

**BIR Academic Handout**  
**Curriculum 2021 (B.E.2564)**  
**Revision 2023**

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**Curriculum Structure**

**1. General Education Course 30 Credits**

**Part 1:** (21 Credits) Student must complete the following courses in accordance with the requirements of Thammasat University

- **Sociology**
  - TU100 Civic Engagement
  - TU101 Thailand, ASEAN and the World
- **Anthropology**
  - TU102 Social Life Skills
- **Science and Mathematics**
  - TU103 Life and Sustainability
- **Languages**
  - EL105 English Communication Skills
  - LAS101 Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing
  - TU106 Creativity and Communication

**Part 2:** (9 Credits) Student must complete the following courses in accordance with the requirements of Faculty of Political Science

- PD102 Social Sciences in the 21st Century
- PD103 Humanities in the Age of Disruption
- Select one course from:
  - AH208 Exercise for Good Health and Well-Being
  - EL295 Academic English and Study Skill 1

**2. Major Requirements 91 Credits**

**2.1 Core Courses (30 Credits)**

- PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy
- PI211 Introduction to Political Science
- PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy
- PI271 Introduction to International Relations
- PI280 International Relations Theories and Current Affairs
- PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations
- PI300 Social Science Methodology
- PI320 Comparative Politics
- PI321 Thai Politics and Government
- PI390 Global Political Economy

**2.2 Required Courses in Concentration (19 Credits)**

- PI370 Thai Foreign Affairs
- PI270 Diplomatic History
- PI272 Foreign Policy Analysis

- PI291 International Law
- PI292 International Organizations and Regimes
- PI470 Seminar: International Relations Theories
- PI574 Internship in Politics and International Relations (1 credit)

### 2.3 Required Course in Faculty of Economics (3 Credits)

- EE210 Introductory Economics

### 2.4 Elective Courses in Concentration (18 Credits)

- **Area Studies Groups**

*select 3 courses (9 credits) of following courses:*

- PI364 Middle East in Global Politics
- PI365 Russia in Global Politics
- PI366 The United States of America in Global Politics
- PI367 Europe in Global Politics
- PI368 South Asia in Global Politics
- PI369 Africa in Global Politics
- PI374 China in Global Politics
- PI375 Latin America in Global Politics
- PI378 Japan in Global Politics
- PI474 East Asia in Global Politics
- PI475 Southeast Asia in Global Politics
- PI476 ASEAN in Global Politics

- **Approaches and Issues Groups**

*select 3 courses (9 credits) of following courses:*

- PI376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations
- PI377 Security Studies
- PI379 Religion and Global Politics
- PI477 Global Geopolitics
- PI478 Political Psychology and International Relations
- PI479 Global Politics through Film
- PI483 Seminar: Non-Western International Relations Theories
- PI484 Seminar: International Regimes, Institutions, and Governance
- PI485 Selected Topics in Political Science
- PI486 Comparative Regionalism
- PI487 The International Relations of Rising Powers
- PI488 Classical Theories in International Relations
- PI489 Epistemology and Global Politics

## 2.5 Minor Courses (21 Credits)

- **Governance and Transnational Studies**
  - **Required Courses (9 Credits)**
    - PI380 Nation-State and Transnationalism
    - PI381 Globalization and Global Governance
    - PI382 Politics of International Development
  - **Elective Courses**  
*select 2 courses (6 credits) of following courses:*
    - PI313 Media and Global Politics
    - PI373 Transnational Crime and Global Governance
    - PI383 Ethics and International Relations
    - PI384 Selected Topics in Global Governance
    - PI385 Peace Studies
    - PI386 Gender Studies
    - PI387 Environment and Global Politics
    - PI388 Human Security in Global Politics
    - PI389 Global Civil Society
    - PI413 Seminar: Globalization, Regional Grouping and the State
    - PI414 Seminar: International Conflict and Resolutions
  - **Elective Courses in other Minors (6 Credits)**
- **Public Administration and Public Policy**
  - **Required Courses (9 Credits)**
    - PI340 Public Policy and Management in the Global Context
    - PI341 Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Concepts and Techniques
    - PI342 Organization and Human Resource Management: Theories and Practices
  - **Elective Courses**  
*select 2 courses (6 credits) of following courses:*
    - PI343 Strategic Planning and Management
    - PI344 Environmental Management and Policy
    - PI345 Disaster and Emergency Management
    - PI346 Urban Planning and Development Policy
    - PI347 Fiscal and Budgeting
    - PI348 Comparative Public Administration
    - PI349 Information Technology Management in the Public Sector
    - PI443 Selected Topics in Public Policy
    - PI444 Selected Topics in Public Administration
  - **Elective Courses in other Minors (6 Credits)**
- **Global Political Economy**
  - **Required Courses (9 Credits)**
    - PI392 Comparative Political Economy
    - PI480 Seminar: Issues in Global Political Economy

