



PERSPECTIVES on the THAI Past

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Unlike other traditional Southeast Asian kingdoms, Siam/Thailand was never formally colonized by the West. The encounter with European imperialism radically altered Siamese society however. This course looks at how a multi-ethnic kingdom was transformed into a modern Thai nation-state in the 19th and 20th centuries. It also examines a range of pressing political and economic issues facing the country at present.



COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with Thai political economy and to help them develop their knowledge of the kingdom and its people



CLASS TOPICS

- Pre-History
- Colonial Modernity
- The Cold War Era
- The Growth of Bangkok
- Thai-Style Democracy
- The Northeast
- A Middle Income Trap?
- Traditional Siam
- Nation Building
- Economic Development
- Environmental Change
- The Southern Problem
- Color-Coded Politics
- The 2019 Election

CLASS MEDIA

- Power Point slides
- A selection of digital handouts
- Video clips

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MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Participation
- In-class activities
- Final presentation

TEACHING METHODS

- Interactive lectures
- Class discussion
- Student presentations
- Optional field trips





Mahidol University
International College

Course Syllabus

- 1. Program** International Relations and Global Affairs
- College** Mahidol University International College
- 2. Course Code** ICGS 113/Summer
- Course Title** Perspectives on the Thai past
- 3. Credits** 4
- 4. Prerequisites** None
- 5. Trimester** Summer Term

6. Course Description

The course provides an introductory overview to Thailand: history, political economy and contemporary affairs. Lecture topics include Thai pre-history, the development of the modern Thai nation-state, the growth of Thai economy, environmental concerns, regional affairs and contemporary political developments.

7. Course Objectives

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8. Teaching Methods

Interactive lectures, class discussions, student presentations, optional field trips

9. Teaching Media

Power Point slides, video clips, a selection of digital handouts

10. Evaluation

Assessment	Weight	Description
Participation	30%	Engagement
In-class activities	30%	Group discussions
Final presentation	40%	Team projects
Total	100%	

11. Grade Assessment

Grading will be undertaken using a traditional A-F (or P-F) basis.

12. Course Outline

Date	Topics	Hours	Activities
Class 1	Pre-History	2	
Class 2	Traditional Siam	2	
Class 3	Colonial Modernity	2	
Class 4	Nation Building	2	
Class 5	The Cold War Era	2+4	Optional Field Trip 1*
Class 6	Economic Development	2	
Class 7	The Growth of Bangkok	2	
Class 8	Environmental Change	2	
Class 9	Thai-Style Democracy	2	
Class 10	The Southern Problem	2+4	Optional Field Trip 2*
Class 11	The Northeast	2	
Class 12	Color-Coded Politics	2	
Class 13	A Middle Income Trap?	2	
Class 14	The 2019 Election	2	
Class 15	Student Protests	2	
Class 16	Summary Remarks	2+4	Optional Field Trip 3*
Class 17	Student Presentations	4	

***Other format of learnings may be replaced under COVID-19**

13. Student Presentations

Working in pairs, students will be asked to develop short (5-10 minute) multi-media/film presentations highlighting some aspect of their experience in Thailand. Grades will be assigned through peer and program coordinator assessment.

14. Course Coordinator

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