



COURSE SYLLABUS
1st Semester of Academic Year 2017

1. **Responsible Unit** KU Integrated General Education Division

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| 2. Course code | 01999032 | Course title | Thai Studies |
| Total credits | 3(3-0-6) | | |
| Prerequisite | -none- | | |
| Section 415 | Friday 1 – 4 p.m. | Room no. | EC 5514 |

3. **Lecturers:** 1. Ajarn Wanna Nawigamune, Integrated General Education Division, KU.
2. Asst. Prof. Dr. Warrachai Wiriyaromp, Faculty of Social Sciences, KU.
3. Ajarn Dr. Kachen Tansiri, Faculty of Humanities, KU.
4. Ajarn Dr. Ranwarat Poonsri, Faculty of Humanities, KU.

Guest Lecturers:

5. Ajarn Kunakorn Vanichviroon
6. Ajarn Dr. Pakpong Wudthiwongse
7. Ajarn Somlak Chareonpot
8. Ajarn Anant Narkong

4. **Office hours for students' consultation**

Ajarn Wanna Nawigamune **Day:** Tu, Th **Time:** 1 – 4 p.m. or by appointment
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5. **Course Objective**

To provide the students with an insight into the background of Thai society as well as an opportunity to appreciate the value of its art, culture, and tradition, which will enable them to become well-rounded personalities who can live happily with others with dignity and proper pride of themselves.

6. **Course Description**

History, religion, language, literature, art, local wisdom and the Thai way of life from past up to present as well as the future trend.

7. **Course Outline**

- 1) Background for general understanding about Thai society from pre-historic phases to the formation of Siam / Thailand
- 2) Social, political, economical background of Siam-Thailand from past to present. An outlook into Thailand's status in ASEAN Community.
- 3) Religions and beliefs in Thai culture
- 4) Thai language and literature in social context
- 5) Thai visual art and traditional music in social context
- 6) Folk culture and local wisdom in Thai society
- 7) Thai society in three dimensions: past, present and future trend

8. Student-centered Teaching Methods

Co-operative learning via in-class lectures and field trips; learning through fundamental research and analytical process as a team via Thai Studies Project.

9. Teaching Aids/Materials

Hand-outs, PowerPoint presentations, video-audio materials.

10. Measures of Achievement

| Activities | Percent |
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| 1) Independent study and presentation - Proposal of Thai Studies Project Presentation (10)* - Presentation on Folk Culture & Wisdom (10)* - Thai Studies Project Presentation (20) * The one with a better result will be counted. | 30 |
| 2) Examinations and tests - Mid-Semester examination (20) - Final examination (20) - 4 tests (4 best ones chosen)(10) | 50 |
| 3) Class attendance (regularity and punctuality) (4) & Participation (submission of teamwork reports (2) no less than 80% of pre & post tests, mini quizzes + assignment (4) | 10 |
| 4) Thai Studies Project Paper | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

All disciplined students and students with attendance less than 80% of the total schedule will not be given points for class attendance nor allowed to take examinations.

11. Grading

Based on norm-referenced and criterion-referenced evaluation.

12. Books and Online Resources

- 1) K. Wyatt, David. La-ongsri, Kanchanee, Editor. **Thailand a Short History**. Bangkok: The Foundation for the Promotion of Social Sciences and Humanities Textbooks Project. 2014.
- 2) Kanokpongchai, Sangaroon, ed. **Museum of Folk Culture**. Bangkok: Muang Boran, 1988.
- 3) Kreuthong, Pramin. **Museum of Siam, the Account of Thailand: Souvenir Guide**. Bangkok: Institute of Discovery and Creative Learning, 2007.
- 4) Nawigamune, Wanna, ed. **Rice in Art and Culture**. Bangkok: Thai Rice Foundation, 2001.
- 5) Wongthes, Sujit. **Social & Cultural History of Siam / Thailand**. Bangkok: Matichon, 2004.
- 6) Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre. **Database**.
<http://www.sac.or.th/th/>

13. Class Schedule for Section 415

Friday 1 – 4 p.m. Room no.

