



ICGL 160 Introduction to Thai Language and Culture

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Foreign Language Program
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICGL 160
Course Title Introduction to Thai Language and Culture
3. **Number of Credits** 4 – 0 – 8 (Lecture – Lab – Independent study)
4. **Prerequisite(s)** None
5. **Type of Course** General Education / Elective / Core / Required Course
6. **Session/Academic Year** First / Second / Third / Every Trimester
7. **Enrollment Cap** 20
8. **Course Description** Provide vocabulary and structures for everyday use and introduce basic aspects of Thai culture

9. Course Objective(s)

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 9.1 handle basic communicative situations such as asking for and giving directions, ordering food and drinks, asking for prices and bargaining, and buying tickets.
- 9.2 understand the importance of rice farming and ceremonies involving growing rice and Buddhism in daily life.

10. Course Outline

Week	Topics	Hours		Instructor
		Lec.	Lab	
1	Presentation of the course <u>Lesson 1</u> Greeting Introducing oneself and introducing a friend Important phrases for survival	4	0	Assigned section instructor
2	Numbers Date and time – Making appointment	4	0	Assigned section instructor
3	The 'wai' how to do it and when to use it Do's and don'ts in Thailand	4	0	Assigned section instructor

No make-up quizzes and final exam for students who are late or absent.

4	<u>Lesson 2</u> Food Ordering The use of classifiers Ordering drinks and dishes Ordering drinks and one-plate meals	4	0	Assigned section instructor
5	Ordering different kinds of drinks Making special requests	4	0	Assigned section instructor
6	Thai fruit and dessert Overall Review	4	0	Assigned section instructor
7	<u>Lesson 3</u> Getting around Vocabulary on places Locations of places	4	0	Assigned section instructor
8	Asking for and giving directions Vocabulary on transport	4	0	Assigned section instructor
9	How to get to a place by bus Travelling date and time	4	0	Assigned section instructor
10	<u>Lesson 4</u> Shopping and bargaining Vocabulary on clothing	4	0	Assigned section instructor
11	Asking for prices, colours and sizes Different sections in a department store	4	0	Assigned section instructor
12	Bargaining Important holidays and festivals Overall Review	4	0	Assigned section instructor
Total		48		

11. Teaching Methods

- 11.1 Lecture
- 11.2 Self-study
- 11.3 Group work and pair work
- 11.4 Special Activities

12. Teaching Media

- 12.1 Sanuk Sanan Basics in Thai Language and Culture Course Book
- 12.2 Power-point presentations
- 12.3 Handouts
- 12.4 MOOC/MUIC Connect
- 12.4 Other

13. Measurement and Evaluation of Student Achievement

Students' achievement is measured by quizzes at the end of each lesson.

Student achievement will be graded according to College and University standard using the following symbols:

No make-up quizzes and final exam for students who are late or absent.

A	90 – 100	B+	85 – 89	B	80 - 84	C+	75 – 79
C	70 – 74	D+	65 – 69	D	64 – 60	F	0 – 59

Students must have attended **at least 80%** of the total class hours of the course to receive a final grade.

14. Course Evaluation

14.1 Student achievement as indicated in number 13 above.

14.2 Student evaluation of course and instructor by means of questionnaire.

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