

**BIR STUDENT  
HANDBOOK**

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# WELCOME TO BIR

Welcome to Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (BIR), Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand's leading academic institution.

You are starting a journey which will be exciting and meaningful for your life. This is probably the first time for you to be fully responsible for the way you manage your time between study, social life, sports and other activities, and the key to success is the right balance between academic and extracurricular activities

Throughout your studies, you will have a chance to learn from our well-known professors as well as prominent guest lecturers from various fields and professions. In addition, our program also provides extra-curricular activities such as a field trip and an internship abroad, which will be valuable and beneficial experiences for you.

While the faculty's staff will do as much as they can to support you during your study, your success will depend mainly on your effort and degree of your responsibility. If you need more information or assistance, please feel free to come visit our office. We are absolutely sure that spending time in this program will be one the most valuable experiences in your life.

## **ABOUT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY**

Thammasat University was inaugurated on June 27, 1934. The original name of the University, as given by Professor Dr. Pridi Banomyong, was the University of Moral and Political Sciences. Professor Dr. Banomyong wished to establish a university to educate the Thai people about the concept of democracy which was introduced to the nation two years before the founding of the University.

The philosophy of the University was marked after its founder, Pridi, delivered his speech as follows:

*“A university is, figuratively, an oasis that quenches the thirst of those who are in pursuit of knowledge. The opportunity to acquire higher education rightly belong to every citizen under the principle of freedom of education.”*

The coup d'état on November 8, 1947 had a dramatic effect on the University. Soon after, the University's name was changed to Thammasat University (TU), and the open university system was abandoned, with four new degree programs being introduced—Law, Political Science, Economics, and Commerce and Accountancy. Thammasat University Act of 2495 B.E. mandated that each program offer its own degree.

Thammasat University continued to play a key role in changes and development of democracy and politics in Thailand.

In 2011, Thammasat's goal of guiding students to the highest standards of ethics and community services remained true, as they came together to serve the society in times of need – giving truth to the motto, “I love Thammasat because Thammasat teaches me to love the people.”

## THE FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Faculty of Political Science, established in 1949, has a strong tradition of public service. It offers a full spectrum of undergraduate and graduate studies in three majors: Politics and Government, Public Administration, and International Relations.



Graduate programs are offered to both regular students on a full-time basis and to executives on a part-time basis. There is also a doctoral program which was established in 2001.

In addition, it offers an international program for undergraduate studies, which is the BIR Program: Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations (International Program).

The Faculty considers that study in political science prepares graduates to have a strong foundation for understanding important political issues that are local, domestic and international in scope. The mission of the Faculty of Political Science is to provide a solid education about politics that contributes to making people aware, active and responsible citizens of Thailand and of the world.

# **COURSE INFORMATION**

## **RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (English Program), established since 2008, aims at providing high-quality education comparable to international standards.

The Faculty of Political Science of Thammasat University sees the importance of offering a taught program in English in the field of politics and international relations that 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 interest 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.

## **APPLICATION AND ADMISSION**

Students applying for admission to the Bachelor of Political Science Program in Politics and International Relations (International Program) must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must meet the requirements indicated in item 7 of the Thammasat University's Bachelor Degrees Regulations (1997).
- Applicants must have a total GPA of at least 2.80 for the last four terms before submitting their applications.

- Applicants must have obtained one of the following English Language Proficiency certificates with the listed minimum result:
  - TOEFL: a minimum score of 500 on PBT/ 61 on iBT/ 173 on CBT
  - 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

## **PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND REGULATIONS**

The Program operates on a full-time bi-semester system. Each year has 2 semesters. Each semester consists of 15 weeks and summer session consists of 6-8 weeks where the study hours is as same as a regular semester.

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

Abbr. Name: **B.Pol.Sc. (Politics and International Relations)**

The Program operates on a full-time bi-semester system. Each semester consists of 16 weeks, while summer session consists of 6-8 weeks. Summer session is an optional. For all BIR classes the lecture, reading assignments, exams and class participation will be in English.

1st Semester	2nd Semester	Summer Session
August - December	January - May	June - July



## TUITION FEES

### Undergraduate (per academic year)

- Thai Students: Estimated total 125,000 Baht
- Non-Thai Students: Estimated total 144,000 Baht

<u>Tuition Fees</u>		
Enrollment fee (payable once)	400	THB
Tuition fee (per credit)	2,500	THB
Program fee (per semester)	12,000	THB
Health fee (per semester)	125	THB
Sport fee (per semester)	200	THB
Activities fee (per semester)	200	THB
Library fee (per year)	2,000	THB
University fee		
<u>Thai Students</u>		
Regular semester	450	THB
Summer session	225	THB
<u>Non-Thai Students</u>		
Regular semester	10,000	THB
Summer session	5,000	THB
Educational development fee (per semester)	2,400	THB
Internet Service Provider Charge (per year)	1,600	THB
Registration document fee		
First semester enrolled	200	THB
Regular semester	20	THB
Summer session	10	THB
Insurance fee (per year)	110	THB
English skill and greats examination fee	300	THB

# PROGRAM OPERATION

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Students are graded according to the Grade Point system as follows:

	A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	F
Point	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0

Depending on the course, grading will be done by a combination of mid-term and final exams, paper, presentation and/or class participation. Attendance is mandatory, and students have to attend at least 80% of the class in order to pass. The specific rules regarding grading and attendance may vary from one course to the other. Students need to refer to the course syllabus or ask the course instructor at the beginning of each term.

All grades obtained are accounted for the students' cumulative GPA. For certain courses that have the grades "S" for satisfactory and "U" for unsatisfactory, results will not be counted towards the students' GPA.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be nominated for the Bachelor Degree of Political Science.

- After having completed a minimum of 127 credits including the general education courses of 30 credits, major courses of 91 credits and free elective courses of 6 credits.
- After having completed all of the curriculum requirements with a GPA of at least 2.00.
- After having enrolled in the curriculum for at least 7 semesters.
- After having submitted a request to be nominated for their degrees within the first 14 days of their final semester or the first 7 days of their final summer session.

