students may register for additional courses not later than the adding/dropping period (the first 14 days of regular semester/ the first 7 days of summer session). Registration for additional courses beyond this period will be permitted only under certain circumstances by the Dean's approval.

| Dropping a Course |

Students may withdraw from courses provided that the student overall registration does not fall below 9 credits (unless the students obtain an approval from the Dean). The withdrawn courses will not appear on the students' academic record if students drop courses within the adding/dropping period (the first 14 days of regular semester/ the first 7 days of summer session).

| Course Withdrawal |

- Students may withdraw from a course within the withdrawal period (*the first 10 weeks of regular semester/ the first 4 weeks of summer session*). The courses will be recorded with the letter 'W' (Withdrawn) on the academic record.

- Withdrawal courses beyond the withdrawal period will be permitted only under certain circumstances by the Dean's approval.

7.2 Absence for Examination

In case a student is unable to attend an examination due to unavoidable circumstances, the student or designated person may file a petition to the instructor of the course for consideration.

Upon approval, the student may withdraw from the course with letter "W" on the academic record, or will be assessed according to the instructor. If not approved, the student will be assessed based on previous course works.

7.3 Leave and Suspension

➤ Leave

- Students may apply for a leave of absence along with an appropriate reason approved by the Dean.
- The first-year students cannot apply for a leave during the first 2 semesters unless a special permission is granted by the Rector.
- Students cannot apply for a leave in more than two consecutive semesters (not including summer session) unless a special permission is granted by the Rector.
- A leave will result in one of the following cases:
 - If applied within the first 14 days of regular semester, that semester will be marked as "LEAVE" in student's academic record and students must pay fees for maintaining student status.
 - After the first 14 days of regular semester but not later than the first 10 weeks of regular semester, all the enrolled courses in the current semester will appear as W in the academic record.
 - A leave beyond the first 10 weeks of regular semester cannot be allowed unless there is an appropriate reason and an approval must be granted by the Dean or the Rector depending on circumstances. All the enrolled courses in the current semester will appear as W in the academic record.

➤ Suspension

A student who is suspended from studying due to disciplinary cause must pay a fee for maintaining student status as the following cases:

- Suspension effective in the following semester where tuition and fees are already paid, the suspended student will be refunded for the tuition and fees, but he/she must pay a fee for maintaining the student status instead.
- Leave and suspension cannot be claimed as a reason to extend the maximum limit of 7 years to complete the degree requirements.
- Suspension during the current semester, all enrolled courses are deleted from the academic record.

7.4 Warning and Probation

- Students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.
- If GPA drops below 2.00 in any semester, students will receive a WARNING.
- Receiving a WARNING for two consecutive semesters, students will be placed on PROBATION in the next semester.
- If students fail to regain their GPA to at least 2.00 after one semester on PROBATION, students will be dismissed from the University.
- Grades of summer session are considered as part of the second semester grades, and therefore do not affect student's academic status of previous semester.

Example:

semester 1/2013 GPA = 2.00

semester 2/2013 GPA = 1.86 ◊ WARNING 1

summer 2013 GPA = 1.97 ◊ WARNING 1 not WARNING 2

- First-year students with GPA 2.00 but not lower than 1.50 will not be given a WARNING.
- First-year students with GPA lower than 1.50 will be given a WARNING (a special warning).
- If students fail to regain their GPA to at least 1.50 within the first two semesters, they will be DISMISSED from the University.

7.5 Plagiarism

The BMIR program takes plagiarism seriously. Plagiarism is the inclusion of any material derived from published or unpublished work without any acknowledgment of the author(s). Any student caught plagiarizing, intentional or not, will face punitive measures that are up to the course lecturer. In the worst case, plagiarism can result in the student failing that subject. **Examples of acts of plagiarism (but not limited to) include the following:**

- Copying someone else's work in whole or in part without proper referencing.
- Copying work of a fellow classmate with or without their acknowledgement.
- Using statistics and tables without acknowledging the original source of information.
- Summarizing or paraphrasing someone else's work, ideas, arguments or thoughts without acknowledging the original source.
- Submitting one piece of work to two or more different subjects.

All assessed work must be referenced properly. All kinds of referencing is acceptable (but not limited to the traditional and the Harvard systems) as long as it is consistently used throughout an assessed piece of work and used correctly. Please consult your lecturer for correct referencing.

7.6 Other academic activities

Apart from the courses that form the core of the BMIR Program, there are a number of other academic activities that offer valuable experiences in the field of International Relations.

Conferences and Seminars

In addition to their regular coursework, students can attend a number of conferences and seminars that are held in irregular intervals, such as the yearly student organized conference on topics of Politics and International Relations or the Diplomatic Forum at Thammasat (DFAT) that offers the chance of experiencing first-hand contact with seasoned diplomatic personnel.



Annual International Conference on International Relations and Development

International Exchange

Thammasat University has established partnerships with a variety of prestigious universities in the US, Europe, Asia and Australia, which BMIR students can visit for a semester or a whole year of exchange. More information can be found at the Office of International Affairs' website.

In addition to that, the Faculty of Political Science has a number of exchange programs which are only open to Political Science students (whereas all Thammasat students can apply to the above-mentioned programs). These include LMU Munich in Germany, Halmstad University in Sweden, Nottingham Trent University in England. More universities are being added to this list, so students are advised to check with the BMIR website and the BMIR staff regularly on the complete list of exchange partners.

It's advisable for students to do their international exchange during the third years of BMIR studies.

Internship

During the summer session of their third year, BMIR students are encouraged to undertake an internship either within an international organization or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs within Thailand or with a Thai embassy or consulate abroad. The internship will be credited and is also listed under the course description PI 574 Internship and Training in Politics, Political Economy and International Relations (see Appendix A).

8 Student Life

There is more to being a student than just cracking the books and attending classes. Apart from broadening their intellectual horizons and learning about the world, students will connect with their peers and join them in many fun activities. Being a part of Thammasat University means being a part of the ongoing project of learning, exchanging thoughts and ultimately making the world a better place.

All the while, studying at Tha Prachan Campus in the heart of Bangkok is a unique experience all in itself, and students will find out about the manifold opportunities and activities that will enrich their lives during their time with BMIR.

8.1 The Tha Prachan Campus

Thammasat University's main campus at Tha Prachan is located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, in Bangkok's old heart, tucked away from the Central Business District. It is surrounded by many cultural and historical landmarks, such as the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the National Museum, the Museum of Siam and the National Theatre.

Facing the Chao Phraya, the Tha Prachan Campus provides the serenity needed for studying as well as a picturesque scenery. The campus was the backdrop for a host of important events in Thai history, and this historic feel blended with modern facilities and the closeness of many different faculties presents a conducive atmosphere for academic thinking and learning.

The surrounding areas are lively, with many fabulous eateries at the Tha Prachan Pier or along Phra Athit Road, or the hustle and bustle of the Khao San Road area, where markets, shops, cafes and bars abound. Just across the river, the area around Siriraj Hospital provides more markets and restaurants as well as pharmacies and world-class medical services.



8.2 Facilities on the Campus

(Please refer to the Campus Map (Appendix D) to find the location of the following facilities.)

• Pridi Bhanomyong Library

The main Thammasat library has 10 branch libraries and a collection of well over 600,000 books and documents in Thai, English and other languages, as well as over 2,600 titles of periodicals and newspapers. The main branch is located underground next to the Faculty of Economics. Audio-visual aids are available for students and faculty during office hours. The library offers modern computerized facilities and services.

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 9.30 p.m.

With your student ID card, you have access to the following library materials and services:

- Periodicals and newspaper
- Book search
- Private study rooms
- Multimedia section (movies, documentaries, music, etc.)
- CD-ROM and DVD format
- Computer lab with Internet access
- Printing
- Photocopy
- Inter-library loan service

• Direk Jayanama Library

Located at the 5th floor of the Faculty of Political Science Building, the Direk Jayanama Library offers about 32,000 books, text books, journals and articles in Thai and English. This library is dedicated to the study of Political Science, and students can find most sources they might need for their research and studies in this facility.

