

FAQs for Exchange Programme, Spring 2024

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: Exchange students can take courses offered by other schools at the University (courses in the trimester system only)

Q3. What is the minimum and maximum credit number for an exchange student?

A3. Usually, exchange students can take up to two courses.

Q4. Is there a minimum/maximum credit number for Ph.D. exchange students?

A4. N/A

Q5. Is a Ph.D. student required to submit any additional application documents?

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 the minimum requirements of the University.

Q8. Can the English language proficiency score be exempted?

A8. Yes. Students with a bachelor's degree or above from institutions in English-speaking countries are exempted from submitting English proficiency certificate

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.

Group Health Insurance Fee for Chula International Students of 2,000 Thai baht/academic year. Each international student who enrolls in courses or research studies for at least one whole semester or more will be required to pay Chula group health insurance fee of 2,000 THB per academic year, covering the period from 1st August to 31st July, and for both IPD and OPD patients. COVID-19 is also included.

Q10. What are the minimum credits required before applying for our 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 academic year):

Trimester 1: Aug-Nov

Trimester 2: Dec-Mar

Trimester 3: Apr-Jul

Below are the MAIDS available courses for Spring 2024

Trimester 1	2440601 Development Theory and Practice	Trimester 2	2440602 Globalization and Development in The Asia and Pacific
	2440604 Research Methods in Development Studies		2440603 The Politics of Public Policy
	2440607 Development Project Management		2440606 Conflict Resolution
	2440608 Environmental Politics and Policy		2440610 Migration as a Development Issue
	2440609 Human Rights and Gender Problems in the Asia and Pacific		2440617 Innovation for Inclusive Development in Southeast Asia
	2440616 Critical Issues in Development Studies		
Other: 2440613 Individual Studies 2440614 Seminar in Development Problems 2440615 Development Practicum			

NOTE: Courses in **red color** are MAIDS elective courses. Some of them may be not available in the trimester or switched to another trimester.

Courses in **purple color** are not lecture. It can be opened in any trimester depending on the student's request. Students must send a request of opening these courses at least 2 months before the trimester starts.

For information on course description, please visit our MAIDS website <https://www.maids-chula.org/courses-1> Or click <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/582012afebbd1a19864d50c6/t/63c6104d0eccf76e8cb10b29/1673924686092/MAIDS-GRID+Courses.ver2023.pdf>

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, Chulalongkorn University doesn't offer any support on this matter. If exchange students want to do an internship, they are required to consult with their home university's program coordinator and contact the company or international organization, or institute they want to join for the internship by themselves.

Q12. Are there university accommodations available?

A12. Yes, the CU International House (CU ihouse). Its rate and information are 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 the following information (attached file) to the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University at least 3 months before the class begins:

- A completed application form
>> <http://www.iaa.polsci.chula.ac.th/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Visiting-Student-App.doc>
- 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)
- 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 the International Office (chatkaew.kr@chula.ac.th) Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University 46 Henry-Dunant Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand

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. Which courses are available to exchange students?

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)

Available course for Spring 2024 (April-July): 2440613 Individual Studies.

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Let us know the application deadline

For the Spring 2024 Exchange program, its nomination deadline is on 31st August, and the application deadline is on 15 September.