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Master of Arts Program in Religious Studies (International Program)

หลักสูตร ศิลปศาสตรมหาบัณฑิต

สาขาวิชา ศาสนศึกษา (หลักสูตรนานาชาติ) (ภาคปกติ)

College of Religious Studies

วิทยาลัยศาสนศึกษา

Expected number of Students to be accepted year round : 5 Students

There are three major concentrations

1. Buddhist Studies
2. Buddhism and Society
3. Buddhism and Islam

Admission Requirements

A candidate must :

1. hold a Bachelor's degree in science, social sciences, humanities and education.
2. Receive a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50
3. have a TOEFL score of at least 500 or IELTS score of 5.5 or pass the English Proficiency Examination arranged by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
Those who do not have any of the test scores specified above will have to take the English Proficiency Examination of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the specified examination day.
4. In case your qualification does not match to the admission criteria, candidates must prior attach A Requesting Form for Examination" approved by the program director. The form must be submitted before making the application. Kindly download here:
http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/grad/admission/form_th.php

Exemption from the above conditions may be granted by the Program Committee under exceptional circumstances.

Written Examination (Applicants must attend the examination date accurately to your admission round.)

<u>First Round</u> January 17, 2015		<u>Second Round</u> May 16, 2015	
Subjects for examination	Time	Subjects for examination	Time
1. English	8.30 - 11.30 a.m.	1. English	8.30 - 11.30 a.m.
2. General Knowledge	11.30 - 12.30 p.m.	2. General Knowledge	11.30 - 12.30 p.m.
3. Core Concepts in Religious Studies	1.30 - 4.30 p.m.	3. Core Concepts in Religious Studies	1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Examination Place Mahidol University , Salaya , Nakhonpathom more details : www.grad.mahidol.ac.th or Announcement at Faculty of Graduate Studies branches.			

Curriculum Structure

Core Courses	Credit 9
Required Courses [Majors]	3
Elective Courses no less than	12
Thesis	12

	Credit
Core Courses	
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)
Required Courses	
Buddhist Studies	
CRRS 555 Geography and History of Religion	3(3-0-6)
Buddhism and Society	
CRRS 564 Introduction to the Academic Study of Buddhism : History and Principles	3(3-0-6)
Buddhism and Islam	
CRRS 573 Dynamics of Inter-Religious Encounters	3(3-0-6)
Elective Courses	
Students have to take no less than 12 credits.	
Buddhist Studies	
CRRS 556 Religion, Power & Politics	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 557 Religious Ethics of War & Peace	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 558 Religion and Healing	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 559 Religion and Cognitive Sciences	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 560 Religion and Sciences	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 561 Theistic Traditions : Christianity, Islam and Hinduism	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 562 Women in Religious Traditions	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 563 Independent Studies in Religious Studies	3(3-0-6)
Buddhism and Society	
CRRS 565 Issues in Contemporary Buddhist Society	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 566 The Buddhist Temple and Theravada Society	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 567 Visual Representations of Buddhism	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 568 Buddhism in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)

CRRS 569 Buddhism in East Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 570 Buddhism in the West	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 571 Thai Buddhism	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 572 Independent Studies in Buddhist Studies	3(3-0-6)
Buddhism and Islam	
CRRS 574 Buddhist-Muslim Relations in the Past and Present	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 575 Buddhism and Islam: A Comparative Study	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 576 Workshop on Issues in Contemporary Buddhist-Muslim Relations	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 577 Sectarianism and Religious Reform Movements in Buddhism and Islam	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 578 Independent Studies in Buddhism and Islam	3(3-0-6)
Thesis	
CRRS 698 Thesis	12(0-36-0)
* These may change in cases where there are suggestions for the improvement of the curriculum	

Additional advantages of the program

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.

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 :

- Two (2) recent photographs (1x1 inch in size)
- A copy of an applicant's degree certificate or a letter of graduation certification
(for an applicant with a degree completion) 2 copies
- A letter certifying that an applicant is currently in the final year prior to graduation
(for an applicant seeking for a degree) 2 copies
- A detailed transcript of a degree (for an applicant with a degree completion) 2 copies

- A grade report with course names and grades received from the first to the current semester prior to graduation 2 copies
- A copy of identification card 2 copies
- A copy of house registration certification 2 copies
- A copy of Certificate of English score: TOEFL/IELTS/MU-Test (if any). See detail here: 2 copies
http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/grad/academicinfo/engstandard2553_th.php
 Those who early submit a valid English score prior to the examination will be exempt from English test on the examination date.
- A copy of proof of payment.

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

**Further information may be obtained from the Director of Graduate Studies,
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Note 1. For more education information : www.grad.mahidol.ac.th

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