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-19:00
Saturday 9:00-18:00
Sunday closed

• Book Shop

The Thammasat Book Shop is located next to the Tha Prachan gate at the southern end of the campus. In addition to a vast selection of textbooks and

other academic reading, this place offers Thammasat memorabilia and accessories which make great gifts and allow you to show your school pride. This is also the place to stock up on stationary and other important student supplies.

- **Computer Labs**

Computer labs which are open to all students can be found at the following locations:

- 4th floor of the Political science Building
- U2 floor of the main library

- **Photo Shop:**

There are several photo shops located around Tha Prachan Pier that you can take a photo and buy the film.

- **Printing Service**

Students can find printing service at the following spots on Prachan campus:

- Political Science Building (5th floor in the library, 4th floor, 1st floor)
- The computer lab and the photocopy shop, U2 and U3 floor in the main library

- **Photocopy:**

Photocopy service can be found at the following locations:

- Political Science Building (5th floor in the library, 1st floor)
- Language Institute (ground floor)
- Main library (floor U2, U3)
- Economics Building (ground floor, near the river)
- Liberal Arts Building (ground floor)

- **Post Office & Overseas Fax:**

The post office with overseas fax service available is located in front of the Dome building (location 13 on the map), facing the football field. Also it is located opposite of Grand Palace, Na Pra Lan (the fee is cheaper than the post office in TU)

- **Wireless Network**

Wi-fi access is available throughout the campus. Students with personal laptops can access to the Internet with password via this wireless network for free.

- **Health Care:**

Students have full access to health services provided by the University such as free-of-charge essential healthcare during weekdays. The health center clinic is located on the first floor of the Main Auditorium (location 19 on the map). The services offered range from first-aid services to diagnosis and medical aid, dental services, counseling and hospital referral. Across the river, *Siriraj hospital* or the private Thonburi hospital or *Chaophya hospital* offer the full range of medical services beyond the once covered by the university's own healthcare.

- **Fitness Center**

Tha Prachan Campus opens a fitness center at the ground floor of Gymnasium Building. The center is opened during Monday to Friday from 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. It's free of charge for TU students and staff

8.3 Accommodation

Thammasat does not provide on-campus dormitories for students but we suggest a list of private apartments located nearby the campus because traffic jams are the norm rather than the exception in a city like Bangkok. Thus, areas close to Tha Prachan, such as Pinklao or Banglamphu, are preferred living places for many students.

The rate is approximately 5,000 – 10,000 Baht per month and 10,000 – 11,000 Baht for deposit. Below please find the suggested list of the apartments:

Unfurnished Housing:

- **3J Court** (Rate: 5,000-14,400 Baht)
Address: Somdejprapinklao Soi 3, Bangyikhan, Bangprad, Bangkok 10700 Thailand
Website: www.3jcourt.com / Tel: 66 2883 3660-3
- **Pinkaew Apartment** (Rate: 4,500-5,500 Baht)
Address: 120/5 Soi Thepnakarin Aroonamrin Road, Bangkoknoi, Bangkok 10700 Thailand
Tel: 66 2882 3456 (Automatic 30 Lines)
- **Pintip Apartment** (Rate: 4,800-6,900 Baht)
Address: 622/208, 622/219 Somdejprapinklao Road, Bangkoknoi, Bangkok 10700 Thailand
Tel: 02-434-5362-71, 02-434-5413
- **M N Residence** (Rate: 5,000-20,000 Baht)

Address: 80 Soi Samsen 5, Samsen Road, Pranakorn, Bangkok 10200 Thailand
Website: www.mnplace.net/main/index.html Tel: 02-628-7800, 02-281-4581

Fully-furnished Housing:

- **Teerin Mansion** (Rate: 7,000-7,500 Baht)
Address: 92 Barommarajchachonnanee Rd., Bangbumru, Bangplad, Bangkok 10700
Website: www.teerin.co.th/mansion
Tel. 02-434-0676
- Website: **Ruen Indra Court** (Rate: 6,500-7,500 Baht)
Address: 10 Arun-amarin Rd., Bangkoknoi, Bangkok 10700
Website: www.ruenindra.com/
Tel. 02-434-1349, 02-883-1955
- **Rattanakosin Island Condominium** (Rate: 8,000-24,000 Baht)
Address: 171/38 Pinklao Road, Bangkok-noi, Bangkok 10700
Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rattanakosincondo/>
Tel. 081-556-7333
- **Juan Manee** (Rate: 6,500-7,500 Baht)
Address: 276 Soi Samsen 2, Samsen Road, Banglamphu, Ban Phan Thom Subdistrict, Phra Nakhon District, Bangkok 10200
www.rentapartmentinbangkok.com/rentroombangkok.html
Tel: 02-628-5800
- **Amarin Mansion** (Rate: 6,500-9,500 Baht)
Address: 49/2 Soi Arun Aramin 39 Arun Aramin Road, Bangkoknoi Bangkok 10700
Website: www.amarinmansion.com/
Tel: 02-882-4848

8.4 Transportation

There are many different options of getting to the Tha Prachan campus, ranging from boat to bus to driving your own car. Most people probably rely on a combination of transport means to reach the campus. It is suggested to use public transportation if possible, in order not to add to Bangkok's growing traffic and environmental problems.

Since the roads around Tha Prachan Campus are notoriously congested, the boat is actually one of the fastest and most convenient ways to get to Thammasat. Chao Phraya Express Boat Co. operates the boat lines along the river. They have the Local Line (9-13 Baht), the orange Express Line (15 Baht) and the fastest one, the green-yellow Express Line (20 Baht). For students travelling from downtown (Pathumwan, Ratchathewi, Bang Rak or Sathorn), it is best to take the BTS (skytrain) to “Saphan Taksin” station and from there take either boat line to Thammasat. Since Tha Prachan pier itself is not served by these express lines, travelers conveniently disembark at Wanglang (Siriraj) Pier and cross the river to Tha Prachan by the local ferryboat. Students travelling from Nonthburi or other locations in upriver, take either express line to Phra Pinklao Bridge or to Wanglang (Siriraj) and cross from there to Tha Prachan by ferry boat.

The other option of public transport is taking the bus. There is a multitude of bus services, connecting Tha Prachan campus to different parts of the city, and anybody new to Bangkok might be a bit confused by the many different colors and prices of busses. Prices range from 7 Baht to 22 Baht, depending on where on the starting point and type of bus used. The following busses service Sanam Luang and the Tha Prachan Campus, but students should refer to www.bmta.co.th to find out about their specific route.

Busses to Sanam Luang: 1, 2, 3, 9, 15, 19, 25, 30, 32, 33, 39, 42, 43, 44, 47, 53, 59, 60, 64, 68, 70, 79, 80, 82, 91, 123, 124, 201, 203, 503, 508, 512

If commuting from outside of town, it is often best to take the MRT (subway) or BTS (skytrain) into the city to get as close to Thammasat as you can. Many busses connect the Tha Prachan campus with “National Stadium”, “Victory Monument” BTS stations or the “Hualamphong” MRT station for example.

8.5 Extracurricular activities

Being a student means more than attending classes and learning about your chosen field of studies. It also means learning for life and enjoying the experience along the way. The diverse extracurricular activities offered to BMIR students emphasize this aspect of student life. Some examples are:

Student Clubs

There are various student activities organized by student clubs, ranging from athletics to music, games, debate, major-specific clubs to religious activities. The best way to find out about the multitude of available clubs is by connecting with your seniors and students from other faculties. And there is of course always the option of founding your own club to organize the activities that you like.

Orientation Trip



BMIR Orientation

Each year, just before the semester starts, the new BMIR students join their seniors and some of the program staff on an orientation trip to a destination near Bangkok. This trip is meant for the students to get to know each other and learn more about the BMIR Program. It is a joyful event of group activities and games which strengthens the bonds between new and old students, and sets the mood for the forthcoming studies.

