

Doctor of Philosophy Program in Religious Studies (International Program)

College of Religious Studies

There are two major concentrations

1. **Buddhist Studies**
2. **Religion in Southeast Asia**

Admission Requirements

A Candidate must : Plan 1

1. Hold a Master's degree in a related field with an overall GPA of 3.50 or higher from a university that is recognized by the Ministry of Education.
2. Show high English proficiency that meets the standard required by the Program; and have sufficient study, work, or life experience in order to justify exemption from course work.
3. Have a TOEFL ITP score of at least 550 (computer based 213), Internet Based 79 - 88 or IELTS score of 6.0.

Exceptions from the above requirements may be made by the Program Committee and the Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies

A Candidate must : Plan 2

1. Hold a Bachelor's degree with first-class honors from an accredited institution of higher education or
2. Hold a Master's degree with a GPA of no less than 3.50
3. have a TOEFL ITP score of at least 550 (computer based 213), Internet Based 79 - 88 or IELTS score of 6.0.

Exceptions from the above requirements may be made by the Program Committee and the Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Curriculum Structure (Current)

	Credit
Plan 1 : Research Only	
A student with a Master's degree	
Dissertation	48
Plan 2 : Coursework and Research	
A student with a Bachelor's degree	
Core Courses	12
Required Courses	6
Elective Courses no less than	12
Dissertation	48

A Student with a Master's degree

Core Courses	3
Required Courses	6
Elective Courses no less than	9
Dissertation	36

Credit**Core Courses**

Note for the first year: In first year, a student with a Master's degree is required to complete the core curriculum (CRRS 645). A student with a Bachelor's degree or with a Master's degree in other fields is advised to take the following course

CRRS 552 Core Concepts in Religious Studies	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 553 Foundations of Religious Studies History and Theory	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 554 Research Methods for Religious Studies	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 645 Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion	3(3-0-6)

Required Courses**Buddhist Studies**

CRRS 646 Indian Buddhism	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 647 Anthropology of Theravada Buddhism	3(3-0-6)

Religion in Southeast Asia

CRRS 657 Living Buddhism in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 658 Living Islam in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)

Elective Courses**Buddhist Studies**

CRRS 648 Buddhist Philosophy	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 649 Theory and Practice of Buddhist Meditation	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 650 Buddhist Ethics	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 651 Theravada Buddhist Teachings	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 652 Buddhism Power and Politics in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 653 Two Views of Mind: Buddhism and Brain Science	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 654 Japanese Buddhism	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 655 Independent Studies in Buddhist Studies	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 656 Working Pali	3(3-0-6)

Religion in Southeast Asia

CRRS 659 Religion, Politics and Power in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 660 Spirit Belief in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 661 Contemporary Developments in Buddhist-Muslim Relations	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 662 Modern Religious Movements in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 663 Tribal Religions in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 664 Southeast Asian Religious History	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 665 Independent Studies in Religion in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)

Dissertation

CRRS 699 Dissertation	36(0-108-0)
CRRS 799 Dissertation	48(0-144-0)

*** These may change in cases where there are suggestions for the improvement of the curriculum**

Additional advantages of the programme

Study religious studies in Southeast Asia at a top quality University. Study religious studies in a country with variety of thriving religious practices. Study Buddhist Studies in a Buddhist country. For non-Thais a chance to be immersed in a new culture. High quality education at a competitive price.

Additional information for applicants

A student with a Master's degree in an other field than religious studies is require to take CRRS 552 Core Concepts in Religious Studies, CRRS 553 Foundations of Religious Studies History and Theory, CRRS 554 Research Methods for Religious Studies unless his MA transcripts show matching courses having been taken. CRRS 552, CRRS 553 and CRRS 554 are thus prerequisites to be completed before he can register for any PhD course.

Detail of Scholarships

Scholarships are currently not available at the College of Religious Studies, applicants are advised to seek their own financial support. However, accommodations for Theravada monks is provided.

Proposal / Concept Paper

Topic of research which is interested or plan to do Concept of research.

Application Process

Application is only available via online application at www.grad.mahidol.ac.th

Required Documents

Prepare the following required documents to submit via online admission system or post:

1. Completed an Online Application at www.grad.mahidol.ac.th which comprised with
 - Form A** : Application Form
 - Form B** : Background and Proposed Field of Study
 - Form C** : Recommendation Forms (directly submitted by at least 2 referees)
2. Two copies of Degree Certificate (with officially certified English translation)
3. Two copies of Academic Transcript (with officially certified English translation)
4. Two copies of Recent Photos (Passport size)
5. Two copies of Passport
6. Two copies of English certificate (TOEFL/ IELTS/ MU-Grad Test)

(For Doctoral Program)

- TOEFL ITP score of at least 500, TOEFL Internet-based score of 61, or IELTS score of 5

(For Master's Program)

- TOEFL ITP score of at least 480, TOEFL Internet-based score of 54, IELTS score of 5 or MU GRAD TEST score of 60.

Notes

- Only accept TOEFL ITP score from examination center arranged by Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.
 - TOEFL ITP taken from other domestic and overseas institutes are invalid.
 - The test date must be within previous 2 years before application date
 - Applicant who obtained a valid English score must submit an **official score certificate** along with your application. Otherwise, your English score will not be considered.
 - Detail of English Competency Standard for Admission:
<http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/en/current-students/language-center.php>
7. Two copies of Curriculum Vitae
 8. Two copies of Statement of Purposes and Career Goals
 9. Two copies of Current bank statement / Scholarship letter (if any)
 10. Two copies of Concept paper / research proposal (recommended for all applicants)
 11. Two copies of additional documents may be requested by each program (such as letter of work experience / professional license/ related certificates and awards)

Submitting documents via online admission system

- All documents must be in pdf format (maximum size 2 MB)
- Recent photograph must be in jpeg format only (maximum size 2 MB)

Job option after graduation

1. Scholars of religious ethics and culture
2. Exodus ambassador
3. Experts of religions moral and cultural
4. Researrchers

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- Notes** 1. The program of Doctor of Philosophy Program in Religious Studies (International Program) requires students to study the prerequisite course:
- CRRS 552 Core Concepts in Religious Studies 3 Credits
 - CRRS 553 Foundations of Religious Studies History and Theory 3 Credits
 - CRRS 554 Research Methods for Religious Studies 3 Credits
2. For more education information : www.grad.mahidol.ac.th

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