## Awarding an Honors Degree

**First-Class Honors** will be granted for students who:

1. Complete all of the curriculum requirements within 4 years, not including leaves of absence
2. Achieve an overall GPA of at least 3.50
3. Have never been graded with U or any grade below C
4. Have never repeated any course or F
5. Have never received any disciplinary punishment at parole level or higher

**Second-Class Honors** will be granted for students who:

### Criteria #1

1. Complete all of the curriculum requirements within 4 years, not including leaves of absence
2. Achieve an overall GPA of at least 3.50
3. Have been graded below C in one course
4. Have never been graded with U
5. Have never repeated any course or received F
6. Have never received any disciplinary punishment at parole level or higher

### Criteria #2

1. Complete all of the curriculum requirements within 4 years, not including leaves of absence
2. Achieve an overall GPA of at least 3.25
3. Have never been graded below C in major area courses
4. Have never been graded with U
5. Have never repeated any course or F
6. Have never received any disciplinary punishment at parole level or higher

# CURRICULUM

## CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

Curriculum Structure		Credits	
<b>1</b>	<b>General Education Courses</b>		<b>30</b>
	University Requirement Courses	21	
	Faculty of Political Science Requirement Courses	9	
<b>2</b>	<b>Major Requirement</b>		<b>91</b>
	Core Courses	30	
	Required Courses in Concentration	19	
	Required Course in Faculty of Economics	3	
	Elective Courses in Concentration	18	
	Minor Courses	21	
	• Required Course (9 credits)		
	• Elective Course (6 credits)		
	• Elective Course in other Minors (6 credits)		
<b>3</b>	<b>Free Elective Courses</b>		<b>6</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

# COURSES AND CURRICULUM OUTLINE

## 1. General Education Course

30 Credits

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

- **Sociology**

TU100 Civic Engagement 3 (3-0-6)

TU101 Thailand, ASEAN and the World 3 (3-0-6)

- **Anthropology**

TU102 Social Life Skills 3 (3-0-6)

- **Science and Mathematics**

TU103 Life and Sustainability

- **Languages**

TU050 English Skill Development (no credit)

TU105 Communication Skills in English 3 (3-0-6)

TU104 Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing 3 (3-0-6)

TU106 Creativity and Communication 3 (3-0-6)

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

PI121 Introduction to Social Science 3 (3-0-6)

PI122 Introduction to Humanities 3 (3-0-6)

Select one course from:

PI131 Sports and Politics; or 3 (3-0-6)

PI132 Data, Science and Technology Governance 3 (3-0-6)

## 2. Major Requirements 91 Credits

### 2.1 Core Courses (30 Credits)

PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy	3 (3-0-6)
PI211 Introduction to Political Science	3 (3-0-6)
PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI271 Introduction to International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI280 International Relations Theories and Current Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI300 Social Science Methodology	3 (3-0-6)
PI320 Comparative Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI321 Thai Politics and Government	3 (3-0-6)
PI390 Global Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)

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

PI370 Thai Foreign Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PI270 Diplomatic History	3 (3-0-6)
PI272 Foreign Policy Analysis	3 (3-0-6)
PI291 International Law	3 (3-0-6)
PI292 International Organizations and Regimes	3 (3-0-6)
PI470 Seminar: International Relations Theories	3 (3-0-6)
PI574 Internship in Politics and International Relations	1 (0-3-0)

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

EE210 Introductory Economics	3 (3-0-6)
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### 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	3 (3-0-6)
PI365 Russia in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI366 The United States of America in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI367 Europe in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI368 South Asia in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI369 Africa in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)

PI374 China in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI375 Latin America in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI378 Japan in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI474 East Asia in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI475 Southeast Asia in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI476 ASEAN in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)

- Approaches and Issues Groups select 3 courses (9 credits) of following courses:

PI376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI377 Security Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI379 Religion and Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI477 Global Geopolitics	3 (3-0-6)
PI478 Political Psychology and International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI479 Global Politics through Film	3 (3-0-6)
PI483 Seminar: Non-Western International Relations Theories	3 (3-0-6)
PI484 Seminar: International Regimes, Institutions, and Governance	3 (3-0-6)
PI485 Selected Topics in Political Science	3 (3-0-6)
PI486 Comparative Regionalism	3 (3-0-6)
PI487 The International Relations of Rising Powers	3 (3-0-6)
PI488 Classical Theories in International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI489 Epistemology and Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)

## **2.5 Minor Courses (21 Credits)**

### **Governance and Transnational Studies**

- Required Courses (9 Credits)

PI380 Nation-State and Transnationalism	3 (3-0-6)
PI381 Globalization and Global Governance	3 (3-0-6)
PI382 Politics of International Development	3 (3-0-6)

- Elective Courses select 2 courses (6 credits) of following courses:

PI313 Media and Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI373 Transnational Crime and Global Governance	3 (3-0-6)
PI383 Ethics and International Relations	3 (3-0-6)
PI384 Selected Topics in Global Governance	3 (3-0-6)

PI385 Peace Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI386 Gender Studies	3 (3-0-6)
PI387 Environment and Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI388 Human Security in Global Politics	3 (3-0-6)
PI389 Global Civil Society	3 (3-0-6)
PI413 Seminar: Globalization, Regional Grouping and the State	3 (3-0-6)
PI414 Seminar: International Conflict and Resolutions	3 (3-0-6)
• 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	3 (3-0-6)
PI341 Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Concepts and Techniques	3 (3-0-6)
PI342 Organization and Human Resource Management: Theories and Practices	3 (3-0-6)
• Elective Courses select 2 courses (6 credits) of following courses:	
PI343 Strategic Planning and Management	3 (3-0-6)
PI344 Environmental Management and Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI345 Disaster and Emergency Management	3 (3-0-6)
PI346 Urban Planning and Development Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI347 Fiscal and Budgeting	3 (3-0-6)
PI348 Comparative Public Administration	3 (3-0-6)
PI349 Information Technology Management in the Public Sector	3 (3-0-6)
PI443 Selected Topics in Public Policy	3 (3-0-6)
PI444 Selected Topics in Public Administration	3 (3-0-6)
• Elective Courses in other Minors (6 Credits)	

### **Global Political Economy**

• Required Courses (9 Credits)	
PI392 Comparative Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI480 Seminar: Issues in Global Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI490 Political Economy of Development	3 (3-0-6)



- Elective Courses select 2 courses (6 credits) of following courses:

PI293 Introduction to Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI395 International Political Economy in Asia	3 (3-0-6)
PI396 Game Theory for Political Scientists	3 (3-0-6)
PI397 Public Choice in Global Affairs	3 (3-0-6)
PI398 Politics of International Trade	3 (3-0-6)
PI399 Politics of International Finance	3 (3-0-6)
PI494 Selected Topics in International Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI495 Contemporary Debates in Global Political Economy	3 (3-0-6)
PI496 Economic Diplomacy and Negotiation	3 (3-0-6)
PI497 Politics of International Trade in Services	3 (3-0-6)
PI498 Global Politics of Digital Economy	3 (3-0-6)

- 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.