Political Science Student Committee of Thammasat University (Kor Nor)

The elected student body (*Kor Nor*) organizes academic and extracurricular events ranging from orientation to conferences, sport events, informal or formal discussions and much more. An example is the yearly *Singh Kuen Tham* event, during which the new Political Science students (*Singh Daeng – Red Lions*) are welcomed to Tha Prachan Campus. The *Kor Nor* is the political representative body of the

students, and all BMIR students are encouraged to participate actively in realizing the full potential of the Kor Nor.

Happy Hour

Roughly once a month, the BMIR staff organizes an informal get-together between BMIR students and professors to discuss topics relevant to the Program and answer any of the students' questions.

BMIR Study Trip



Trip in Vietnam

Annually, BMIR will provide the field trip for the third-year student to get exposure to "real" world and the opportunity to make connections with others. Students on field trip visit people and places to observe and get knowledge on International Relations and Development, especially in Southeast Asian countries.

Field Trip in BMIR courses



Field Trip @ Webster University



Field Trip @ United Nations



Field Trip in Environmental Politics course @Bangkhuntien

Other Activities



Tha Phrachan Games (Sports Day)

9 Important addresses and websites



BMIR Program

The BMIR Program is located on 2nd Floor of the Faculty of Political Science Building at Thammasat University.

Office hours:

Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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Websites

- BMIR Program	www.polsci.tu.ac.th/bmir/
- BMIR Facebook	www.facebook.com/pages/BMIR-Program/267492002965
- Faculty of Political Science	www.polsci.tu.ac.th/
- Singh Daeng Forum	http://singhadang.freeforums.org/
- Thammasat University	www.tu.ac.th/eng/
- Registrar's Office	http://reg.tu.ac.th
- Thammasat Library Search	http://search.library.tu.ac.th/
- Thammasat International Office	http://interaffairs.tu.ac.th/
- Visa Regulations (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)	www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php
- Immigration Bureau	www.immigration.go.th
- Bangkok Mass Transport Authority	www.bmta.co.th
- International Studies Association	www.isanet.org/
- Ministry of Education	www.moe.go.th/English/

10 Frequently Asked Questions

- **Where will my classes be held?**

All courses in the BMIR curriculum will be held at Tha Prachan Campus, most of them in the Faculty of Political Science building (see Appendix D). Classes held by other faculties, in particular the general education classes of the lower semesters, may be held in other buildings on the Tha Prachan Campus. Students are free to attend other classes offered at other faculties, if the rules and regulations of these faculties allow their attendance. In case, students want to attend classes at Rangsit Campus, they are advised to schedule their coursework in order to minimize their daily traveling between both campuses.

- **How do I move on from the undergraduate to the graduate level?**

See chapter 6.1 “Admission to graduate level”.

- **Do I need to proceed to the Master's program after I have completed the Bachelor's?**

There are many advantages to completing the entire 5 years of the BMIR program. Leaving the program prematurely would mean that you'll need an extra two years and a half in order to complete a master's degree from a different institution. In case you do find a job after you have completed your Bachelor's degree, there is an option of joining the MIR program which holds classes during the weekend.

- **Do I need to use English in all my exams?**

English is the sole language of instruction in the BMIR Program. Therefore, you need to use English in all written and oral exams as well as for your class presentations or class participation.

- **How do I find out what courses are offered?**

For the BMIR classes, please refer to the BMIR website (www.polisci.tu.ac.th/bmir), where all offered courses will be posted prior to the start of each semester. Information about the lecturers and rooms of each class will be posted as well.

- **How do I get the information about class timetables, required readings/textbooks and exam timetable?**

In the first session of each class, the instructor will inform the students about required reading material such as textbooks, articles or other documents. The class timetable/syllabus will be passed out and the dates for midterm and final exams will be announced. In addition, the class

instructor will set out the criteria for student assessment (a combination of written exam(s), class participation, student presentation and/or paper) and announce the rules for absence.

- **How do I contact my lecturer?**

Students are encouraged to speak to contact their lecturers personally after class. Many members of the faculty also have fixed consultation hours posted on their office or on their website. If you need to reach your lecturer outside of his or her consultation hours, please contact the BMIR office. The staff will forward your question or put you in touch with the lecturer directly.

- **What happens if I fail a course?**

In the case of a course failure, students will have to retake the class when it is next offered. There are no re-examinations.

- **How do I find out what's happening on campus?**

The best way is to get in touch with your seniors and with student organizations such as the *Kor Nor* or other groups. Furthermore, events are frequently posted at various blackboards around the campus, in the Faculty of Political Science elevator and other sites. Activities and events regarding Political Science will also frequently be posted on the BMIR website, so check it regularly.

- **Does the BMIR Program offer accommodation for BMIR students?**

Accommodation is generally considered students' private affairs. The BMIR Program only recommends students to stay near Tha Prachan Campus in order to save time and costs on transportation. Please refer to Chapter 7.2 for further information.

- **Do students have to participate in Pre-session and/or the Orientation activity?**

Both, the pre-session and the Orientation activity are not compulsory. That means you don't have to participate in them. Nevertheless, it is highly recommended for new BMIR students to take part in both activities. The pre-session provides students with essential language skills that are necessary for their further studies. And the Orientation activities are a very good way to get to know the other students as well as the Faculty and the staff of the BMIR Program.

- **How much is the tuition fee for the whole program?**

For Thai students

- I. Estimated total 100,000 Baht per academic year
(Undergraduate)
- II. Estimated total 99,000 Baht per academic year (Graduate)

For Non-Thai Students

- I. Estimated total 120,000 Baht per academic year
(Undergraduate)
- II. Estimated total 126,000 Baht per academic year (Graduate)

- **Do we have to pay tuition fee per year or per semester?**

You pay your tuition fee before the beginning of each semester.

- **Is there a summer course for BMIR students?**

During the third year, students undertake an internship during the summer months which will be fully credited. Otherwise, the availability of summer course is subject to the availability of lecturers and cannot be guaranteed.

- **Is it necessary to join in the extracurricular activities?**

As the name suggests, it is not required to join in any extracurricular activities. It will not affect the grades of students if they do not join. The extracurricular activities are meant for students to enjoy their studies more and to get to know each other better.

11 Appendix A: Course Descriptions (Undergraduate level)

1) General Education Courses

Humanities

TU.110 Integrated Humanities 2 (2-0-4)

To study the history of human beings in different periods, reflecting their beliefs, ideas, intellectual and creative development. To instill analytical thinking, with an awareness of the problems that humanities are confronting, such as the impacts of: technological development, violence, wars, and various world crises so that we can live well in a changing world.

Social Science

TU.100 Civic Education 3 (3-0-6)

Study of principles of democracy and government by rule of law. Students will gain understanding of the concept of “citizenship” in a democratic rule and will have opportunity for self-development to become a citizen in a democratic society and to take responsibility in addressing issues in their society through real-life practices.

TU.120 Integrated Social Science 3 (3-0-6)

This interdisciplinary course focuses on the fact that social sciences play an important role for society. The course explains the origins of the social sciences and the modern world, the separation of social sciences from pure sciences, and the acceptance of the scientific paradigm for the explanation of social phenomenon. It also involves the analysis of important disciplines, concepts, and major theories of social sciences by pointing out strengths and weaknesses of each one. Included is the analysis of contemporary social problems, using knowledge and various perspectives-individual, group, macro-social, national and world perspectives-- to view those problems.

Sciences and Technology

- **Sciences**

TU.130 Integrated Sciences and Technology 2 (2-0-4)

To study basic concepts in science, scientific theory and philosophies. Standard methods for scientific investigations. Important evolutions of science and technology influencing human lives as well as the impacts of science and technology on economies, societies and environments. Current issues involving the impacts of science and technology on moral, ethics and human values.