| Week | Date | Topic | Class Activity | Lecturer |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1 | F 11/08/17 | Introduction: 1) The scope of Thai Studies Course 2) Background for general understanding about Thai society | - Distribution / study of 999032 course syllabus - Students forming activity groups - Pre-test and lecture with PowerPoint slides | Ajarn Wanna Nawigamune wanna.nawig@hotmail.com |
| 2 | F 18/08/17 | Pre-historic phases of Siam / Thailand: knowledge from archaeological finds | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Mini quiz or writing assignment | Asst. Prof. Dr. Warrachai Wiriyaromp wwarrachai@yahoo.com |
| 3 | F 25/08/17 | Pre-modern history of Thailand from Srivijaya-Dvaravati-Angkorean Empires to the formation of Bangkok and ideas of <i>being Siwilai</i> in early Bangkok period. | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Tests 1-2 (lecture-based) Note: The schedule for these two history classes need adjustment. | |
| 4 | F 01/09/17 | Modern History of Thailand: - from King Chulalongkorn's westernization of Siam to Nationalism and the end of Absolutism - Thailand and Japanese Empire - American era: Thailand in the Cold war - Globalization and Industrialization of Thai economy - Crisis and contemporary Thai identities | | Ajarn Kunakorn Vanichviroon tonvanich@gmail.com |
| 5 | F 08/09/17 | Multi religions and beliefs in Thai Society | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 3 (lecture-based) | Ajarn Dr. Pakpong Wudthiwongse leo_thefirst@yahoo.com |
| 6 | F 15/09/17 | Evolution of the Thai language | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 4 (lecture-based) | Ajarn Dr. Kachen Tansiri tansiri.kc@gmail.com |
| 7 | F 22/09/17 1-3 p.m. | Proposal of Thai Studies Project Presentation | - Oral presentations by all project teams | Ajarn Wanna & Thai Studies Project Advisers |
| | 3-4 p.m. | Revision for Mid-semester Examination | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides via Q & A method | Ajarn Wanna |
| 18 - 22 September : 1st Course evaluation on line via http://eassess.ku.ac.th/index_en.php | | | | |
| 8 | Sat 23 Sept. – Sun1 Oct. Mid-Semester Examination Week (01999032 exam paper covers the content from weeks 1-6) | | | |

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| 9 | F 06/10/17 | Thai Literature & society | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 5 (lecture-based) | Ajarn Dr. Ranwarat Poonsri ranwarat.p@gmail.com |
| 10 | F 13/10/17 | <i>13 October – National Holiday Class cancelled</i> | | |
| 11 | F 20/10/17 | Art Forms in Thailand | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 6 (lecture-based) | Ajarn Somlak Charoenpot somlakcha@gmail.com |
| 12 | F 27/10/17 | Thai Music Appreciation: 1) Nature of Thai music 2) Thai musical instruments 3) Thai classical songs 4) Classical music and Thai life | - Lecture & demonstration at the Faculty of Humanities, KU - Test 7 (lecture-based) Note: The schedule for Thai Music class might need adjustment. which will be discussed later. | Ajarn Anant Narkong, Ajarn Dr.Krittaya Ajarn Chattiya & Humanities Thai music band |
| 13 | F 03/11/17 | Folk Culture & Local Wisdom | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 8 (lecture-based) | Ajarn Wanna |
| | Sat 04/11/17 | The heritage of Thai folk culture & local wisdom through experiences | -Taking trip to learn lessons at visited sites. - Trip-based presentation. | Ajarn Wanna, Dr. Krittaya & local lecturers |
| 14 | F 10/11/17 | Thailand in 3 dimensions: past, present and future | - Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Post-test | Ajarn Wanna |
| 15 | F 17/11/17 | Thai Studies Project Report | - Student's oral presentation & discussion - Thai Studies Project paper to be submitted within the final week. | Ajarn Wanna & Thai Studies Project Advisers |
| 16 | F 24/12/17 | <i>20 – 24 Nov. KU. Graduation Days Class cancelled</i> | | |
| 17 | F 01/12/17 | Thai Studies fulfilled: Course conclusion & Revision for Final Exam | - Guided discussion, by students representatives, on knowledge gained from taking Thai Studies - Concluding lecture with PowerPoint slides via Q & A method | Ajarn Wanna |
| 27 November – 03 December : 2nd Course evaluation on line via http://eassess.ku.ac.th/index_en.php | | | | |
| Mon 4 - Fri 15 Dec. Final Examination Weeks (01999032 exam paper covers the content from weeks 9-18) | | | | |

- Note:**
1. The above schedule is subject to necessary changes.
 2. Students are to form teams to work together throughout the course, supervised by the team's adviser. The number of teams and of team members will be decided after the first meeting with Ajarn Wanna.
 3. Program for folk-culture trip will be provided approximately 7 days prior to the scheduled date.

01999032 Course Chairperson's Signature.....
(Ajarn Dr. Krittaya Na Nongkhai)
Date 11/08/17

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via learning-teaching process of all courses.**