- PI490 Political Economy of Development
- **Elective Courses**  
*select 2 courses (6 credits) of following courses:*
  - PI293 Introduction to Political Economy
  - PI395 International Political Economy in Asia
  - PI396 Game Theory for Political Scientists
  - PI397 Public Choice in Global Affairs
  - PI398 Politics of International Trade
  - PI399 Politics of International Finance
  - PI494 Selected Topics in International Political Economy
  - PI495 Contemporary Debates in Global Political Economy
  - PI496 Economic Diplomacy and Negotiation
  - PI497 Politics of International Trade in Services
  - PI498 Global Politics of Digital Economy
- **Elective Courses in other Minors (6 Credits)**

### 3. Free Elective Courses

**6 Credits**

Student must select at least 6 credits as Free Elective Courses from any courses provided by Thammasat University.

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## Year 1 Study Plan

### # Semester 1

- TU100 Civic Engagement
- TU101 Thailand, ASEAN and the World
- TU103 Life and Sustainability
- EL105 English Communication Skills
- TU106 Creativity and Communication
- PD102 Social Sciences in the 21st Century

### # Semester 2

- TU102 Social Life Skills
- LAS101 Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing
- PD103 Humanities in the Age of Disruption
- Select 1 Course from:
  - AH208 Exercise for Good Health and Well-Being
  - EL295 Academic English and Study Skill 1
- PI211 Introduction to Political Science
- PI271 Introduction to International Relations

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TU/PD/EL/LASxxx Courses may differ. It depends on student's exemption result and course arrangement each semester

## Year 2 Study Plan

### # Semester 1

- PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy
- PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy
- PI280 International Relations Theories and Current Affairs
- PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations
- PI291 International Law
- EE210 Introductory Economics

### # Semester 2

- PI270 Diplomatic History
- PI272 Foreign Policy Analysis
- PI292 International Organizations and Regimes
- PI321 Thai Politics and Government
- PI370 Thai Foreign Affairs
- [Elective Courses in Concentration \(Approaches and Issues Groups\) 1](#)

### # Summer (\*Optional)

- [Minor Elective Course 1](#)
- [Minor Elective Course in other minors 1](#)

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**Remark:**

- “Colored and Underlined Courses” can be changed and/or shuffled. It depends on student decision and planning each semester

## Year 3 Study Plan

### # Semester 1

- PI300 Social Science Methodology
- PI390 Global Political Economy
- Minor Required Course 1
- Minor Required Course 2
- Elective Courses in Concentration (Area Studies Groups) 1
- Free Elective Course 1

### # Semester 2

- PI320 Comparative Politics
- Minor Required Course 3
- Minor Elective Course 2
- Elective Courses in Concentration (Approaches and Issues Groups) 2
- Elective Courses in Concentration (Area Studies Groups) 2
- Free Elective Course 2

### # Summer (\*Compulsory)

- PI574 Internship in Politics and International Relations (1 Credit)
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## Year 4 Study Plan

### # Semester 1

- PI470 Seminar: International Relations Theories
- Elective Courses in Concentration (Approaches and Issues Groups) 3
- Elective Courses in Concentration (Area Studies Groups) 3
- Minor Elective Course in other minors 2

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