# SAMPLE STUDY PLAN

First Year

# Semester 1

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

# Semester 2

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
TU102 Social Life Skills	3
TU103 Life and Sustainability	3
PI122 Introduction to Humanities	3
Select 1 Course from:	3
o PI131 Sports and Politics	
o PI132 Data, Science and Technology Governance	
PI211 Introduction to Political Science	3
PI271 Introduction to International Relations	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

## Second Year

### # Semester 1

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

### # Semester 2

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

### # Summer (\*Optional)

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Minor Elective Course 1	3
Minor Elective Course in other minors 1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## Third Year

### # Semester 1

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

### # Semester 2

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

### # Summer (\*Compulsory)

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
PI574 Internship in Politics and International Relations	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

## Fourth Year

# Semester 1

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

# ACADEMIC LIFE

Starting out as a student is a very exciting time. There are many rules and regulations that need to be observed, a new environment in which to fit in and many new people to meet. This time of change poses many challenges to new students and also presents many rewards.

To make the first semester easier, the following chapters clarify some topics that are often a bit confusing for first-year students. In order to stay abreast of the formal requirements of their studies, new BIR students should also refer to Thammasat University's Regulations for Undergraduate Degrees, which are available online at the website of the Registrar's Office

## COURSE REGISTRATION

Students find out about the course offerings for each year through program announcements on the BIR website or facebook ([www.birpolsci.com](http://www.birpolsci.com) or [facebook/birprogram](https://facebook.com/birprogram)). Once they decide, which courses to take, students must complete their course registration in the registration period that will be announced on the BIR website or facebook.

Registration must be done via online on the specified date by the registrar office for each semester.

All matters relating to the course registration, including adding and dropping of courses are done via the online registration form on the website of the Registrar's Office ([www.reg.tu.ac.th](http://www.reg.tu.ac.th)). Students have to log in the registration system on the website and proceed to the menu point 'Enroll'. Full-time students must register for no less than 9 credits and no more than 21 credits in each regular semester or register for no more than 6 credits in summer session according to the requirements indicated in Item 10.4 of the Thammasat University's Bachelor Degrees Regulations, the 3rd Edition (2012).

### | Adding a Course |

With advisor's or course instructor's approval, students may register for additional courses not later than the adding/dropping period (the first 14 days of regular semester/ the first 7 days of summer session). Registration for additional courses beyond this period will be permitted only under certain circumstances by the Dean's approval.

## | Dropping a Course |

Students may withdraw from courses provided that the student overall registration does not fall below 9 credits (unless the students obtain an approval from the Dean). The withdrawn courses will not appear on the students' academic record if students drop courses within the adding/dropping period (the first 14 days of regular semester/ the first 7 days of summer session).

## | Course Withdrawal |

Students may withdraw from a course within the withdrawal period (the first 10 weeks of regular semester/ the first 4 weeks of summer session). The courses will be recorded with the letter 'W' (Withdrawn) on the academic record.

Withdrawal courses beyond the withdrawal period will be permitted only under certain circumstances by the Dean's approval

## **ABSENCE FOR EXAMINATION**

In case a student is unable to attend an examination due to unavoidable circumstances, the student or designated person may file a petition to the instructor of the course for consideration.

Upon approval, the student may withdraw from the course with letter "W" on the academic record, or will be assessed according to the instructor. If not approved, the student will be assessed based on previous course works.

## **LEAVE AND SUSPENSION**

### | Leave |

- Students may apply for a leave of absence along with an appropriate reason approved by the Dean.
- The first-year students cannot apply for a leave during the first 2 semesters unless a special permission is granted by the Rector.

- Students cannot apply for a leave in more than two consecutive semesters (not including summer session) unless a special permission is granted by the Rector.
- A leave will result in one of the following cases:
  - If applied within the first 14 days of regular semester, that semester will be marked as “LEAVE” in student’s academic record and students must pay fees for maintaining student status.

## | Suspension |

A student who is suspended from studying due to disciplinary cause must pay a fee for maintaining student status as the following cases:

- Suspension effective in the following semester where tuition and fees are already paid, the suspended student will be refunded for the tuition and fees, but he/she must pay a fee for maintaining the student status instead.
- Leave and suspension cannot be claimed as a reason to extend the maximum limit of 7 years to complete the degree requirements.
- Suspension during the current semester, all enrolled courses are deleted from the academic record.

## **WARNING AND PROBATION**

- Students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.
- If GPA drops below 2.00 in any semester, students will receive a WARNING.
- Receiving a WARNING for two consecutive semesters, students will be placed on PROBATION in the next semester.
- If students fail to regain their GPA to at least 2.00 after one semester on PROBATION, students will be dismissed from the University.
- Grades of summer session are considered as part of the second semester grades, and therefore do not affect student’s academic status of previous semester.



Example:

semester 1/2021 GPA = 2.00

semester 2/2021 GPA = 1.86 WARNING 1

summer 2021 GPA = 1.97 WARNING 1 not WARNING 2

- First-year students with GPA 2.00 will be given a WARNING. (which is equal to warning 1)
- First-year students who received WARNING in the 1st semester and the 2nd semester received GPA. Lower than 1.50 will be DISMISSED.
- If students fail to regain their GPA to at least 1.50 within the first two semesters, they will be DISMISSED from the University.

## **PLAGIARISM**

The BIR program takes plagiarism seriously. Plagiarism is the inclusion of any material derived from published or unpublished work without any acknowledgment of the author(s). Any student caught plagiarizing, intentional or not, will face punitive measures that are up to the course lecturer. In the worst case, plagiarism can result in the student failing that subject.

**Examples of acts of plagiarism (but not limited to) include the following:**

- Copying someone else's work in whole or in part without proper referencing.
- Copying work of a fellow classmate with or without their acknowledgement.
- Using statistics and tables without acknowledging the original source of information.
- Summarizing or paraphrasing someone else's work, ideas, arguments or thoughts without acknowledging the original source.
- Submitting one piece of work to two or more different subjects.

All assessed work must be referenced properly. All kinds of referencing are acceptable (but not limited to the traditional and the Harvard systems) as long as it is consistently used throughout an assessed piece of work and used correctly. Please consult your lecturer for correct referencing.

# INTERNSHIP

The summer internship or training program opens the opportunity for students to gain first-hand work experience with organizations that are relevant to the field of study. It also allows students to apply theoretical knowledge to practical use.

