



Mahidol University
International College

ICGL 160 Introduction to Thai Language and Culture

Course Syllabus

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| 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 | 26 |
| 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.

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

10. Course Outline

Class	Topics	Hours		Instructor
		Lec.	Lab	
1	Presentation of the course <u>Lesson 1</u> Greeting - Introducing yourself - Asking someone's information - Important phrases for survival	3	0	Assigned section instructor
2	<u>Lesson 1</u> Greeting (Cont.) - Talking about hobbies and interests. - Talking about family members	3	0	Assigned section instructor
3	<u>Lesson 1</u> Greeting (Cont.) - Introducing someone - The 'wai' and Do's and don'ts in Thailand - Unit Review	3	0	Assigned section instructor
4	<u>Lesson 2</u> Ordering drinks and one-plate meals - Number - Ordering Food and Drinks - Ordering food with details	3	0	Assigned section instructor
5	Learning about Thai culture and local lifestyle outside the classroom	6		Assigned section instructor
6	<u>Lesson 2</u> Ordering drinks and one-plate meals (Cont.) - Ordering food with details (cont.) - Talk about taste - Unit Review	3	0	Assigned section instructor
7	<u>Lesson 3</u> Shopping and bargaining - Ask about things you want to buy - Ask about the price	3	0	Assigned section instructor
8	<u>Lesson 3</u> Shopping and bargaining (Cont.) - Give the details of what you want to buy - A basic communication with the seller - Unit Review	3	0	Assigned section instructor
9	Learning about Thai culture and local lifestyle outside the classroom	6		Assigned section instructor
10	<u>Lesson 4</u> Getting around - Asking about the place - Asking the way to go to that place	3	0	Assigned section instructor
11	<u>Lesson 4</u> Getting around (Cont.) - Asking how you can get to that place - Unit Review	3	0	Assigned section instructor
12	<u>Lesson 4</u> Getting around (Cont.) - Important holidays and festivals - Speaking Test	3	0	Assigned section instructor
13	Learning about Thai culture and local lifestyle outside the classroom	6		Assigned section instructor

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14	Final Exam			Assigned section instructor
Total		48		

11. Teaching Methods

- 11.1 Lecture
- 11.2 Self-study
- 11.3 Group work and pair work

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 the final examination at the end of the course.

- Final Exam 60%
- Speaking Test 40%

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

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.

15. Reference(s)

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