



# Introduction to THAI LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides basic knowledge of the Thai language to allow learners to handle basic communicative situations such as asking for and giving directions, ordering food and drinks, asking for prices and bargaining, and buying tickets. Aside from communicative proficiency, this class also provides related detailed information about Thai society and culture, allowing the learner to understand better said topics. Other topics include the importance of rice farming and ceremonies, growing rice and Buddhism in daily life.



## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Handle basic communicative situations such as providing basic information of oneself, greeting and necessary phrase for survival with related social etiquette for daily life in Thai context
- Use the correct names of places and follow simple directions
- Manage food ordering special request
- Understand the importance of rice farming and ceremonies involving growing rice and Buddhism in daily life
- Handle basic shopping and bargaining conversation

## CLASS TOPICS

- Greeting, including introducing oneself and introducing a friend
- Important phrases for survival
- Getting around, including asking for and giving directions
- Ordering food, including making special requests
- Shopping and bargaining
- Cultural field trips

## TEACHING METHODS

- Lecture
- Self-study
- Group work and pair work
- Cultural field trips

## DATE

JUNE 30 - JULY 28, 2020

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

MAY 31, 2020

## TEACHING MEDIA

- Sanuk Sanan Basics in Thai Language and Culture Course Book
- Power-point presentations
- Handouts
- MOOC

## MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Quizzes
- Class attendance at 80% of total hours to receive a final grade



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## **ICML 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** ICML 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

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

## 10. Course Outline

Week	Topics	Hours		Instructor
		Lec.	Lab	
1	Presentation of the course <u>Lesson 1</u> Greeting The 'wai' how to do it and when to use it Introducing oneself and introducing a friend Do's and don'ts in Thailand	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Numbers The use of classifiers Important phrases for survival Revision	4	0	Assigned section instructor
2	<b>Quiz I – 10%</b> <u>Lesson 2</u> Getting around Vocabulary on places Locations of places	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Asking for and giving directions Vocabulary on transport	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	How to get to a place by bus Travelling date and time	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Thai history in brief	4	0	Assigned section instructor
3	<b>Quiz II – 30%</b> <u>Lesson 3</u> Ordering drinks and one-plate meals Making special requests Ordering dishes to eat with rice Thai fruit and dessert	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Modern Thai society Revision	4	0	Assigned section instructor
4	<b>Quiz III – 20%</b> <u>Lesson 4</u> Shopping and bargaining Vocabulary on clothing	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Asking for prices, colours and sizes Different sections in a department store	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Bargaining Important holidays and festivals	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Revision <b>Quiz IV – 40%</b>	4	0	Assigned section instructor
<b>Total</b>				

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## 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
- 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:

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

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

Ratio of mark (Total 100%)

Quiz I	Listening Lesson 1, Thai culture Lesson 5	10%
Quiz II	Listening Lesson 2, Thai culture Lesson 6 and Speaking Lesson 1 & 2	30%
Quiz III	Listening Lesson 3, Thai culture Lesson 7	20%
Quiz IV	Listening Lesson 4, Thai culture Lesson 8 and Speaking	40%

### Important note:

1. Students must sit in the section they registered for.
2. Students are not allowed to take quizzes in a different section.
3. Arrival of 5 – 20 minutes after the start of class results in one late mark. Three late marks become one absent mark.
4. Arrival after 20 minutes after the start of class results in one absent mark.
5. If students have more than four absent marks, they will not be allowed to take Quiz IV.

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

## 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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## 16. Course Instructors

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### Please read and make sure you understand the important information below.

1. Each student must take the quiz in the section they registered for.
2. There is no make-up quiz for students who are late or absent.
3. In case of illness, a doctor's note must be submitted to the instructor.
4. Proper student uniform is a must in class and when participating in all activities outside class.
5. Students are required to sign up for each activity so that transportation can be provided accordingly.
6. Students who did not sign up are not allowed to participate.
7. If students failed to show up on the day of the activity, an absent mark will be given. If students have more than four absent marks, they will not be allowed to take Quiz 4.

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