The internship will be credited and is also listed under the course description **PI574 Internship and Training in Politics, Political Economy and International Relations**

## PERIOD

- Summer session of the third year
- Duration: 8 weeks (June-July)

## GRADE

Grade	Point
S (Satisfactory)	$\geq 60$
U (Unsatisfactory)	$< 60$

# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

## EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Thammasat University has established partnerships with a variety of prestigious universities in the US, Europe, Asia and Australia, which BIR students can visit for a semester or a whole year of exchange.

In addition to that, the Faculty of Political Science has a number of exchange programs which are only open to Political Science students (whereas all Thammasat students can apply to the above-mentioned programs). These include LMU Munich in Germany, Halmstad University in Sweden, Nottingham Trent University in England. More universities are being added to this list, so students are advised to check with the BIR website and the BIR staff regularly on the complete list of exchange partners.

It's advisable for students to do their international exchange during the third years of BIR studies.

### More Information

#### Office of International Affairs

Website: <http://www.polsci.tu.ac.th/oia.polsci>

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## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS



In addition to their regular coursework, students can attend a number of conferences and seminars that are held in irregular intervals, such as the yearly student organized conference on topics of

Politics and International Relations or the Diplomatic Forum at Thammasat (DFAT) that offers the chance of experiencing first-hand contact with seasoned diplomatic personnel.

## **BIR FIELD TRIP**

Annually, BIR will provide the field trip for the third-year student to get exposure to "real" world and the opportunity to make connections with others. Students on field trip visit people and places to observe and get knowledge on International Relations and Development, especially in Southeast Asian countries.



*Taiwan*



*Turkey*

## **BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE (BISC)**

Bangkok International Student Conference or BISC is an annual educational conference opening for undergraduate and graduate students to explore various academic concepts and perceptions at the global level.

Facebook Page: **Bangkok International Student Conference - BISC**

<https://www.facebook.com/BISC.BIR>

# **APPENDIX: A**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

### **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

#### **Sociology**

##### **TU100 Civic Engagement**

Instillation of social conscience and awareness of one's role and duties as a good global citizen. This is done through a variety of methods such as lectures, discussion of various case studies and field study outings. Students are required to organize a campaign to raise awareness or bring about change in an area of their interest.

##### **TU101 Thailand, ASEAN, and the World**

Study of significant phenomena around the world, in the ASEAN region and in Thailand in terms of their political, economic and sociocultural dimensions. This is done through approaches, theories and principles of social science research via discussion and raising examples of situations or people of interest. The purpose of this is to create a perspective of diversity, to understand the complexity of global interrelationships, to build a global mindset and to be able to challenge old paradigms and open up a new, broader worldview.

#### **Anthropology**

##### **TU102 Social Life Skills**

Holistic health care, addressing the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs, which is considered. Important skills for success in leading a happy life in society. Students learn to develop their ability in physical health care to manage stress, build emotional security, understand themselves and adapt to psychological, emotional and social problems. Students also learn to understand the meaning of aesthetics, experiencing and appreciating the relationship between art and humanity in different fields, namely visual arts, music, performing arts and architecture.

## Science and Mathematics

### TU103 Life and Sustainability

This course provides an introduction to the importance of life-cycle systems perspectives in understanding major challenges and solutions to achieving more sustainable societies in this changing world. Students will learn about the relationship between mankind and the environment in the context of energy and resource use, consumption and development, and environmental constraints. Furthermore, an examination of social conflict and change from the life-cycle perspective will be used to develop an understanding of potential solution pathways for sustainable lifestyle modifications.

## Languages

### TU050 English Skill Development no credit

Practice basic skills for listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English through an integrated method. Students will acquire a basis to continue to study English at a higher level.

### TU105 Communication Skills in English

Development of English listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, focusing on the ability to hold a conversation in exchanging opinions, as well as reading comprehension of academic texts from various disciplines related to students' field of study.

### TU104 Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing

Development of critical thinking through questioning, analytical, synthetic and evaluation skills. Students learn how to read without necessarily accepting all the information presented in the text, but rather consider the content in depth, taking into account the objectives, perspectives, assumptions, bias and supporting evidence, as well as logic or strategies leading to the author's conclusion. The purpose is to apply these methods to students own persuasive writing based on information researched from various sources, using effective presentation techniques.

### TU106 Creativity and Communication

Creative thought processes, with critical thinking as an important part, as well as communication of these thoughts that lead to suitable results in social, cultural and environmental contexts, at personal, organisational and social levels

# **THE BACHELOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM)**

## **PI121 Introduction to Social Sciences**

This course explores different sub-disciplines in the field of social sciences. Its main focus is concerned with the understanding of the social world through different disciplinary lenses. The course invites guest speakers with a wide array of expertise to discuss challenging contemporary issues and share their experiences. This course thematically covers different aspects of social sciences with a relevant introductory overview.

## **PI122 Introduction to Humanities**

This course explores different sub-disciplines in the field of humanities. Its main focus is concerned with the understanding of human beings and being a human through different disciplinary lenses. The course invites guest speakers with a wide array of expertise to discuss challenging contemporary issues and share their experiences. This course thematically covers different aspects in humanities with a relevant introductory overview. Class dialogue will also be offered to encourage active participation.

## **PI131 Sports and Politics**

This course is divided into two parts. The course is innovative in character as it will combine theoretical and activity-based elements. The theoretical part introduces students to interrelated perspectives of identity, social transformation and politics in the context of sports. The course engages with key debates around contemporary sporting practices, sportive mega-events and nation-branding, global sport economy and international institutions of sports as well as doping policy in sports. The activity-based part focuses on students' physical fitness prescription. A selection of exercise and sport training will be provided.

## **PI132 Data, Science and Technology Governance**

Data, science and technologies have powerfully shaped politics in multiple intersecting areas ranging from public policy to national security. This course examines theories and methodologies for the analysis of big data, science and technology policy as well as technological and managerial innovations in the public sector. The course also introduces emerging cutting-edge approaches to the governance of data, science and technology.



Particular consideration is given to the role of data, science and technology in solving social problems and improving political design.

PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy

This course examines origins, meanings, and key issues of political philosophy such as the goal of humanity, morality, the state, justice, and other related issues, by dividing and investigating the differences between problems and solutions in political philosophy as well as modern political thoughts. Students will study the works of both Western and Eastern philosophers as groundwork for further courses.

PI211 Introduction to Political Science

This course introduces traditions and methods of political science. It examines the relationship between political science and other social sciences. The course will cover various political theories and principles, the subject of power, the relationship between the state and private individuals, government, political institutions, social movements, international bodies.

PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy

This course introduces definitions, theories, concepts, the scope of public administration and public policy. The evolutions of public administration and policy and their environmental factors will be examined. The study will also examine politics and administration, process of management, public policy, public organization and public personnel, public finance and budgeting, mission and public accountability, including the ethics of public executive. Upon completion of the course, students will have an understanding of the relationship between public administration and public policy and how one is translated into another.

PI270 Diplomatic History

This course explores different approaches to diplomacy, which have evolved since the Congress of Vienna. Various cases studies of major current diplomatic events will be also examined for students to learn diplomatic practices, and how these diplomatic events and the subsequent agreements have had an impact on international relations. Class discussion is strongly encouraged.

PI271 Introduction to International Relations

This course discusses the foundations of international politics and the nature and structure of international relations. It fundamentally explores how political, military, economic, social, and cultural factors impact state behaviors and developments of international cooperation in various forms such as international regulations, international laws, and international institutions.

PI272 Foreign Policy Analysis

This course introduces analytical and conceptual tools crucial for analyzing foreign policies. The class assists students to identify differences and similarities as well as changes and continuities in the foreign policy processes of states across the globe. Various case studies will be used to highlight the theoretical debates and the gap between theories and practices in decision-making of foreign policies.

PI280 International Relations Theories and Current Affairs

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI271

This course analyzes international events based on theoretical and conceptual perspectives in International Relations. This course explores how we can apply theories to explain contemporary issues (such as inter-state conflicts, terrorism, nuclear and arms proliferation, transnational crimes, human rights, and trade), and how the international community responds to these issues.

PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations

Seminar on reading and analysis of ideas, theories, and contemporary issues in international relations. This course aims to develop reading, analytical, and critical skills as well as improve the abilities to present, argue, write, and critique.

PI291 International Law

This course introduces principles and theories of international law; origins of international law from the past to the present; the relationships between domestic and international law; status of individuals under international law; rights and responsibilities of inter-state relations and state and private sector relations; origins and roles of international organizations, international maritime law and other issues regarding international law and politics, economy, and society studied on a case by case basis.

PI292            International Organizations and Regimes

This course discusses history of different levels of international organizations, from The Hague conventions, the League of Nations, the United Nations and the World Trade Organization to various regional organizations. The course will highlight the structure, power, responsibilities, roles and operations of these organizations in resolving international problems in different aspects such as social, economic and political aspects, as well as consider successes and failures of international organizations.

PI293            Introduction to Political Economy

The course introduces the field of political economy by examining key theoretical developments through history of the discipline. The course will also examine the emergence and evolution of capitalism beginning with the study of the first and the second “global trading” systems followed by other important developments until the rise of developmental state under the current trend of globalization.

PI300            Social Science Methodology

Prerequisite: Have earned credits of PI211

This course offers training in methods of data collection and research in social sciences, both quantitative and qualitative research, including building a research concept, a research question, formulating hypotheses/assumptions, analysis and reporting results, interpretation of theories, language analysis and other methods of analysis and information searches currently used in social sciences.

PI313            Media and Global Politics

In this interconnected world, media, news, and pop culture have undeniably impacted the way people understand global politics, if not the politics itself. This course introduces students to the study of political communication with an emphasis on media and global politics. Among other subjects covered in this course, we will discuss how media shape politics, how information spreads, and how media are constructed. This course will also pay attention to the development of new media such as social media and how they affect the political landscape.

PI320 Comparative Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI211

This course examines concepts, theories, and arguments from the sub-field of political science such as comparative politics and government through case studies from various countries and issues of interest to political scientists at the time in order to understand the nature of political systems, the development of the state, political dynamics and stability, democratization, social conflicts, public policies, political behavior.

PI321 Thai Politics and Government

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI211

This course discusses factors involving Thai politics and government such as history, social structure, culture, and economy. It examines trends of Thai political entities, characteristics of political behaviors, analyses of the relationship between political and socioeconomic factors, problems in Thai politics and government in the age of change affected by the above factors.

PI340 Public Policy and Management in the Global Context

This course examines cases of public management and policy. The course aims to stimulate discussion on how the global dynamics affect the study and practices of public policy and management such as regionalization and international collaboration. The course encourages class discussions on policy formation, policy agenda setting, and policy design using case study to identify and explain recent global public management and policy trends as well as the differences between the public management and policy structures and processes that change within the countries locally, regionally, and globally.

PI341 Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Concepts and Techniques

This course explores concepts, theories, techniques, and practices of policy analysis and evaluation. The course encourages class discussions on public policy responses of government and provides students with a toolset of practical methods, based on microeconomic and political concepts, for analyzing public policy issues. Students will learn how to analyze policies as well as how techniques of analysis differ from one to another. The use of evaluation techniques, both quantitatively and qualitatively, will be applied to study various policy issues in terms of ethical, political, economic, and societal aspects.

## PI342 Organization and Human Resources Management: Theories and Practices

This course examines theories, principles, approaches, and policies essential to the study of human resources management. The course covers key functions of human resource management, such as recruitment and selection, compensation management, performance appraisal, retention, labor relations, and human resource development. It also includes managerial process and organizational designs. The course encourages class discussions on human resources process and techniques, as well as current problems in human resource management.

## PI343 Strategic Planning and Management

This course discusses the concept of strategic management and its application to government agencies, state enterprises, autonomous organizations, and other public entities. The class introduces students to strategic management tools; such as the organizational mission statement, SWOT analysis, strategy formulation, strategy implementation, and strategy evaluation. Using a comparative approach, the course will highlight how organizations from different sectors and countries interpret and apply these strategic management concepts and tools.

## PI344 Environmental Management and Policy

This course explores environmental management and policy from the perspectives of government regulators, private corporations, and nonprofit organizations. It also focuses on analyzing critical ways of making environmental management and policy as conducive to innovation as possible. This will be done by providing a comprehensive understanding of government structure, organizations, decision making procedure, policy instruments, and the roles of non-state actors in the environmental management and policy. The course will use case studies to discuss the major factors, such as the institutional structure and interests and powers of the actors, which influence governments as they develop and implement environmental policies. The intent is to give students a fairly detailed understanding of difference policy approaches and different policy instruments available to policy-makers.

PI345 Disaster and Emergency Management

This course examines changing global and local settings and how disasters and risks are managed. Students will explore the concepts, frameworks, techniques, and practices of disaster risk governance through institutional design, interagency coordination, decision making and communication in crises, organizational network, and adaptive capacity building in chaotic and dynamic environments. The course uses case studies and real situations to analyze how best practices and effective and efficient risk reductions are conducted.

