

FAQs (Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University)

Q1. Do you accept students of any nationalities? If not, who are not eligible?

A1: Yes, we accept students from all nationals.

Q2. Will exchange students be allowed and able to take courses offered by other schools at the University?

A2: The exchange students can take course offered by other schools at the University, but only the courses that are opened in trimester system.

Q3. Are there any academic requirements for MA exchange students while at the University? (E.g. Exchange students are required to take X number of courses and can take up to X number of courses.)

A3. No. Usually MA exchange students will take up to two courses.

Q4. Are there any academic requirements for Ph.D. exchange students while at the University?

A4. N/A

Q5. Are there any additional application documents to be submitted if the applicant is Ph.D. student?

A5. N/A

Q6. Will exchange students be able to take local language classes free of charge at the University?

A6. Unfortunately, no.

Q7. Tell us the required language proficiency. Do you accept a TOEIC score as a certificate of English language proficiency?

A7. According to the MoU between the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies at Waseda University and the Faculty of Political Science at Chulalongkorn University, the minimum requirements of English proficiency score for exchange students are TOEFL IBT 92, or 237 CBT, which are higher than minimum requirements of the University.

Q8. Will students with an academic degree from an institution in an English speaking country be exempted from submitting a certificate of English language proficiency?

A8. Yes. Students with Bachelor degree or above from institutions in English speaking countries are exempted from submitting English proficiency certificates.

Q9. Are there any requirements/regulations at the University exchange program applicants should be particularly aware of?

A9. Exchange students should be responsible for costs of tuition fee and registration fee, transportation, accommodation, and health insurance.

Q10. Are there any requirements regarding enrolment period at the University exchange program applicants should be particularly aware of? (Minimum or Maximum study period in Waseda University before participating in exchange program)

A10. Regarding MA degree, MAIDS program is the only international MA program in the Faculty of Political Science which uses trimester system (3 terms per year):

Trimester 1: Aug-Nov

Trimester 2: Dec-Mar

Trimester 3: Apr-Jul

Therefore, the Waseda University's fall semester will be in the same period as MAIDS-GRID 1st trimester and into the first half of the 2nd trimester. And if Waseda University's exchange student is to study for 2 trimesters at MAIDS-GRID, they will have to stay in Thailand at least until the end of March.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chulalongkorn University announced that minimum period of the exchange program is one year.

Q11. Will exchange students be able to do internship at a company or international organization during the semester exchange program? If so, is there any support to find the institute from the University?

A11. In general, the University doesn't offer any support on this matter.

Q12. Do you have any dormitories where exchange students are allowed to stay?

A12. Yes, it's called CU International House (CU ihouse). The rate and information is shown on the website <http://www.chula.ac.th/en/prospective-student/accommodation>.

Q13. Please describe the procedure for obtaining the visa and the required documents.

A13. Please send all the information (attached file) to the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University 3 months before the class begin, which are as follows;

- A completed application form
- A nomination letter from home institute
- 2 references in signed and sealed envelopes
- An official transcript of academic records (to be issued by the institute presently being attended)
- An English proficiency score record
- A copy of passport
- Study plan / description of academic interests (on a separate sheet of A4-sized paper)
- Eight 1-inch-colored photos (with blue background) taken no more than six months in polite attire or a civil servant's uniform, signed on the reverse side, one of which should be attached to the application form

*Please send the above mentioned to International Office (chatkaew.kr@chula.ac.th)

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Chulalongkorn University will issue a letter of admission and a letter of introduction for the international student to apply for a visa category ‘ED’ at the Embassy of Thailand in his/her home country. **A non-immigrant “ED” visa must be obtained before students leave their home country. Students should hold a visa category ‘ED’ before entering the Kingdom of Thailand.** Information on the location and the contact number of Thai Embassies and Consulates-General abroad can be obtained from the Visas and Travel Documents Division, the Department of Consular Affairs, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 123 Chaengwattana Road, Rak-Si, Bangkok 10210, Tel. 0-2981-7171 ext. 3201-2, 3204-5 or direct line 0-2575-1062-4, Fax. 0-2575-1066, E-mail:, div1303@mfa.go.th ,consular03@mfa.mail.go.th
Website: www.thaiembassy.org

Q14. Please send us the list or URL of the courses which exchange students can take.

A14. The courses for international Master’s degree exchange which students can take are as follows;
Master of Arts in International Development Studies (MAIDS Program)

2440601 Development Theory and Practice

Survey of social science theories relevant for understanding development problems in different historical and geographical contexts particularly in East Asia, the theoretical and methodological concerns of the “interlocking problem” between theory and practice in development, and the positive contributions of East Asian experience in illuminating the specificity of Euro-centric and positivist development; understanding the thought behind existing development strategies and approaches, liberalism, Marxism, postmodernism, and alternative development ideas.

2440604 Research Methods in Development Studies

Research methods and techniques, both quantitative and qualitative, currently used and abused in development studies; inferential statistical techniques, social surveys, participant observation, interviewing, and the analysis of documents and census and historical data; examining the process of defining researchable development problems, and analyzing when, where, and why certain quantitative and qualitative methods may be appropriate for exploring particular substantive research problems; enabling students to conduct their own research projects as well as to evaluate the quality of research reports and findings by others from a methodological point of view.

2440607 Development Project Management

Focus on adaptive and learning processes for translating development theory to practice; principles and techniques of management, budgeting, finance, and planning; finding problems and defining objectives of development projects, including feasibility studies, assessment of social and environmental impacts, and development project evaluation.

2440608 Environmental Politics and Policy

Environmental policy as a complex and constantly evolving area of public policy; examining major concepts used to define contemporary environmental policy with the aim to understand developments in this field at the regional, national, and international levels; focusing on how these concepts apply to certain environmental issues with particular attention to the political dimension of environmental policy formulation and implementation; developing the analytical skills needed to deal with a wide range of policy situations concerning the environment.

2440609 Human Rights and Gender Problems

Application of theories of gender and human rights to contemporary ethical and social issues arising from “development”; exploring specific and controversial topics in the areas of poverty, social justice, individual and group rights, administration of justice, living standards, work, bio-ethics and genetics, environment, sexual and racial equality, child labour, mental health, illness, human and social security, energy, corruption, Asian values, and cultural diversity; linking these specific and practical areas into gender and human rights questions relevant to the experiences of East and Southeast Asia.

2440616 Critical Issues in Development: Business, Human Rights, and Social Responsibility

Contemporary fundamental development problems as well as new emerging social phenomena: intellectual property rights, debt crisis, poverty, development assistance, bio-diversity, and new forms of risk societies. For more information about this program please visit <https://www.maids-chula.org/overview>

② Let us know the application deadline

For the 2021 Fall Exchange program, its nomination deadline is on 31st March, and application deadline is on 15th April.

(Please kindly find attachment 1)