

Additional Information for Double Degree Program:

✕Only undergraduate students from SILS (the School of International Liberal Studies) are eligible to apply for this Double Degree Programme.

#### Overview of the Double Degree Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Language and Culture (BALAC) program is Chulalongkorn University's flagship global liberal arts program and Thailand's first cultural studies program. Since 2008, it has prepared a wide range of students with 21st century humanities skills, knowledge, and experiences to help them succeed in today's world.

BALAC began as an international program, taught in English, in the renowned Faculty of Arts of Chulalongkorn University. Aiming to provide carefully selected students a quality globally-oriented liberal arts education, BALAC has focused on teaching Cultural Studies in English along with foreign language competence. In doing so, it has fostered critical thinking, creative problem-solving and clear communication in its graduates through a wide range of cultural studies classes, as well as giving them competency in a foreign language. These primary goals remain central to the program's future, too.

But BALAC has grown and improved in its first decade.

BALAC is bigger and more international. Since 2008, the BALAC program has more than doubled the number of enrolled students in each class to more than 100 new full-time students each year and quadrupled the number of foreign faculty who teach in it. It now comprises about a quarter of the Faculty's students. In addition, each semester more than thirty inbound exchange students from many universities around the world further diversify and globalize the program. To help realize its international mission within the Faculty of Arts, each year more than thirty outbound BALAC students leave to study for a summer, a semester or a full academic year in a foreign university. The program has plans to increase and enhance its global expansion in the future, too.

BALAC is forward-looking and more committed to teaching real-world skills. From 2018, the curriculum will expand and diversify. In addition to providing a concentrated study of a foreign language, the program will also offer concentrations in two new areas, Global Cultures and Media Cultures. Students will have a wider range of Cultural Studies classes to

choose from, including many with a stronger practical orientation. This can be seen in two important new options available to students from 2018: an Internship for which they can receive three credits, upon its completion, and a capstone Senior Project, which students can do for six credits in their final year.

The evolution of the BALAC program in its first decade reflect an awareness that students need more than just knowledge and a diploma to succeed in today's world. They need concrete evidence of their abilities in action, both in and out of the classroom. The above extras, along with expanded forms of international engagement and community involvement offered by the program, aim to help BALAC graduates get an edge in global academic settings and in today's global workplace. <https://www.arts.chula.ac.th/~balac/v2020/>

#### Summary of Double Degree Program

Waseda students participating in this DDP will study at Chulalongkorn University for 2 years at the BALAC Program. Upon completion of all degree requirements at both Chulalongkorn University and the students' home university, students will be awarded Bachelor of Arts (BA) by Chulalongkorn University, along with a Bachelor's degree from Waseda. The degrees will be conferred by the respective institution upon graduation from Waseda University.

#### Sample Program Structure

URL: <https://www.arts.chula.ac.th/~balac/v2020/index.php/curriculum/course-descriptions-syllabus/>

Waseda students will enroll in the Bachelor of Arts in Language and Culture (BALAC) for 4 semesters at Chulalongkorn University. Waseda students should consult their home undergraduate school office for details on credit transfer and graduation requirements.

#### <Note>

Waseda students are required to obtain 62 credits (out of 124 credits required for the graduation from Waseda) prior to their studying and pursuing a degree in BALAC.

#### [Useful URLs]

- 1) BALAC Homepage: <https://www.arts.chula.ac.th/~balac/v2020/>
- 2) CU iHouse: [http://www.pmcu.co.th/?page\\_id=9795](http://www.pmcu.co.th/?page_id=9795)
- 3) BALAC Official Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/officialbalacchula/>
- 4) Chula Academics\*: <https://www.chula.ac.th/en/academics/>

\*It'll be announced before the start of every semester. The academic calendar will be sent to the students via email by our BALAC Office.

- 5) Office of Student Affairs: <http://www.sa.chula.ac.th/service/insurance/>

#### Curricular Requirements

Waseda students pursuing a degree in BALAC:

1) are required to complete 66 credits of courses. 24 of which will be from courses in the chosen concentration (either global cultures or media cultures; a combination between 6 global cultures' concentrated subjects + 2 media cultures' concentrated subjects [and vice versa] are allowed); 42 of which will be from other categories, such as core courses, cultural studies courses, or Senior Project.

Curriculum: <http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/~balac/v2020/index.php/curriculum/>

Study plan: <http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/~balac/v2020/index.php/curriculum/study-plan/>

Course description: <http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/~balac/v2020/index.php/curriculum/>

2) are allowed to register for up to 21 credits per semester at Chulalongkorn.

The normative study period for Waseda students at Chulalongkorn is 4 academic semesters. Waseda students will only be assessed for graduation and awarded a degree provided they have attended Chulalongkorn for 4 semesters.

\*Waseda students pursuing a degree in BALAC are not required to submit a graduation thesis.

\*In no circumstance should the total study period exceed the maximum study periods at Chulalongkorn and Waseda.