PI346 Urban Planning and Development Policy

This course discusses policy process and management of urban planning and development of cities. It explores theories and concepts of its meanings, characteristics, city cycles, the significance and patterns of city growth, and urbanization. The course also studies principles, processes, actors and tools of managing cities in various areas including city planning, urban environment management, economics of development and forms and structure of city government. It also discusses current issues and solutions of administering cities from experiences in Thailand and abroad.

PI347 Fiscal and Budgeting

This course explores concepts and principles interlinked with public sector financial management. This includes the role and importance of public budgeting, an understanding of budget cycle and process, revenue policy and administration, public spending, public debt management, and fiscal and monetary policies. The course also offers comparative aspects on the fiscal management of Thai government and that of other countries.

PI348 Comparative Public Administration

This course discusses theories, concepts, and models in public administration. It reviews and discusses the history, movement, and development of comparative public administration. The course also identifies and describes recent public administration trends, as well as the differences between public administration structures, functions, and mechanisms of the selected countries. Using a comparative approach, the course also examines how political, economic, and social factors influence the development of public administration structures and processes.

PI349 Information Technology Management in the Public Sector

This course focuses on the application of information systems concepts and tools to cover various aspects of information technology management in the public sector. This includes a broad overview of challenges, disruptions, risks, and opportunities created by information technology, as well as the application of information systems to cope with those emerging events in the public sector. Topics covered may include current trends and problems in information systems, managerial use of information systems, strategic and policy issues in IS, and impacts of technology to the structure and functions of government.

PI364 Middle East in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course explores development and theoretical debates on the Middle East in a context of regional and international politics. It introduces historical trajectory of the Middle East and relations among states within the region. It aims to bring attention to the analysis of current events relevant to the Middle East such as the Arab-Israeli relations, the Arab League and the Middle East regionalism, the origin and consequences of the 2011 Arab uprising.

PI365 Russia in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course discusses development and role of Russia in global politics as well as domestic and international factors that influence foreign policies formation of the Soviet Union during the Cold War and Russia in the post-Cold War World. The course includes continuities and changes in foreign policy and foreign relations of Russia with the major powers, international organizations, and regions in the world, as well as contemporary issues and tendency.

PI366 The United States of America in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course examines development and competing debates about the roles of the U.S. in global politics after the Second World War. The course provides an overview of continuities and changes in the U.S. foreign policy and contemporary issues in the 21st century of the U.S. relationship with other countries, international organizations, and regions in the world.

PI367 Europe in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course examines international relations of and regionalism in Europe after the Second World War. It provides a broad understanding of selected contemporary trends and issues in the region related, but not limited, to the transatlantic relations, the causes and consequences of Brexit, ongoing challenges of the European Union, and the emergence of Eurasia. The course aims to assess Europe's roles in the 21st century global politics and its relationships with the major powers.

PI368 South Asia in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course examines international relations among countries in South Asia. Class discussion will explore the relations of South Asian states with the Non-Aligned Movement, African countries, Middle East, Asia-Pacific and other countries. The course explores regional socio-political and economic cooperation between South Asia and other regional organizations such as ASEAN, APEC and, the EU.

PI369 Africa in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course examines development and roles of Africa in the 21st century global politics. The course focuses on domestic and international factors that influence foreign policies of states in Africa. The study also includes continuities and changes in foreign policy and their foreign relations with the major powers, international organizations, and regions in the world, as well as contemporary issues and trends in Africa.

PI370 Thai Foreign Affairs

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course discusses international relations of Thailand in different eras by examining factors and processes in policy making, policy planning, foreign policy implementation and effects of foreign policy on Thai politics.



PI373 Transnational Crime and Global Governance

This course offers an overview of transnational crimes. It explores the pressing issues such as terrorism, human trafficking, illegal arms trading and narcotics trafficking and their relations to national security and international conflict. The course also examines law enforcement and international convention endorsed by states and other international actors to combat transnational crimes.

PI374 China in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to China's role in current world affairs through theories and approaches of international relations. It examines the key events and factors that brought about the emergence of China in the 21st century. It also addresses how China deals with certain contemporary thematic issues such as territorial disputes and trade as well as how China deals with major powers and neighbor countries. Students will learn about the sources of conflict and cooperation in China's actions, including their impact on regional and global politics.

PI375 Latin America in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course studies the historical development of foreign policies of Latin American countries, their alliance under the Organization of American States (OAS), the conduct of foreign policy toward each other, toward the United States, and toward countries. Students will be encouraged to follow current events and the dynamics within South America.

PI376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations

This course introduces alternative approaches in the field of International Relations such as constructivism, feminism and critical theories. Various case studies will be used for illustrative purposes. Discussion will be aimed at the debates on the usefulness of the new approaches to analyze the current situations.

PI377 Security Studies

This course provides an overview of key concepts and issues to the study of security studies such as collective security, collective defense, and comprehensive security. The course discusses current security issues, including terrorism, ethnic conflicts, as well as the change of both global and regional strategic landscapes.

PI378 Japan in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course analyzes contemporary Japanese international relations focusing on Japanese views of the changing world such as the Japan-U.S. alliance and Japan's rising position within Asia. It will also explore the factors contributing to the change of Japan's foreign policy making process, particularly the linkage between its domestic politics and changing foreign policy.

PI379 Religion and Global Politics

This course explores roles of religions and its implications in global politics. The course investigates the influences of religions on different international relations issues such as social movements, democracy, international cooperation, and conflicts as well as violence and terrorism.

PI380 Nation-State and Transnationalism

This course examines contemporary transnational forces and their relationship with the nation-state and the question of sovereignty. The course identifies and explores the various political, economic and social processes of liberalization as well as a social space and migrations that have created this new era of the increased circulation of people, ideas, commodities and technologies across national boundaries.

PI381 Globalization and Global Governance

This course discusses causes and impacts of globalization on the interaction between the power of market and the states. The course explores how state institutions cope with the forces of globalization. It also investigates novel regulations and orders of the global governance.

PI382 Politics of International Development

This course discusses the evolution of theories and practices on international development. It then highlights the political and social realities of various developmental issues related to economic and political liberalization, poverty reduction, ethnic conflict, and the roles of international aids and non-government organizations (NGOs).

PI383 Ethics and International Relations

This course provides students with philosophical debates and different normative theories on international ethics. It discusses related contemporary global moral problems, such as ethics of war and conflict, military intervention, human rights, humanitarian intervention, and justice. Students should be able to use these approaches to make sense of the way ethical arguments work in international relations.

