

International program Master of Art in Social Science (Development Studies)

The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCS D) and Development Studies

The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCS D), at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, was established in 1998 in response to the need for interdisciplinary, social science approaches to sustainable development issues in Southeast Asia. The Center builds upon decades of Chiang Mai University's social science research and teaching experience in the fields of community-based natural resource management (CBNRM), highland-lowland agricultural and social systems, health and environmental politics, and ethnic and gender relations, linking graduate training and research to development theories, policies and practice.

Since 1999, RCS D has offered an M.A in Sustainable Development which was developed to serve as the pivot of the Center's knowledge production. Responding to dynamism of social, economic and cultural transformations taking place at the local, national and regional levels in Southeast Asia, the MA program takes special effort to support insightful research and analysis of the social, environmental and cultural conundrums of modernization and development. Moreover, in keeping with the RCS D's commitment to the advocacy of cultural diversity, the program solicits for research on local knowledge and culture, with an emphasis on the ethnic minorities and marginalized groups who are so often adversely affected by mainstream development practices. RCS D maintains that the future of sustainable development in Southeast Asia hinges upon the embodiment of inclusive decision-making processes, respect for local knowledge and recognition of cultural difference. Through high-quality research and scholarship, RCS D intends to contribute to the realization of a sustainable regional future.

In 2012, the international Master's degree title has changed from M.A in Sustainable Development to M.A in Social Science (Development Studies) in order to reflect both faculty and student interests in contemporary social science theories and cultural studies in variance of emerging social issues including transnational migration, border trade and cooperation, non-traditional securities, climate change and urban-rural interactions, non-state market driven governance, commodification and decommodification of land and natural resources, and political ecology. Although the MA Social Science (Development Studies) still retains its core expertise and value in the field of development studies, coursework and scholarship has oriented to contextualize regional connectivity resulting from regional economic integration via the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and the ASEAN Community.

Curriculum Structure

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| Name of the degree: | Master of Arts (Social Science) | |
| Field of Specialization: | Development Studies | |
| Type of the study: | Coursework and Thesis 1 st Academic year: Coursework 2 nd Academic year: Thesis | |
| Duration of the study: | Study for 2 academic years, | |
| Total credits: | A minimum of | 36 credits |
| | A. Coursework (a minimum of) | 21 Credits |
| | B. Thesis | 15 Credits |

Coursework:

Core Courses

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| 169701 Social Science Theories | 3 Credits |
| 166701 Development Theories | 3 Credits |
| 169703 Research Methodology in Social Sciences | 3 Credits |
| 166791 Seminar: Special Issues on Development Studies | 3 Credits |

Elective courses

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| 166711 Regionalization in Development Process | 3 credits |
| 166721 Knowledge, Rights and Globalisation | 3 credits |
| 166731 Cultural economy | 3 credits |
| 166741 Ethnic Politics in Southeast Asia | 3 credits |
| 166751 Transborder Studies | 3 credits |
| 166761 Land relations in Southeast Asia | 3 credits |
| 166789 Selected Topics on Development Studies | 3 credits |
| 154714 Political Ecology | 3 credits |
| 154711 Environmentalism and Public Policy | 3 credits |
| 159723 Economic Sociology and Anthropology | 3 credits |
| 159712 Resource Governance and Civil Society | 3 credits |

Note:

- The enrollments for elective courses depend on availability of courses in each semester.
- Each of the elective course is required a minimum of 3 students.

Thesis

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| 169799 M.A. Thesis | 15 Credits |
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- Students are allowed to enroll this course when their thesis proposals are approved.

Study Plan 2020-2022

Academic Year 2020

| 1 st Semester 22 June 2020 – 28 October 2020 | | Credits | 2 nd Semester 9 November 2020 – 22 March 2021 | | Credits |
|---|-------------------------|----------|---|--|----------------|
| 169701 | Social Science Theories | 3 | 169703 | Research Methodology in Social Sciences | 3 |
| 166701 | Development Theories | 3 | 166791 | Seminar: Special Issues on Development Studies | 3 |
| | Elective course | 3 | | Elective course | 3 |
| | | | | Elective course | 3 |
| | | | | Develop thesis Proposal | |
| Total | | 9 | Total | | 12 |
| Summer semester 19 April 2021 – 28 May 2021 | | | | | Credits |
| During this summer semester, students should spend their time to prepare for their thesis proposal examination. | | | | | - |

