

BIR Program

Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University



About BIR

The Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (International Program) is a long-established program which aims to give a priority to high-quality education comparable to international standard. The Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University sees the importance of developing a taught program in English in the field of politics and international relations. The Program integrates theoretical approaches with case studies, current issues as well as practical skills. It also gives a priority to a diverse range of academic questions essential to the field of politics and international relations.

Objective

1. To provide academic knowledge as well as practical skills essential in the field of politics, international relations, and public administration.
2. To stimulate interests in current issues and encourage the application of theoretical learning into practical use.
3. To create ethical and moral awareness as well as social responsibility.
4. To provide international knowledge in response to the labor market in Thailand, within the region, and international organizations.

Program Structure

Full Name: Bachelor of Political Science (Politics and International Relations)

The program operates on a full-time bi-semester system. Each semester consist of 15 weeks, while summer session consists of 6-8 weeks. For all BIR classes the lecture, reading, assignments, exams and class participation will be in English.

Semester 1	August - December
Semester 2	January - May
Summer	June - July

Curriculum Structure

A. BIR

Total required = 127 Credits

- General Education Courses (30 Credits)
- Major Requirements (91 Credits)
- Free Elective (6 Credits)

B. Double Degree (SPSE, Meiji University)

Total required = 140 credits

- General Education Courses (30 Credits)
- Major Requirements (46 Credits)
- Meiji University Courses (64 Credits)

Sample Study Plan (A.) – Total 127 Credits

First Year (Sem. 1)	
TU100 Civic Engagement	3
TU101 Thailand, ASEAN and the World	3
TU104 Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing	3
TU105 Communication Skills in English	3
TU106 Creativity and Communication	3
PI121 Introduction to Social Science	3
Total	18

First Year (Sem. 2)	
TU102 Social Life Skills	3
TU103 Life and Sustainability	3
PI122 Introduction to Humanities	3
Select 1 Course from:	3
PI131 Sports and Politics	
PI132 Data, Science and Technology Governance	
PI211 Introduction to Political Science	3
PI271 Introduction to International Relations	3
Total	18

Second Year (Sem. 1)	
PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy	3
PI270 Diplomatic History	3
PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations	3
PI291 International Law	3
EE210 Introductory Economics	3
Total	18

Second Year (Sem. 2)	
PI272 Foreign Policy Analysis	3
PI280 International Relations Theories and Current Affairs	3
PI292 International Organizations and Regimes	3
PI321 Thai Politics and Government	3
PI370 Thai Foreign Affairs	3
Elective Courses in Concentration (Approaches and Issues Groups) 1	3
Total	18

Summer (*optional)	
Minor Elective Course 1	3
Minor Elective Course in other minors 1	3
Total	6

Third Year (Sem. 1)	
PI300 Social Science Methodology	3
PI390 Global Political Economy	3
PI470 Seminar: International Relations Theories	3
Minor Required Course 1	3
Minor Required Course 2	3
Elective Courses in Concentration (Area Studies Groups) 1	3
Total	18

Third Year (Sem. 2)	
PI320 Comparative Politics	3
Minor Required Course 3	3
Minor Elective Course 2	3
Elective Courses in Concentration (Approaches and Issues Groups) 2	3
Elective Courses in Concentration (Area Studies Groups) 2	3
Free Elective Course 1	3
Total	18

Summer (*compulsory)	
PI574 Internship in Politics and International Relations	1
Total	1

Forth Year (Sem. 1)	
Elective Courses in Concentration (Approaches and Issues Groups) 3	3
Elective Courses in Concentration (Area Studies Groups) 3	3
Minor Elective Course in other minors 2	3
Free Elective Course 2	3
Total	12

Study Plan (B.)

<https://www.birpolsci.com/doubledegree-meiji>



Tuition Fees

Undergraduate (per academic year)

Thai Students	~ 125,000 THB
Non-Thai Students	~ 144,000 THB

Admission

Qualifications:

1. Applicants must have one of the following high school diplomas:

- ▶ Complete GPA minimum of 2.8 (Mathayom 4-6 / 6 Semesters) or equivalent
- ▶ GED diploma must obtain at least 165 scores in each subject
- ▶ GCE 'O' Level, GCSE and IGCSE must obtain at least grade C in five different subjects and also with AS at least grade A-E in five subjects or GCE 'A' Level at least grade A-E in three subjects
- ▶ International Baccalaureate (IB) results are required to have at least "4" in five different subjects

2. Applicants must have one of the following English language proficiency test results (taken within 2 years prior to the application date):

- ▶ TOEFL: a minimum score of minimum of 500 on PBT / 61 on IBT
- ▶ IELTS: a minimum overall grade of 6.0
- ▶ TU-GET: a minimum score of 500 on PBT/ 61 on CBT
- ▶ SAT: a minimum score of 400 on Reading, Writing, and Language
- ▶ GSAT: a minimum score of 400 on Reading, Writing, and Language

Criteria:

1. Pass an Entrance Examination which is arranged by BIR Program
2. Pass an Interview

More Information:

www.birpolsci.com/interadmission



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