



COURSE SYLLABUS

2nd Semester of Academic Year 2018

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

2. Course code	01999032	Course title	Thai Studies
Total credits	3(3-0-6)		
Prerequisite	-none-		
Section 410	Wednesday 1 – 4 p.m.	Room no.	EC5616

3. **Lecturers & Guest Lecturers:**

1. Ajarn Wanna Nawigamune
2. Asst. Prof. Dr. Warrachai Wiriyaromp
3. Ajarn Kunakorn Vanichviroon
4. Ajarn Dr. Pakpong Wudthiwongse
5. Ajarn Dr. Kachen Tansiri, Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University.
6. Ajarn Dr. Ranwarat Poonsri, Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University.
7. Ajarn Somlak Chareonpot
8. Ajarn Anant Narkong Faculty of Music, Silpakorn University
9. Asso. Prof. Sauvanit Vingvorn

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

Ajarn Wanna Nawigamune **Day:** Thursday **Time:** 1 – 5 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
1) Independent study and presentation 1.1 Proposal of Thai Studies Project Presentation (10)* 1.2 Presentation on Folk Culture & Wisdom (10)* 1.3 Thai Studies Project Presentation (20) * 1.1 and 1.2 are optional. The one with a better result will be counted.	30
2) Examinations and tests 2.1 Mid-Semester examination (20) 2.2 Final examination (20) 2.3 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

Ill 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-onsri, Kanchanee, Editor. **Thailand a Short History**. Bangkok: The Foundation for the Promotion of Social Sciences and Humanities Textbooks Project. 2014.
- 2) Kreuthong, Pramin. **Museum of Siam, the Account of Thailand: Souvenir Guide**. Bangkok: Institute of Discovery and Creative Learning, 2007.
- 3) New World Dictionary – Thai Art
http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Thai_art
- 4) Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre. **Database**.
<http://www.sac.or.th/th/>
- 5) Wongthes, Sujit. **Social & Cultural History of Siam / Thailand**. Bangkok: Matichon, 2004.

13. Class Schedule for Section 410

Wednesday 1 – 4 p.m. Room no. EC5616

Week	Date	Topic	Class Activity	Lecturer
1	W 16/01/19	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	W 23/01/19	Pre-historic phases of Siam / Thailand: knowledge from archaeological finds	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Exercise	Asst. Prof. Dr. Warrachai Wiriyaromp wwarrachai@yahoo.com
3	W 30/01/19	25 /01/19 – 02/02/19 Kaset Fair Week		Class cancelled
4	W 06/02/19	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)	Ajarn Kunakorn Vanichviroon tonvanich@gmail.com
5	W 13/02/19	Modern History of Thailand: - 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	Note: The schedule for these two history classes needs adjustment. Possible adjustment: TWO 3 hr-lectures, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon of Sat.9 OR Sun. 10 Feb. 2019.	
6	w 20/02/19	Multi religions and beliefs in Thai Society	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 3 (lecture-based)	Ajarn Dr. Pakpong Wudthiwongse leo_thefirst@yahoo.com
			Note: The schedule for this religious class needs adjustment. Possible adjustment: ONE 3-hr. lecture on Sun 17 Feb. 2019.	
7	w 27/02/19	Dynamics of the Thai language	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 4 (lecture-based)	Ajarn Dr. Kachen Tansiri tansiri.kc@gmail.com

Week	Date	Topic	Class Activity	Lecturer
8	W 06/03/19 9-11 a.m.	Proposal of Thai Studies Project Presentation	- Oral presentation by all project teams	Ajarn Wanna & a Thai Studies Project Adviser
	11-12 a.m.	Revision for Mid-semester Examination	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides via Q & A method	Ajarn Wanna
	9 - 17 March 19 : 1st Course evaluation on line via http://eassess.ku.ac.th/index_en.php			
9	Sat 9 – Sun 17 Mar. - Mid-Semester Examination Week (01999032 exam paper covers the content from weeks 1-8)			
10	W 20/03/19	Thai Literature & society	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 5 (lecture-based)	Ajarn Dr. Ranwarat Poonsri ranwarat.p@gmail.com
11	W 27/03/19	Art Forms in Thailand	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 6 (lecture-based)	Ajarn Somlak Charoenpot somlakcha@gmail.com
12	W 03/04/19	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 this religious class needs adjustment. Possible adjustment: ONE 3-hr. (4-7 p.m.)lecture & demonstration on Thurs. 4 April 2019.	Ajarn Anant Narkong, Ajarn Dr. Kittaya Ajarn Chattiya Ajarn Wanna & Humanities Thai music band
13	W 10/04/19	Thai Performing arts	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 8 (lecture-based)	Asso. Prof. Sauvanit Vingvorn sauvanit.v@gmail.com
14	W 17/04/19	Folk Culture & Local Wisdom	- Lecture with PowerPoint slides - Test 9 (lecture-based)	Ajarn Wanna
	Sat 20/04/19 OR Sun 21/04/19	The heritage of Thai folk culture & local wisdom through experiences	-Taking trip to learn lessons at visited sites - Oral Presentation on Folk Culture & Wisdom (trip-based)	Ajarn Wanna, Dr. Kittaya Ajarn Chattiya, Ajarn Dr.Kachen & local lecturers
15	W 24/04/19	Thai Studies Project Follow-up	- Project Consultation	Ajarn Wanna & a Thai Studies Project Adviser
16	W 01/05/19	Thai Studies Project Report	- Oral presentation by all project teams	Ajarn Wanna & a Thai Studies Project Adviser
17	W 08/05/19	Course conclusion & Revision for Final Exam	- Concluding lecture with PowerPoint slides via Q & A method	Ajarn Wanna
30 April – 06 May : 2nd Course evaluation on line via http://eassess.ku.ac.th/index_en.php				
Mon 7 - Fri 18 May - Final Examination Weeks (01999032 exam paper covers the content from weeks 10-17)				

- 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.

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(Ajarn Dr. Krittaya Na Nongkhai)

01999032 Course Chairperson

Date 14/01/19

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