- **Mathematics and Computers**

TU.151 General College Mathematics 3 (3-0-6)

(A non-credit subject to the students' faculty code of 02, 04 and from 09 to 14,16,17)

To review Set; real number system; relations; functions and applications; introduction to linear programming; logic; measurement of interest; installment payment and income tax; descriptive statistics; index number; introduction to probability ; basic concept of inferential statistics; statistical packages.

TU.152 Fundamental Mathematics 3 (3-0-6)
(This course is for students who have already studied mathematics in high school and have gained not less than 16 credits or as demanded by their faculty.)

To prove logical rules, methods of proofs, arguments, mathematical induction, proofs of theorems of inequalities and absolute values, inequalities solving, functions, type of functions, applications of functions, curve sketching, partial fractions decomposition, solving of simple systems of linear equations.

TU.153 General Knowledge about Computers 3 (3-0-6)
To study the essential components of computer systems including hardware, software, data and its processing; basic data communication, network and the Internet, principles of problem solving using computers and software packages, security, ethics and laws related to computer usage and information systems.

TU.154 Mathematical Foundation 3 (3-0-6)
To prove logical rules, methods of proofs, quantifiers, arguments, mathematical induction, structure of the real number system, binomial theorem and multinomial theorem, translation of axes, rotation of axes and sketching of graphs of conic sections, curve sketching, increasing functions and decreasing functions, partial fractions decomposition, introduction to number theory.

TU.155 Elementary Statistics 3 (3-0-6)
To identify the Nature of statistical problems; review of descriptive statistics; probability; random variables and some probability distributions (binomial, poison and normal) ; elementary sampling and sampling distributions; estimation and hypotheses testing for one and two populations; one-way analysis of variance; simple linear regression and correlation; chi-square test.

TU.156 Introduction to Computers and Programming 3 (3-0-6)
Basic concepts of computer systems, electronic data processing concepts, system and application software, algorithms, flowcharts, data representation, program design and development methodology, problem solving using high-level language programming.

Language

• **Thai**

TH.160 Basic Thai 3 (3-0-6)

(For foreign students or allowed by Thai Department)

Basic Thai language – alphabet, vocabulary, phrases, and sentences. It also provides the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Remarks

1. Students must be a foreigner or a Thai citizen who cannot use Thai properly.

2. If a student has proficiency in the basic skills, they should enroll in TH.161

3. As required by the curriculum, students must enroll in two courses in Thai – TH 161 and TH 162, or TH 161 and TH 163. For students who enroll in TH 160, the program designates TH 161 as the second requisite course.

TH.161 Thai Usage 3 (3-0-6)

Thai language usage skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking, with emphases on drawing the main idea, communicating knowledge, thoughts and composing properly.

• **English**

EL.070 English Course 1 0 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite : Language Institute placement

A non-credit course designed for those students with low English command and unable to enroll directly into English Foundation Course (The assessment criteria are ‘S’ for Satisfactory or ‘U’ for Unsatisfactory and will not be counted towards the students’ total credits and GPA).

A preparatory course designed to enable students to cope up with real English use of four basic integrated skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

EL.171 English Course 2 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite : EL 070 or Language Institute placement

An intermediate English course designed to promote four integrated skills to develop students’ English proficiency at a higher level.

EL.172 English Course 3 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite : EL 171 or Language Institute placement

An upper-intermediate English course to enable students to use integrated skills at a more sophisticated level than the prior course especially in speaking and writing.

2) Courses in Political Science

PO.210 Introduction to Political Philosophy 3 (3-0-6)

Origins and meaning of political philosophy and important issues in political philosophy such as the goal of humanity, the state, justice etc., by dividing and examining the differences between problems and solutions in political philosophy as well as modern political thought. Students will study the work of both Western and Eastern philosophers as groundwork for further courses.

PO.211 Introduction to Political Science 3 (3-0-6)

Nature and methods of political science, the relationship between political science and other social sciences. The course will cover various political theories, principles or power and its application, the relationship between the state and private individuals, political institutions, government, political power, political movements and international bodies.

PO.271 Introduction to International Relations 3 (3-0-6)

Foundations of international politics; the nature and structure of international relations; political, military, economic, social and cultural factors as well as ideologies which impact on state behaviour; development of international cooperation in its different forms, such as practice regulations, laws and international institutions resulting from and affecting the above factors.

PO.290 International Organizations 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PO. 271

History of different levels of international organizations, from the Hague Convention, the League of Nations, the United Nations and the World Trade Organization to various regional organizations. The course will highlight the structure, powers, responsibilities, role and operations of these organizations in resolving international problems in different aspects i.e. social, economic and political aspects, as well as consider successes and failures of international organizations.

PO.291 International Law 3 (3-0-6)
Principles and theories of international law; origin of international law from the past to the present; the relationship between domestic and international law; status of individuals under international law; rights and responsibilities of inter-state relations and state and private sector relations; origin and role of international organizations, international maritime law and other issues regarding international law and politics, economy, society etc. studied on a case by case basis.

PO.300 Social Science Methodology 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PO.211

Methods of data collection and research in social sciences, both quantitative and qualitative research, including building a research concept, a research question, formulating hypotheses / assumptions, analysis and reporting results, interpretation of theories, language analysis and other methods of analysis and information searches currently used in social sciences.

PO.321 Thai Government and Politics 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PO.211

Factors involved in Thai politics and government such as history, social structure, culture, economy and Thai politics; characteristics and trends of Thai political life; characteristics of political behaviour; analysis of the relationship between political life and socioeconomic factors; examination of problems in politics and government in the age of change affected by the above factors.

PO.370 Thai Foreign Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280

International relations of Thailand in different eras; consideration of factors and processes in policymaking; policy planning; foreign policy implementation and effects of foreign policy on internal Thai politics.

PO.371 Southeast Asian Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280

International relations in Southeast Asia and links with superpowers outside the region. This course begins by examining the historical factors impacting on international relations of the above countries, following on with studying the challenges and important issues currently faced by countries in the region and also analyzing conflict and cooperation under these challenging conditions.

PO.373 Foreign Relations and Policies in East Asia	3 (3-0-6)
<i>Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280</i>	
Foreign relations of east Asian countries, i.e. China, Japan, North and South Korea and Taiwan; relations of these countries with superpowers and countries in nearby regions and the role of these east Asian countries in international organizations.	
PO.375 Latin American Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
<i>Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280</i>	
Background of foreign policy of Latin American countries from the past to the present, focusing on current events and considering the grouping together of these countries, particularly within the North American Free Trade Agreement. In addition, the course considers foreign policy implementation by each of the countries towards the USA and other countries.	
PO.376 Middle East Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
<i>Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280</i>	
Foreign policy and conflict resolution of Middle Eastern countries, considering the formation of the Arab League, policy implementation of these countries towards the United Nations, towards superpowers and towards other international political problems, especially the relationship between the Arab states and Israel.	
PO.380 Economics and International Politics	3 (3-0-6)
<i>Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PO.271</i>	
Connection between economic factors and international politics; relationships between power and wealth or poverty at an international level by analyzing international economic and political development from the colonial era to the present. This will be done by using a theoretical approach and from the viewpoint of international political economy, focusing on events from after the Second World War onwards.	
PO.385 Foreign Policy of Russia	3 (3-0-6)
<i>Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280</i>	
Study development and role of Russia in global politics since the Second World War by considering domestic and international factors that influence foreign policy formation of the Soviet Union during the Cold War and of the Russian Federation in the Post-Cold War, continuity and changes in foreign policy and Russian foreign relations with the major powers and regions in the world, as well as contemporary issues and tendency in the future.	

PO.386 Foreign Policy of the United States of America 3 (3-0-6)
Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280

Making of US foreign policy, considering political and other components and factors that influence foreign policy planning and implementation and focusing on American foreign policy towards different regions of the world from World War II onwards.

PO.387 European Affairs 3 (3-0-6)
Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280

Relationship between the different European states and analysis of foreign policy of these countries, considering groupings of these countries such as the European Union and NATO; cooperation on various issues between European countries and conflict between countries created after the fall of communism in eastern Europe. The course will also look at the role of European states in international politics.