PI384 Selected Topics in Global Governance

This course introduces ongoing theoretical debates as well as case studies which allow one to explore global governance from empirical and policy-oriented perspectives. This subject seeks to address various topics concerning global governance, ranging from its underlying logic to its structural possibility and from its potential benefits to its unintended consequences.

PI385 Peace Studies

This course examines alternatives to create and sustain peace at individual as well as collective levels. The course studies different cases of conflict where peace has been successfully and unsuccessfully achieved in order to highlight challenges and conditions conducive to sustainable peace.

PI386 Gender Studies

This course examines and deeply understands the dichotomous gender system, its foundation (s), its power structure, and its impact on social and political life.

PI387 Environment and Global Politics

This course introduces the rise of global environmental issues. The course discusses the effectiveness of current structures and policies of international organizations to resolve these environmental issues.

PI388 Human Security in Global Politics

This course analyzes contemporary human security issues. The course presents and critically assesses contemporary discourses on human security. It also explores the debates and dilemmas of human security through contemporary case studies.

PI389 Global Civil Society

This course analyzes increasingly visible roles of non-state actors in global governance expanding across the territorial boundaries of the state. The course also explores non-state activism and its role, challenges and limitations in shaping different global issues including, but not limited to, humanitarian, environmental, development, arms control, and human rights issues.

PI390 Global Political Economy

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI271

This course discusses important theories in International Political Economy (IPE) and political and economic developments since the colonial period until the present. The course stresses the interaction between economics and politics with an emphasis on significant issues and phenomena in global political economy, including economic crises, in different periods.

PI392 Comparative Political Economy

This course examines some of the major debates in comparative political economy by focusing on the creation, evolution and reform of market institutions. The course begins with the discussion about some of the important writings in political economy. It will also examine the literatures on the political economy of the developed countries, the developing countries, and the post-Communist economies.

PI395 International Political Economy in Asia

This course focuses on the roles of, and the relationship between states and markets in Asia, especially in East Asia and Southeast Asia. It employs both theoretical perspectives and case studies to understand state-business and state-society relations in these regions and these countries.

PI396            Game Theory for Political Scientists

This course utilizes economic and mathematical tools of game theory to increase the understanding of political behavior under the conditions of cooperative and non-cooperative games. This course also examines the optimal theory's foundations with an emphasis on applications for making strategic games associated with political and economic behaviors and thoughts, including political behaviors, economic strategies, institutional choices, and coalitional games.

PI397            Public Choice in Global Affairs

This course offers a comprehensive understanding of the government's behaviors and decision makings to formulate policy choices for implementing fiscal and budgeting. In addition, the factor influencing public policies in terms of economic development, the function of the state, government expenditure, taxation, and public finance associated with theories for public choices will also be examined.

PI398            Politics of International Trade

This course examines the influence of domestic and international politics on international trade policy and the roles of international trade in political decision. The course explores economic and political economy theories related to international trade, including free trade, trade barriers, trade agreements, and economic integrations. The aim is to provide students with an understanding of the interrelationship between politics and economics in international relations.

PI399            Politics of International Finance

This course examines roles of domestic and international politics in international monetary and financial policy and the influence of international monetary system and international finance on political decision. The course explores economic and political economy theories related to international monetary and international finance, exchange rate policy, international investment, speculative attack, external debt, and international monetary regime. The aim is to provide students with an understanding of the interrelationship between politics and economics in international relations.

PI413 Seminar: Globalization, Regional Grouping and the State

This seminar explores the phenomena of globalization, regional grouping, and the state. The course focuses on the impact of the emerging the “regionalism” and the “globalism” on international politics, conflicts, cooperation, as well as, policy making of states and international institutions. The analysis includes a comparative view of regional groupings and corporations in different geographical areas.

PI414 Seminar: International Conflict and Resolutions

This seminar investigates international conflict, war and peace. The course covers the evolution of theories and practices conducive to the analysis of the natures and patterns of the conflict and war in the present. Conflict prevention and resolution, peacekeeping, peacemaking and peace building will also be considered. Several concepts and theories will be used as a framework of analysis of post and current conflicts in the world.

PI443 Selected Topics in Public Policy

This course discusses concepts, techniques, and practices of public policy as a field and as a response of government to cope with public sector issues. The class will examine case studies, current situations, and emerging problems and changes both domestically and internationally.

PI444 Selected Topics in Public Administration

This course discusses concepts, techniques, and practices of public administration. The course emphasizes the discussion of problems or issues occurred in various areas and functions in public administration, such as human resource management, organizational management, public financial management, and information management. The course also includes a study of Thailand’s public administration problems in comparison to other countries.

PI470 Seminar: International Relations Theories

This seminar course aims to discuss concepts, approaches, theories, and practices of international relations. The students are encouraged to discuss and engage in comparing the key International Relations theories, such as Realism, Liberalism, Neorealism, Neoliberalism, Marxism, the English School, Constructivism, Critical Theory, Post structuralism, and Feminism.

PI474 East Asia in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course explores theoretical and historical backgrounds of East Asia (in particular China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan). It aims to address contemporary trends of the region as well as its relationship between East Asia and extra-regional powers such as the United States and Russia. Given a specific geopolitical context of the rise of China, the course examines dynamics of security and economic challenges and the source of conflict and cooperation of the region which includes, but not limited to, territorial and maritime disputes, the relationship across the Taiwan Strait, the unification of the two Koreas, North Korea nuclear issues, economic contestations and crises, and Asian regionalism.

PI475 Southeast Asia in Global Politics

Prerequisites: Have earned credits of PI280

This course offers a historical overview and key thematic developments of the Southeast Asian international relations since the end of the Second World War. The content includes competing perspectives on contemporary issues such as regional cooperation and conflict, regional political, economic, and social challenges, and transnational issues. The course provides a broad understanding of roles of the Southeast Asian nations' relationship with other countries in adapting to the dynamic regional and international context.

PI476 ASEAN in Global Politics

This course offers a comprehensive understanding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), its structures and functions and, the transformation to ASEAN Community. Thematic developments of ASEAN, its policies, and its success and failures in dealing with regional and global challenges will be highlighted. The course also examines the evolution of different ASEAN regional policy dialogues such as ARF and East Asian Summit to have a better comprehension of ASEAN's relations with both intra- and extra-regional powers and other international organizations.

