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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 : 2 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 3.00;
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. For those who already hold a valid English score, please submit its certificate along with all application documents.

**Curriculum Structure**

Core Courses	<b>Credit</b> 9
Required Courses [Majors]	3
Elective Courses no less than	12
Thesis	12

	<b>Credit</b>
<b>Core Courses</b>	
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)
<b>Required Courses</b>	
<b>Buddhist Studies</b>	
CRRS 555 Geography and History of Religion	3(3-0-6)
<b>Buddhism and Society</b>	
CRRS 564 Introduction to the Academic Study of Buddhism : History and Principles	3(3-0-6)
<b>Buddhism and Islam</b>	

CRRS 573 Dynamics of Inter-Religious Encounters	3(3-0-6)
<b>Elective Courses</b>	
<b>Students have to take no less than 12 credits.</b>	
<b>Buddhist Studies</b>	
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)
<b>Buddhism and Society</b>	
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)
<b>Buddhism and Islam</b>	
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)
<b>Thesis</b>	
CRRS 698 Thesis	12(0-36-0)
<b>* These may change in cases where there are suggestions for the improvement of the curriculum</b>	

#### **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](http://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: [http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/grad/academicinfo/engstandard2553\\_th.php](http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/grad/academicinfo/engstandard2553_th.php) 2 copies
- 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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