PO.389 Foreign Policy of South Asian Countries 3 (3-0-6)
Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI.280

Relationship between states in south Asia, comprising India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives, focusing on the importance of these countries in non-alignment movements with states in Africa, the Middle East, the Asia Pacific and other regions. The course will also study cooperation in forming organisations, cooperation within the south Asian region in terms of economy, politics and society as well as cooperation between south Asia and organisations of states in other regions, such as ASEAN, APEC and the EU.

3) Courses in Combined Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations (English Program)

PI.120 Introduction to ASEAN Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

As ASEAN deepens its integration, this aims to introduce students to ASEAN's role and how it functions as a regional organization in Southeast Asia. First, it examines the historical factors that led to the formation of ASEAN and how the organization in terms of functions and roles has evolved over the years. It then explores how these evolved functions, norms and practices have an impact on its individual member states as well as the region on the whole in different areas such as economy, security, identity building and intra-ASEAN relations.

PI.121 Social Science and Humanities in the Changing World 3 (3-0-6)

Each week, the course invites a speaker from a different discipline in the field of the social sciences and humanities to talk about new challenges we are facing in our ever-changing world. Students will also learn about empirical solutions, practices, and policies in responding to these challenges. Discussions will also open opportunities for interactive learning.

PI.122 Society, Technology and Science 3 (3-0-6)

How does new technology and advances in science affect our society? This unit aims to create an interactive forum for those involved in science and technology to raise their concerns or respond to concerns raised by society and students. The series of talks aims to answer contemporary concerns with science and technology; the potential challenges ahead, how they affect society, and different ways in managing with these new changes.

PI.200 English for Political Science Studies 3 (3-0-6)

By utilizing films and reading materials including journals articles in the field of political science, this course encourages students to improve their writing and reading skills. Students will be assigned reading material where they will be strongly encouraged to discuss the content in class. The class will also be encouraged to develop their writing skills such as forming arguments, structuring essays and referencing.

PI.201 Administrative Law 3 (3-0-6)

Based on an historical perspective, seeks to examine the legal relationship relating to administrative agencies. Topics include legal frameworks, proper roles of agencies in interpreting the law, judicial review of decision-making and public participation in agency rule making.

PI.241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy 3 (3-0-6)

Definitions, theories, concepts, the scope of public administration and public policy; the evolutions of public administration and policy, and their environmental factors will be examined. The study will also examine politics and administration, process of management, public policy, public organization and public personnel, public finance and budgeting, mission and public accountability, including the ethics of public executive. Upon completion of the course, students will have an

understanding of the relationship between public administration and public policy and how one is translated into another.

PI.270 Diplomacy: Histories, Approaches and Current Debates 3 (3-0-6)

Starting from the Congress of Vienna, this course first explores how different approaches to diplomacy have evolved over the years. Students will also gain a theoretical understanding of how states, through diplomacy, pursue their foreign policy within a complex global arena. Various cases studies of major current diplomatic events will be also examined for students to learn the more practical side of diplomacy, how these diplomatic events and the subsequent agreements have had an impact on international relations. Class discussion is strongly encouraged.

PI.274 Introduction to Comparative Foreign Policy 3 (3-0-6)

Students will be introduced to the analytical and conceptual tools crucial to analyzing foreign policies which will also assist students in identifying the differences and similarities; and changes and continuities in the foreign policy processes of states across the globe. Various case studies will be used to highlight the theoretical debates. The course will also consider the gap between theory and the realities decision makers are facing in formulating foreign policy.

PI.278 Introduction to Peace Studies and Gender Studies 3 (3-0-6)

Students are introduced to both peace and gender studies. The course is divided into two parts. The first part examines alternatives to war and to reflect upon the nature of peace as a sustainable condition at the individual as well as collective level. The course introduces students to the fundamental concepts of both conflict studies and peace studies including but not limited to peace, justice, power, violence, peacemaking, and peace building. The second half of the course examines the concept of gender and how it is constructed which in turn impacts the way we structure social life. It emphasizes how the social constructs of race, class, gender, and sexuality intersect to legitimize power and privilege for women and men.

PI.280 Theories in International Politics and Current Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

This course seeks to familiarize students with analyzing international events and issues based on theoretical and conceptual perspectives. Critical class discussion will also be encouraged. The first half of this course will survey the theories and methods of analysis

predominant in international politics. The second of this course explores how we can apply theories to explain contemporary issues and how our international community response to these issues. Current key topics of study would include but limited to inter-state conflicts, terrorism and arms proliferation and trade.

PI.290 Introduction to Political Economy 3 (3-0-6)

By focusing on the important works in political economy, this course provides an introduction to the field of political economy by examining key theoretical developments through history of the discipline. The course will also examine the emergence and evolution of capitalism beginning with the study of the first and the second “global trading” systems followed by other important developments until the rise of competition state under globalisation.

PI.340 Public Policy and Management in the Global Context 3 (3-0-6)

How does public management and public policy differ when the global environment and settings change? This course aims to stimulate discussion on how the global dynamic affects the study and practices of public policy and management such as regionalization and international collaboration. It will also encourage students to analyze organizations and groups actors in the global movement especially those of international organizations. Course readings and discussions identify and explain recent global public management and policy trends, as well as the differences between the public management and policy structures and processes that change within the countries locally, regionally, and globally.

PI.341 Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Concepts and Techniques 3 (3-0-6)

Concepts, theories, techniques and practices of policy analysis and evaluation will be examined. Policy analysis will encourage discussion on policy formation, policy agenda setting, and policy design. Students will also learn how to analyze policies as well as how techniques of analysis differ from one to another. The use of evaluation techniques, both quantitatively and qualitatively, will be applied to the case of policy appraisal. The course will also discuss policy processes, policy implementation, policy monitoring, and policy improvement as the step of policy analysis and evaluation.

PI.342 Organization and Human Resources Management: Theories and Practices 3 (3-0-6)

Definitions, approaches, analytical tools and theories essential to the study of human resource management will be examined. Students will learn about planning and strategy, organizational design, personnel selection, equal employment opportunity, training, performance appraisal, compensation, and contemporary issues. Upon completion, the student should be able to indicate and explain various human resource management interventions that may be required when dealing with the work environment, people, and problems. In particular, the student should be able to critically analyze organizational situations, prescribe courses of action necessary for problem solving, and integrate the steps necessary for effective implementation.

PI.343 Strategic Planning and Management 3 (3-0-6)

The concept of strategic management and its application to government agencies, state enterprises, autonomous organizations, and other public entities are core elements of this course. Course readings and discussions will introduce students to strategic management tools such as: the organizational mission statement, SWOT analysis, strategy formulation, strategy implementation, and strategy evaluation. Using a comparative approach, the course will highlight how organizations from different sectors and countries interpret and apply these strategic management concepts and tools.

PI.344 Environmental Management and Policy 3 (3-0-6)

The processes, legal issues related to and tools for affecting resource allocation and environmental management will be examined. Particular attention will be given to options, various organizations involved including NGOs concerning environmental management, policy prescriptions and implementation at both the domestic and global levels.

PI.345 Disaster and Emergency Management 3 (3-0-6)

The changing global and local settings of how natural and manmade disasters are managed will be examined. Students will also explore the concepts, frameworks, techniques, and practices of disaster and emergency management, response interagency coordination, decision making in crises, organizational network, and adaptive capacity building in chaotic and dynamic environments. In addition, the study of disaster management is multidisciplinary-based. The course will use case studies and real situations to analyze how best practices and effective

and efficient emergency response are conducted. Students are encouraged to develop material and be able to use simple tool to the study of disaster management.

PI.346 Urban Planning and Development Policy 3 (3-0-6)

The course focuses on the policy process and management of urban planning and development of cities. It explores theories and concepts of its meaning, characteristics, city cycles, the significance and patterns of city growth, and urbanization. The course also studies principles, process, actor and tools of managing cities in various areas including city planning ,urban environment management, economics development and forms and structure of city government. It also discusses the problem and solutions of administering cities, emphasizing experiences of Thailand.

