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**Doctor of Philosophy Program in Religious Studies (International Program)**

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สาขาวิชา ศาสนศึกษา (หลักสูตรนานาชาติ) (ภาคปกติ)

College of Religious Studies

วิทยาลัยศาสนศึกษา

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

**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. Submit a certificate of English proficiency with minimum admission score:
  - IELTS - at least 3 or
  - TOEFL INTERNET BASED - at least 32 or
  - TOEFL ITP (test arranged by Faculty of Graduate Study, Mahidol University) - at least 400

Important Notes:

- English proficiency score must be taken within 2 years up to the admission date.
  - Application without submitting a valid English certificate will NOT be considered.
  - MU English Competence Standards: [www.grad.mahidol.ac.th](http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th)
  - MU English proficiency tests, please contact the Language Center, Faculty of Graduate Studies.  
Tel. 0-2441-4125 ext. 221-222
4. 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. Submit a certificate of English proficiency with minimum admission score:
  - IELTS - at least 3 or
  - TOEFL INTERNET BASED - at least 32 or
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**Written Examination** (Applicants must attend the examination date accurately to your admission round)

Subjects for examination	Time (Morning session)
1. Core Concepts in Religious Studies	9.00 - 12.00 a.m.
<b>Examination Place</b> Mahidol University , Salaya , Nakhonpathom more details : <a href="http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th">www.grad.mahidol.ac.th</a>	

**Curriculum Structure (Current)**

	Credit
<b>Plan 1 : Research Only</b>	
<b>A student with a Master's degree</b>	
Dissertation	48
<b>Plan 2 : Coursework and Research</b>	
<b>A student with a Bachelor's degree</b>	
Core Courses	12
Required Courses	6
Elective Courses no less than	12
Dissertation	48
<b>A Student with a Master's degree</b>	
Core Courses	3
Required Courses	6
Elective Courses no less than	9
Dissertation	36

	Credit
<b>Core Courses</b>	
<b>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</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)
CRRS 645 Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion	3(3-0-6)
<b>Required Courses</b>	
<b>Buddhist Studies</b>	
CRRS 646 Indian Buddhism	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 647 Anthropology of Theravada Buddhism	3(3-0-6)
<b>Religion in Southeast Asia</b>	
CRRS 657 Living Buddhism in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
CRRS 658 Living Islam in Southeast Asia	3(3-0-6)
<b>Elective Courses</b>	
<b>Buddhist Studies</b>	
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)
<b>Religion in Southeast Asia</b>	
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)
<b>Dissertation</b>	
CRRS 699 Dissertation	36(0-108-0)
CRRS 799 Dissertation	48(0-144-0)
<b>* These may change in cases where there are suggestions for the improvement of the curriculum</b>	

### **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.

### **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**

Applicants must upload all documents via online admission system. All documents must be in PDF format (maximum size 2 MB). Photograph must be in JPEG format

- 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)
- A letter certifying that an applicant is currently in the final year prior to graduation (for an applicant seeking for a degree)
- A detailed transcript of a degree (for an applicant with a degree completion)
- A grade report with course names and grades received from the first to the current semester prior to graduation
- A copy of identification card
- A copy of house registration certification
- A copy of Certificate of English proficiency : IELTS / TOEFL INTERNET BASEF / TOEFL ITP
- A copy of proof of payment.

### **Job option after graduation**

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

**Further information may be obtained from the Director of Graduate Studies, Religious studies :**

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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:**

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| - 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](http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th)**

**For more Information please contact The Student Admission Section.  
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