PI477

## Global Geopolitics

The course studies modern geopolitics by introducing both classical and critical geopolitics. It examines the spatial conceptions of the world and the construction of geographical imaginations and discourses in the foreign policy making process and popular culture. The course covers the key issues in the study of geopolitics and engages with the contemporary dynamics of international relations. It also provides the discussion with the deep analysis of the examined country cases, including the United States, Russia, and China

PI478

## Political Psychology and International Relations

Dominating theories in international relations mostly assume decision-makers to be rational. What if human-beings are not rational or what if being rational requires certain cognitive and emotional components? Do we need an alternative explanation for state behavior in international politics? This course introduces students to the subject of political psychology and international relations. The subjects under review include foreign policy decision-making, public opinion, ideology, emotion, and biases in international relations.

PI479

## Global Politics through Film

This course introduces students to the political representation of film and draws attention to how the relationship between the visual and the spatial is constitutive of global politics. It uses popular films to make sense of global issues and better understand how they are part of everyday life politics. The course also situates film in the wider debate on theories and methods in International Relations.

PI480

## Seminar: Issues in Global Political Economy

This seminar course explores the problems associated with global political economy. The first half of the course aims to provide students with the analytical and conceptual tools to better understand the complexities of international politics and economics. The second half is issue-based and will focus on major developments in contemporary international and economic relations and how states manage these issues.



PI483            Seminar: Non-Western International Relations Theories

Although International Relations scholarship is predominately produced in the west, the rapid rise of these countries on the international stage begs the question whether existing International Relations theories are well-suited to capture these developments. This course is divided into two parts. It first seeks to examine the emerging states on the international stage. It then explores the current state of International Relations scholarship and the theoretical debates in general as well as the developments in non-western academic contexts in order to discuss and analyst the gap between practice and the theory.

PI484            Seminar: International Regimes, Institutions and Governance

This seminar explores concepts and theories on international regimes, institutions, and governance in order to analyze developments, features, elements and related problems of international regimes. The course studies international regimes in many sample areas, such as international trade, environmental control, maintenance of peace and security and management of international human rights.

PI485            Selected Topics in Political Science

This seminar-like course examines problems and challenges associated with politics. The course introduces students to political concepts such as state, nationalism, democracy, and legitimacy. The second half of the course will highlight the complexities on a case study basis.

PI486            Comparative Regionalism

This course surveys diversity of regional institutions in Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Western hemisphere. The course explores theoretical perspectives of regionalism, and analyzes different paths and experiences of regional integration. Historical context, design, development, and assessment of regionalism will be examined in a comparative perspective.

PI487            The International Relations of Rising Powers

This course explores foreign policies and international roles of five major rising powers, namely, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. It examines a shift in power and wealth of these counties and assesses their changing positions in the configuration of cooperation and competition among the Great Powers in the 21st Century. This course also examines domestic factors that constitute their rise.

PI488                    Classical Theories in International Relations

This course provides an advanced understanding of the history of political thoughts on International Relations in the period of the classical European state system. Topics will include areas as follows: theories of the state and the development of the concept of sovereignty; nationalism and national self-determination; international institutions (including international law, international organization, the balance of power, and diplomacy); war and the use of force (including the evolution of strategic thought, doctrines of intervention); imperialism and the expansion of international society; revolutions and its impact on international relations; and theories of progress and of historical change.

PI489                    Epistemology and Global Politics

Global politics is greatly complicated. The extent to which one can grasp such complication depends upon one's ability to read those globally political phenomena. One's ability, in turn, depends upon one's conceptual, theoretical, or epistemological strategies used in reading those phenomena. This course mainly focuses on epistemology. It is a branch of philosophy and its basic question is: How do we know that which we claim to know? The course explores five sets of epistemologies popularly employed in constructing knowledge in social sciences or humanities. They are empiricism/positivism, phenomenology, hermeneutics, structuralism, and poststructuralism. In order to ensure students' ability to adequately comprehend the course's content, both theoretical lecture and application exercise are the pedagogical modes. In the process, students are encouraged to use all kinds of media – image (still or moving), text, and music etc. – as case studies for their applications.

PI490                    Political Economy of Development

This course investigates issues related to development, including the transition of economic growth and the change of poverty lines in terms of policies. Empirical examples are drawn from the analytical frameworks of international trade and finance, political economy, and regional integration.

PI494                    Selected Topics in International Political Economy

This course examines selected problems associated with international economic relations. The course introduces students to concepts and theories in international political economy. Case studies will also be used to highlight complex issues in global politics and economy.

PI495 Contemporary Debates in Global Political Economy

This course provides insights to a wide-range of debates and issues in international political economy. The course focuses on how to make sense, both theoretically and practically, of the burning global issues, such as causes and effects of global financial and economic crises, poverty and inequality, and economic development in developing countries.

PI496 Economic Diplomacy and Negotiation

This course explores theories and analytical frameworks relating to institutional configuration, decision-making and negotiation in international economic relations. Case studies and simulation exercises will be covered to understand the role of state and non-state actors, international economic related issues, along with negotiating techniques.

PI497 Politics of International Trade in Services

This course examines the influence of domestic and international politics on policies of international trade in services and the roles of service sector in political decision. The course explores economic and political economy theories with analytical frameworks related to international trade in services, including liberalization and barriers to services trade. The aim is to provide students with an understanding of the interrelationship between politics and economics in international relations.

PI498 Global Politics of Digital Economy

This course introduces the main elements of the digital economy and explores how digital economy influences market and global society such as internet, e-commerce, social media and cryptocurrencies. Relevant theories or analytical frameworks will be explored to help analyze the influence of domestic and international politics on rule, regulations and international agreements related to digital economy.

PI574 Internship in Politics and International Relations 1 Credit

Prerequisites: Up to 3rd years student or have an authority from lecturer

This course supports and encourages summer internship for students to gain first-hand experience with organization that complements their field of study. This is designed to prepare the students for future careers.

## **COURSE IN THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS**

EE210 Introductory Economics

(For non-economics major only; credits will not be awarded to students who are taking or have completed EE211 or EE212 or EE213 or EE214)

The general principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics. In the microeconomics section, topics covered include the demand for and supply of goods, consumer behavior, production and costs, structure and output of production units under perfect and imperfect competitive markets, the concept of market failures, and the role of government intervention. In the macroeconomics section, topics covered include objectives and problems in macroeconomics, the determination of national income, money and the banking system, introduction to fiscal and monetary policies used for economic stabilization, and the application of economic indices to analyze the economic situation. In the international economics section, topics covered include the importance of international trade and finance, as well as the conflict between free trade and market protection.

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