PI.347 Fiscal and Budgeting 3 (3-0-6)

Concepts interlinked with public sector financial management, the processes and problems associated with public budgeting and policy, revenue extraction; and managing public debt and revenue will be examined. Upon completion, student will learn about the importance of public budgeting and how its affects intergovernmental fiscal relations and financial and managerial controls in the public sector.

PI.348 Comparative Public Administration 3 (3-0-6)

The main question examined is how public administration concepts and techniques differ from country to country. Course readings and discussions will identify and explain recent public administration trends, as well as the differences between the public administration structures and processes within the countries selected for examination. By using a comparative approach, the course will examine how political, economic and social factors influence the development of public management structures and processes.

PI.373 ASEAN in Global Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

An advanced study of ASEAN's roles, functions and relations with other extra-regional actors. It examines ASEAN's roles and how its functions to respond to different current challenges. It also explores how ASEAN as well as its individual members interact with extra-regional powers including but not limited to the US, China, Japan, and the EU in the light of these challenges.

PI.374 China in the Current World Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

Prerequisite : Have earned credit of PI.280

This course, utilizing theories and approaches of international relations, provides a comprehensive introduction to China's role in current world affairs. It examines the key events and factors that brought about the emergence of China in the 21st century. It also addresses how China deals with certain contemporary thematic issues such as territorial disputes and trade as well as how China deals with major power and neighbor countries. Students will learn about the sources of conflict and cooperation in China's actions including their impact on regional and global politics.

PI.375 International Management Analysis 3 (3-0-6)

Students will be introduced to the analytical and conceptual tools important to analyzing different aspects of international management including international politics, culture, technology and ethical decision-making in an ever-changing global environment. Contemporary issues will be used to highlight debates and discussion in class.

PI.376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations 3 (3-0-6)

Students will be introduced to the newer approaches in the field of international relations including but limited to, constructivism, gender and critical theories. Various case studies will be used for illustrative purposes. Discussion will also aim at the debates on the usefulness of the new and the more traditional approaches.

PI.377 Strategic Studies 3 (3-0-6)

An overview of key concepts and issues crucial to the study of security and strategic studies will be examined. Students will be encouraged to discuss and learn about historical and current security dilemmas confronting small states in Asia-Pacific. Current security issues including weapons of mass destruction proliferation, terrorism, ethnic conflicts, as well as non-traditional security threats including economic and transnational crimes will form the weekly basis of class discussion.

PI.378 Japan in the Current World Affairs 3 (3-0-6)

This course analyzes contemporary Japanese international relations focusing on Japanese views of the changing world, the Japan-US Alliance, and Japan's position within a rising Asia. It will also explore the factors contributing to foreign policy making process,

particularly the linkage between its domestic politics and changing foreign policy.

PI.379 Islam and Global Politics 3 (3-0-6)

Students will learn about the role of Islam in global politics and Islam as a vehicle for political mobilization. Students will not only be encouraged to critically discuss the structure and influence of but also understand political Islamic groups such as Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Hisbollah and Jama'ah Islamiyah. The course will also focus on the broader missions of the organizations and the organization's impact on their constituents.

PI.380 Nation State and Transnationalism 3 (3-0-6)

Contemporary transnational forces, its relationship with the nation state and the question of sovereignty forms the core of this course. It first identifies and explores the various political, economic and social processes of liberalization that have created this new era of the increased circulation of people, ideas, commodities and technologies across national boundaries. On a case study basis, students will learn how these new processes have challenged the nation state in various aspects in terms of (but not limited to) migration, immigration, citizenship and national identity and how the nation state has managed these new processes. Class participation is strongly encouraged.

PI.381 Globalization and Governance 3 (3-0-6)

The subject's mission is to enhance students' understanding and knowledge of the debates of globalization namely its causes and consequences; and how institutions, both transnational and national, work to establish ways of coping with the forces of globalization. Students will also learn about the key differences between global governance and governance within state institutions. The course will also identify and explore the significant international institutions involved in global governance.

PI.382 The Politics of International Development 3 (3-0-6)

The evolution of development theory and practice forms the core of this course. The course introduces the theories of development as well as the conceptual and analytical tools crucial the field. It then highlights the political and social realities of various developmental issues as well as the contemporary political debates in relation to these issues, which include the questions of economic and political liberalization, poverty reduction, ethnic conflict, and the role of international aid and non-government organizations (NGOs)

PI.383 Politics of Transnational Production 3 (3-0-6)

The politics of international production both in industry, agriculture, and services forms the core of this course. Having increased tremendously in the past decades, transnational production takes various forms, including foreign direct investment (FDI), outsourcing, and contract farming. The course analyzes both the causes and the effects on political economy of both sending and recipient countries. The main focus will be on the interactions among transnational production, government regimes/ policies, and civil society.

PI.384 State, Market and Governance 3 (3-0-6)

The interaction between states and markets, both in theory and in practice forms the core of this course. It emphasizes how markets are governed by states through regulation, deregulation, and regulation; and on the other hand, how markets reduce states' power. The course examines the ways in which markets are embedded in social and political institutions and how political systems and markets are organized in different national settings, looking both at history and contemporary issues.

PI.385 Peace Studies 3 (3-0-6)

Alternatives to war and to reflect upon the nature of peace as a sustainable condition at the individual as well as collective level form the core of this course. Different cases of conflict where peace has been successfully and unsuccessfully achieved will be used to highlight the challenges and conditions conducive to sustainable peace.

PI.386 Gender Studies 3 (3-0-6)

The study of dichotomous gender systems – its foundation (s) and power structure – and its impact on social and political life will form the core of this course.

PI.387 Environmental Politics 3 (3-0-6)

Introduce students to the rise of environmental issues in the world agenda will form the core of this course. Students are also encouraged to discuss and debate about the effectiveness of current structures and policies to resolve these environmental issues by systematically looking at the components of the current system including key concepts, mechanisms, and the principal international actors.

PI.388 Human Security 3 (3-0-6)

Through debate, the subject's mission is to enhance the students' ability to critically assess contemporary discourses on human security. The first section of the course will explore the debates and dilemmas of human security. The second part of the course will highlight the debates and dilemmas through contemporary case studies such as Myanmar and Darfur.

PI.389 Transnational Issues and Civil Society 3 (3-0-6)

Non-state actors play an increasingly visible role in global governance expanding across the territorial boundaries of the state. This seminar explores non-state activism and its role, challenges and limitations in shaping different global issues including but not limited to humanitarian, environmental, development, arms control and human rights.

PI.391 Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory 3 (3-0-6)
for Political and Economic Policies

The core of the course will focus on the application of economic models as a framework to scrutinize managerial questions, and the perception of utilities and behaviors in terms of political and economic strategies that shape the outcomes of policies. The course will also examine contexts of political interaction directing market mechanism which in turn are a crucial element to understanding behavior, the role of state, taxation, public debt, and government expenditure.

PI.392 Comparative Political Economy 3 (3-0-6)

Through class discussion and debate, this course provides a broad survey of some of the major debates in comparative political economy today, focusing on the creation, evolution and reform of market institutions. The course would begin by analysing some of the important writings in political economy. It will also examine the literature on the political economy of Western Europe and the US, Japan, the East Asian and Latin American newly industrialising economies, the developing countries, and the post-Communist economies.

PI.395 Political Economy in East Asia 3 (3-0-6)

Based on the experiences of Japan, China, South Korea, and Taiwan, this course explores how state and market interact to form political and economic activities. It employs both theoretical perspectives and case studies to understand state-business and state-society relations in these economies.

PI.396 Political Economy in Southeast Asia 3 (3-0-6)

Based on the experiences in major Southeast Asian countries, this course examines how state and market interact to form political and economic activities. It employs both theoretical perspectives and case studies to understand state-business and state-society relations in these nations.

