

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts Program
Bachelor of Science Program
Bachelor of Business Administration Program
Bachelor of Nursing Science Program
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSS 221
Course Title Thai Society and Thai Culture
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (4-0-8) (Lecture/Lab/Self-Study)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** none
5. **Type of Course** General Education
6. **Session** Third trimester/Every academic year
7. **Conditions** -

8. **Course Description**

People of Thailand and their culture; Royal Family, their history and works; religious tradition and belief; folklore; gender roles; national cuisine; entertainment (music, theater and dances); Asian and Western cultural propagation and changes in Thai society.

9. **Course Objective (s)**

After successful completion of this course, students should be able to

1. understand an overview of the main historical developments in Thai Society and Culture.
2. increase awareness of the nature of social science thinking and methodology.

10. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic	Hour			Instructor
		Lecture	Lab	Self-Study	
1	Course introduction	4	0	8	Malinee Suwanmoli
2	Thai social structure	4	0	8	
3	Concepts of power in Thai society	4	0	8	
4	Buddhism and Thai society	4	0	8	
5	Thai traditions from birth to adulthood	4	0	8	
6	Review; Midterm exam	4	0	8	

7	Thai traditions; Thai folk tales	4	0	8
8	Three pillars of Thai society	4	0	8
9	Thai culture	4	0	8
10	Thai culture	4	0	8
11	Summary	4	0	8
12	Final exam	4	0	8
	Total	48	0	96

11. Teaching Method (s)

11.1 Lecture, classroom discussions, questions and answers

12. Teaching Media

12.1 Notebook of lecture summaries

13. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

Student achievement is measured and evaluated by

13.1 the ability to understand an overview of the main historical developments in Thai Society and Culture.

13.2 the ability to increase awareness of the nature of social science thinking and methodology.

Student's achievement will be graded according to the faculty and university standard using the symbols: A, B+, B, C+,C,D+, D, and F.

Students must have attended at least 80% of the total class hours of this course.

Ratio of mark

two examinations (Mid/final) each carrying 50% of the marks. Questions will normally take the short answer and/or essay format.

Grade given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc. Borderline cases (45-50%) may be passed if the student's attendance record, punctuality, and classroom demeanor have been exemplary.

14. Course evaluation

14.1 Students' achievement as indicated in number 13 above.

14.2 Students' satisfaction toward teaching and learning of the course using questionnaires.

15. Reference (s)

Mulder, Niels: *Inside Thai Society: An Interpretation of Everyday Life*. DK Books. Bangkok 1994.

Cohen, Eric: *Thai Society in Comparative Perspective*. White Lotus. Bangkok. 1991.

16. **Instructor (s)**
Dr. Malinee Suwanmoli

17. **Course Coordinator**
Dr. Malinee Suwanmoli