Academic Year 2021

| 1 st Semester June 2021 – October 2021 | | Credits | 2 nd Semester November 2021 – March 2022 | | Credits |
|--|---|-----------|--|--|----------------|
| 169799 | M.A Thesis *To take the thesis course, students must have an approval of their thesis proposals. | 15 | | - Thesis Publication - Thesis examination | - |
| Total | | 15 | Total | | - |
| Summer semester April 2022 – May 2022 | | | | | Credits |
| It's a spare time for students to complete their degree in case they cannot finish it before the second semester ends. | | | | | - |

Estimate cost for students

Tuition Fee

| Student | Total Tuition Fee (4 semesters) | Number of semester for the payment | The amount of payment per semester |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Non-Thai students | THB 320,000.- | 4 semesters | THB 80,000.- |
| Thai students | THB 240,000.- | 4 semesters | THB 60,000.- |

Tuition fee payment: Students will be informed the dates of the tuition payment in advance.

| Semester | Date/duration of payment |
|----------|---|
| 1 | Students have to pay tuition fee on the New student registration at the University Registration Office (pay in cash) |
| 2-4 | - Students pay the tuition fee in the first month of each semester after completing the online course enrollment. - Students will pay at the banks (CMU branch). |

Further cost will apply as follows;

| Details | Approximately Amount (Baht) |
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| Reading materials/books | 5,000.- (per year) |
| Field Research expenses | 20,000-40,000.- Budget is depending on the researches. |
| English Editing for thesis proposal and thesis. (For non-native English Speakers) | 15,000-20,000.- |
| Required Academic activity: International conference or Publication; -Registration Fee -Transportation -Accommodation | The budget is depending on where the conferences students want to attend. |
| Thesis book printing with the graduate school | 2,500-3,000.- |
| Visa (For non-Thai residents) | Please check the visa fee with the Thai Embassy in your home countries. For Chiang Mai Immigration, the visa extension fee is 1,900.- baht per year |

Living cost in Chiang Mai is approximately 12,000 – 15,000 Baht per month.

Housing cost, a room in apartment or condominium, is around 5,000-10,000 Baht per month.

Admission Procedure

Qualifications

- All applicants who have a bachelor degree or equivalent in any discipline, as accredited by the Ministry of University Affairs, are eligible to apply for the MA in Social Science (Development Studies).
- Applicants who are non-native English speakers must have a Certificate of English Proficiency at least one of the following;
 - A: **TOEFL** at least 523 (PBT), 523 (ITP), 193 (CBT), 69 (IBT)
 - B: **IELTS** at least 5.5
 - C: **CMU-eTEGS** at least 65 (Chiang Mai university Test of English for Graduate)
 - D: **CU-TEP** at least 65% (Chulalongkorn university Test of English Proficiency)
 - E: **TU-GET** at least 65% (Thammasat university General English Test)
 - F: **KU-EPT** at least 65% (Kasetsart University English Test)

Interview

If an applicant's written application is successful, he or she will be invited to attend an entrance interview held by RCSD staff (support staff for M.A program). Candidates will be informed of the time and place of the interview via e-mail. Candidates who successfully pass the interview stage will be eligible for admission to the program.

Admission Schedule

| Activities | Date/2019 |
|--|---|
| Deadline for applications 2020 | 30 April 2020 |
| Interview | *All applicants will be informed the date for the interview via email. We will organize the interview in April for the 1 st group and the 2 nd group will be in May 2020. |
| Announcement for successful candidates | * All applicants will be informed the result of the interview via email within two weeks after the interview. |
| New students Registration and tuition fees payment | 6 June 2020 |
| Orientation for new Graduate students by RCSD center | 18 June 2020 (tentative) |
| Online course enrollment for new students | 22 – 25 June 2020 |
| Classes starting from | 22 June 2020 |

How to apply

Step 1: Submit your documents on the list below to the MA program via email, rcsd@cmu.ac.th

- 1) Cover letter
- 2) CV
- 3) The applicant's proposed research outline or a statement of tentative research project
- 4) A copy of passport (passport must be valid)
- 5) Jpg-file of your photograph (passport/ID style)
- 6) An official **transcript written in English**
- 7) A copy of your degree certificate(s) (with English translation)
- 8) Letters of recommendation (at least 2 letters)
- 9) Certificate of **English Proficiency**; (at least one of the following)
 - A: TOEFL at least 523 (PBT), 523 (ITP), 193 (CBT), 69 (IBT)
 - B: IELTS at least 5.5
 - C: CMU-eTEGS at least 65 (Chiang Mai university Test of English for Graduate)
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Note: - English Certification must be current for the application period.
- Applicants must submit an official of the English Certificate.
- This requirement will not apply for all native English speakers.