PI.397 Game Theory for Political Scientists 3 (3-0-6)

By utilising economic and mathematical tools of game theory, this course introduces the main ideas of game theory and its application in the field of political economy. This course also examines the optimal theory's foundations with an emphasis on applications for making strategic games associated with political and economic behaviors with thoughts, including political behaviors, economic strategies, institutional choices, and coalitional games.

PI.398 Public Choice 3 (3-0-6)

On completing this course, students will be equipped with knowledge to comprehend the government's behaviors and decision makings to formulate policy choices for implementing fiscal and budgeting. In addition, the effectiveness of exploiting budget by the government which is a crucial factor in influencing public policies in terms of economic development, the function of the state, government expenditure, taxation, and public finance associated with theories for public choices will also be examined.

PI.399 Global Political Economy of Trade and Finance 3 (3-0-6)

Based on a systematic understanding of the political and social foundations of global trade and financial markets, their operation and impact on the world economy, this course will examine the dynamics and evolution of trade and financial power in an historical perspective by highlighting the complex relationship between global finance, the nation-state and national societies. The course will focus on the contemporary features of the global trade and financial system and its effects on political and socio-economic stability in the countries of advanced capitalism as well as in the developing world.

PI.443 Seminar in Public Policy

3 (3-0-6)

The discussion of concepts, framework, techniques, and practice of public administration as a field and as a mechanism of government to manage public sector will be examined. The issue will include case studies, the current situation, emerging problems, and changes domestically and internationally. Students will be also assigned to conduct a brief research on the issue emerged in the society and suggest the alternatives for more effective and efficient administration.

PI.444 Seminar in Public Administration

3 (3-0-6)

The discussion of concepts, framework, techniques, and practice of public administration as a field and as a mechanism of government to manage public sector will be examined. The issue will include case studies, the current situation, emerging problems, and changes domestically and internationally. Students will be also assigned to conduct a brief research on the issue emerged in the society and suggest the alternatives for more effective and efficient administration.

PI.481 Seminar: Problems in International Politics

3 (3-0-6)

and Economics

The problems associated with international and economic relations will form the core of this course. The first half of the course aims to provide students with the analytical and conceptual tools to better understand the complexities of international politics and economic relations. The second half of the course is issue-based and will focus on contemporary major developments both in international and economic relations and how states manage.

PI.482 Seminar: Globalization, Regional Grouping

3 (3-0-6)

and the State

An in-depth study on interrelated phenomenon of globalization, regional grouping, and the state will form the core of this course. Focus will be made on the process of interactions between the global, the regional and the national levels through relevant case studies from different geographical areas, such as, Europe, America, Africa, Middle East, in the comparative perspective with those of Asia. It is expected that his course will provide the better understanding of the transformation of the state in relations with the emerging concept of the 'regionalism' and the 'globalism'.

PI.483 Seminar in International Conflict and Resolution	3 (3-0-6)
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International conflict, war and peace by analyzing the meaning of the nature and the different types of conflict and war will be examined. Conflict prevention and resolution, peace keeping, peace making and peace building will also be considered. Several concepts and theories will be used as a framework for analysis of past and current conflicts in the world.

PI.484 Seminar in International Cooperation	3 (3-0-6)
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International relations through structures and processes conceptualized as but not limited to international cooperation institution, organization and regimes will be examined. The course also explores relevant theories and practices, by studying various cases regarding East Asia and Southeast Asia, with comparative perspectives from other regions.

PI.485 Seminar in Political Science	3 (3-0-6)
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The problems and challenges associated with politics will be examined. The first half of the course aims to introduce students to political concepts such as state, nationalism, democracy, and legitimacy as well as the analytical tools in exploring the complexities in politics in different systems. The second half of the course will highlight these complexities on a case study basis.

PI.493 Special Issues in Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
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The course deals with particular issues in political economy to equip students with specific knowledge in political economy.

PI.494 Political Economy of Development	3 (3-0-6)
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Investigation of issues of development related to the transition of economic growth, and the change of poverty lines in term of policies is designed in this class. Empirical examples are drawn from the concept of analysis of international trade and finance primarily political economy, and regional integration.

PI.574 Internship and Training in Politics, Political Economy and International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
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In order to gain credits, students must complete their third year course work first. This summer internship and training program opens the opportunity for students to gain first-hand work experience with

organization that complements their field of study. It also allows students to apply theoretical knowledge to more practical use.

4) Required Course in Faculty of Economics

EE.210 Introductory Economics 3 (3-0-6)

(For non-economics major only; credits will not be awarded to students who are taking or have completed EE211 or EE212 or EE213 or EE214)

The general principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics. In microeconomics part, topics cover demand for and supply of goods, consumer behavior, production and costs, structure and behavior of production units under perfectly and imperfectly competitive markets, the concept of market failures and the role of government intervention. In macroeconomics part, topics cover objectives and problems in macroeconomic, national income determination, money and banking system, introduction to fiscal and monetary policies used for economic stabilization, the application of economic indices to analyze the economic situation. In international economics part, topics cover importance of international trade and finance, and disputes between free trade and market protection.

12 Appendix B: Course Descriptions (Graduate Level)

Required Courses

PI.601 Research Methods in International Relations 3 (3-0-9)

Both quantitative and qualitative approaches currently applied in international relations and international studies will be explored. Its main objectives are two folds. First, to explore the field's methodological and epistemological debates, concerning qualitative research. Second, to equip students with research tools.

PI.610 Globalization and International Relations: 3 (3-0-9)
Institutions, Approaches and Processes

Fundamental knowledge of contemporary international relations by examining various approaches such as realism, neo-realism, liberalism, neo-liberalism, Marxism, and constructivism form the core of this course. The impact of globalization on international processes, conflicts, cooperation, and decision making and on international institutions will also be examined. The analysis will include the concepts of actors; both state and non-state, international norms, and behavior.

PI.630 International Regimes and Organizations 3 (3-0-9)

International relations through structures and processes of international regimes and organizations, including but not limited to, the United Nations and WTO will be examined. The course also explores relevant theories and practices, by studying various cases regarding those regimes and organizations.

PI.640 International Law and International Relations 3 (3-0-9)

The roles of international law in international relations in times of peace and in times of war will be examined. Based on the concepts of sovereignty and jurisdiction, the main focus will be on the application of international law by various methods in order to settle international disputes.

PI.690 Global Governance and International Political Economy 3 (3-0-9)

The current international political economy shaped by the interactions related to market forces, information-communication technology and the various nation-states, and their corresponding impacts on states as well as “non-state” actors; such as MNCs, IOs and INGOs. New rules and agendas for multilateral and international organizations pertaining to public participation, accountability and transparency will be examined. The current issues of transnational crime, the environment, global epidemic and all types of security-related issues which are posing immediate challenges to existing institutions and norms will also be studied.

PI.801 Pre-thesis 3 (3-0-12)

Together with their thesis advisor, this course aims to give the students the opportunity to receive close consultation in order to develop their thesis proposal. In order to fulfill the requirements of this course, students should formulate a sound research plan which will form the first chapter of their thesis. This should include a research question, hypotheses, literature review, conceptual/theoretical framework, method and methodology. The level of grading system can be earned either “S” (Satisfactory) or “U” Unsatisfactory).

Elective Courses

• Group 1: Governance and Transnationalism

PI.623 Human Security: Discourse and Practice 3 (3-0-9)

Through debate, the subject’s mission is to enhance the students’ ability to critically assess contemporary discourses on human security. The first section of the course will explore the debates and

dilemmas of human security, and situate the topic in relation to traditional security, development and human rights. Efforts to measure human security as well as the many criticisms leveled against the concept will be discussed and evaluated in an interactive teaching format consisting of lecture and student presentations. The second part of the course will highlight the debates and dilemmas through contemporary case studies.

PI.627 Marginality and Global Politics 3 (3-0-9)

Explores ways in which marginality is constituted or re-constituted in global politics. Two modalities of marginality will be the course's foci: people and space. For the former, the course examines various categories, e.g., race, class, gender, nation, ethnicity and legality. Thus, some of these issues will be covered: transnational racial politics, global poverty, gender politics, indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities, refugees, stateless peoples, human trafficking/smuggling. Regarding space, sites, such as borderlands, slums, brothels, drug routes, "terrorists" havens could be the course's emphases. This course also problematizes local-global dichotomy by demonstrating that, amidst globalization, "local politics" and "global politics" of marginality are inextricably linked and mutually shaping.

PI.629 Politics, Space and Culture 3 (3-0-9)

Focuses on space as an imperative object of study in order to discern global politics of the present. It is the time when the nation-state has been much less will-entrenched and cultural dimensions transform the signification of "the political". Both physical space and cyber space are the locales of complex political activities, no matter for or against the hegemons. The former is the landscape of more conventional power-relations, while the latter has become more contested site between statist and non-statist forces. Issues to be covered are, for instances, transnational contact zones (e.g., global city, international airport, international deep seaport); city planning vis-à-vis politics of infrastructure; logistics and speed transportation. Regarding the cyber space, some of the following issues will be covered; ideoscape and the social media; music, the arts, dress and transnational commoditization; resisting cultures and disruptive forces of the internet.

PI.633 International Development: 3 (3-0-9)

Theory and Practice The evolution of development theory and practice forms the core of this course. The course is divided into three parts, starting with the introduction of theories of development as well as the conceptual and analytical tools crucial for the field. It then highlights the political and social realities of various developmental issues as well as the contemporary political debates in relations to these issues, which include the questions of environmental degradation, human rights, democracy, armed conflict, economic liberalization, poverty reduction, and the role of international aid and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In the final part, the course will address the practice of development projects and development planning through intensive group work.

PI.674 Multilateralism 3 (3-0-9)

Students are introduced to the concept, the development, as well as the importance of multilateralism in international relations. Students will explore and analyze the roles of multilateralism in international conflict and cooperation and its effectiveness in preventing and mitigating the former and creating and enhancing the latter.

PI.677 Selected Topics in International Relations 3 (3-0-9)

A particular topic within the field of Governance and Transnationalism will be studied in depth. Students are also expected to utilize analytical tools and theories to topic of study. Class discussion is strongly encouraged.

- **Group 2: Public Administration and Public Policy**

PI.643 Intergovernmental Relations in Public Policy 3 (3-0-9)

The substance of the course involves the interactions between all levels of government in the analysis of public policy. These interactions can be formal and institutional, and informal and personal. The study will focus on the structure of power and authority, the allocation of budget, working relations, and conflicts existed. The course will focus on policy relations between agencies and levels of government and agencies, and the dynamic change of paradigms and environment affected the pattern of relations.

PI.644 Cross-Cultural Management in Public Organizations 3 (3-0-9)

The concept and theory for developing and understanding of cultural differences, and effectively managing these differences are critical to working, communicating and transferring knowledge in multi-

cultural and international environments. The course also analyzes and focuses on different strategies for managing and valuing the diversity within organizations. Topics also include cross-cultural problem solving, leadership styles, decision making, the knowledge management within different cultures and across cultures, and global approaches to conflict and negotiations. Students will be practiced by case study and conduct projects of the real situations.

PI.648 Environmental and Disaster Policy and Management 3 (3-0-9)

The analysis and lessons learnt from practices of environment-disaster policy and management at the domestic and international levels will be examined. The study also includes the frameworks of transnational and intergovernmental relations in the application of practices and how they are translated into local settings. Cases will be employed throughout the course.

PI.649 Selected Topics in International Public Policy 3 (3-0-9)

The analysis of specific International Public Policy in correspondence with upcoming or issues will learn the core of this course. Students are required to develop research question(s) and the design to address problems and conduct the study to further understanding the arguments made to the topic and recommend possible or alternate explanation or solutions.

PI.743 Advanced Public Policy and Management 3 (3-0-9)

Students work in groups to prepare public policy and management papers that evaluate the exiting policy of the government, a nonprofit organization, or MNCs. Based on a comprehensive analysis, students will learn how to offer recommendations on how to address the problems and possible and plausible solutions. This analysis project allows students to apply the knowledge they have gained throughout the course to a specific situation. Students may also be required to develop individual policy and management recommendation paper.

• **Group 3: Political Economy and International Political Economy**

PI.693 Global Political Economy of Financial Crisis 3 (3-0-9)

By studying the revolutionary growth of financial markets and the international credit system, this course examines the evolution and contemporary problems of global finance since the dissolution of the Bretton Woods system. The review of causes and consequences of the financial revolution of the 20th century, and present an overview of

existing theoretical perspectives on financial liberalization and would then go on to analyse the political economy of financial crisis in the 1990s and early 2000s in detail and would review the current debates on New Financial Architecture.

PI.694 State Strategies in Global Political Economy 3 (3-0-9)

By identifying the qualitative and quantitative shift in the last three decades under the process of globalization, this course analyses the role of the contemporary state in globalisation. It will also study the ways by which states are developing competitive strategies in order to achieve greater stability and strength within the global political economy. Varieties of state strategies would be critically examined: from the exclusive hegemonic strategies of the most powerful states to the strategies of the mini-states that serve as tax havens or developing economic development through state capitalism; from the egalitarianism of the welfare policies of the Shielders to the repressed and exploited labour forces in Third World states; from the emerging strategy of constructing trading blocs to the collapsed states, which structurally unable to compete in the world economy.

PI.695 Selected Topics in Global Political Economy 3 (3-0-9)

By systematically exploring recent important developments and dynamics of power in today's global political economy, this course is designed to help students make sense of, and make use of, the amorphous and all encompassing concept of power in the study of international relations and international political economy.

PI.793 Advanced Theories in International Political Economy 3 (3-0-9)

Through discussion and debates, this course examines the major theories in international political economy. It also analyzes how they are relevant to the creation, maintenance, transformation, and decay of international arrangements designed to manage or regulate interstate activities relating to trade, finance, investment, technology, resources and environment.

PI.794 Advanced Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory for Political and Economic Policies 3 (3-0-9)

Studying of the advanced concepts of utilities' function in term of political and economic interaction shapes the outcomes of strategies in term of micro-growth. The contexts of political and economic interaction are the explanation with the tools of IS-LM and Solow Model to comprehend the strategies of the state to settle the levels of taxation,

public debt, and government expenditure in term of economic growth and political stabilities.

Research Course

PI.800 Thesis 12 (0-0-48)

In depth research on an important issue in international relations/studies under the supervision of a thesis committee, comprising of one principal advisor and two other advisors.

13 Appendix C: Standard of Coding

Courses in this program have an alphanumerical code consisting of 2 letters and 3 digits.

Letters:

PI means Course in Combined Master and Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations

- Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations

<i>First digit</i>	means	level
1	means	basic
2	means	basic or introduction
3	means	advanced-level course
4	means	high-level course
5	means	high-level course

<i>Second digit</i>	means	group of subject
0,1,2	means	Politics and Government
3,4,5,6	means	Public Administration
7,8	means	International Relations
9	means	Political Economy and International Political Economy

<i>Third digit</i>	means	core and elective courses
0-2	means	core
3-9	means	elective

- Master of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations

<i>First digit</i>	means	Level
6	means	advanced-level course
7	means	high-level course
8	means	thesis level
<i>Second digit</i>	means	Group of subject
0	means	Research and Self Study
1	means	Introduction and Fundamental
2	means	Current Issues of International and Thailand
3	means	Foreign Policy and International Relations
4	means	World and Regional Organizations and Cooperation
7, 8	means	International Relations
9	means	Political Economy and International Political Economy
<i>Third Digit</i>	means	Typical of course
0-2	means	Core course
3-9	means	Elective course

14 Appendix D: Map of Tha Prachan Campus