Step 2: Complete online application for the Graduate School.

Link: https://www.grad.cmu.ac.th/grad_wp2/

Information for completing Graduate School's online application:

Admission: for Semester 1st, Academic Year 2020 (Thai year 2563)

Level: Master Degree

Study Type: Type 2 (Coursework and Thesis)

Name of the program: International program, Master of Arts in Social Science Track Development Studies

Admission fee: 900 Baht. (Please noted that the admission fee is waived to all foreigners applicants)

Scholarship Information of Academic year 2020

1. MRLG Scholarships. The scholarships are administrated by RCS D Center.
2. M.A program Scholarship. The scholarship is administrated by M.A program (Development Studies)
3. TA/RA Scholarships. The scholarship is administrated by the Graduate School of CMU
4. CMU Presidential Scholarships. The scholarship is administrated by the Graduate School of CMU

1. MRLG Scholarship: Specialization in Land Issues

MRLG grants 4 scholarships for qualified candidates from **CMLV countries** namely **Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao and Vietnam** who conduct **research on Land issues**. The scholarship is full funding covering costs as detail follow;

For the 1st Academic Year 2020

| Detail | Amount/Thai baht |
|--|---|
| Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters | 160,000. - |
| Monthly allowance; June 2020 - May 2021 | 12,000.-per month, inclusive of housing expenses |
| Arrival Allowance | A one way air-ticket (Home country–Chiang Mai; economy class) at the minimum possible price and traveling related costs such as visa application fee, Taxi in the budget of 15,000.-baht. Please note: Receipts need to be shown as financial evidence for all expense items; boarding passes, air- ticket receipts and visa application fee receipt. |
| Books and supplies | 5,000.- |

For the 2nd Academic Year 2021

| Detail | Amount/Thai baht |
|--|---|
| Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters | 160,000. - |
| Monthly allowance; June 2021 - May 2022 | 12,000.-per month, inclusive of housing expenses |
| Field Research expenses | 20,000.- |
| English Editing for Thesis | 8,000.- |
| Thesis supplement | 3,000.- |
| A one-way air-ticket (Chiang Mai-Home Country- economy class) for departure after graduation. | Ticket will be arranged by RCS D |

****Please note: The scholarship will not cover the cost of visa application fee for renewing visa within Thailand (1,900 baht per year).**

2. M.A program Scholarship

Our M.A program grants 1 or 2 scholarships for qualified candidates from **Asian countries**. The scholarship is full funding covering costs as detail follow;

Research fields that will be given priority for scholarships:

- ❖ ASEAN INTEGRATION AND MOBILITY FLOW
- ❖ FOOD, WATER AND ENERGY SECURITY
- ❖ URBANIZATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
- ❖ CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CONSUMPTION
- ❖ ETHNICITY AND HEALTH ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT

For the 1st Academic Year 2020

| Detail | Amount/Thai baht |
|--|---|
| Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters | 160,000. - |
| Monthly allowance; June 2020 - May 2021 | 12,000.-per month, inclusive of housing expenses |
| Arrival Allowance | A one way air-ticket (Home country–Chiang Mai; economy class) at the minimum possible price and traveling related costs such as visa application fee, Taxi in the budget of 15,000.-baht. Please note: Receipts need to be shown as financial evidence for all expense items; boarding passes, air-ticket receipts and visa application fee receipt. |
| Books and supplies | 5,000.- |

For the 2nd Academic Year 2021

| Detail | Amount/Thai baht |
|--|---|
| Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters | 160,000. - |
| Monthly allowance; June 2021 - May 2022 | 12,000.-per month, inclusive of housing expenses |
| Field Research expenses | 20,000.- |

| Detail | Amount/Thai baht |
|--|---------------------------------|
| English Editing for Thesis | 8,000.- |
| Thesis supplement | 3,000.- |
| A one-way air-ticket (Chiang Mai-Home Country-economy class) for departure after graduation. | Ticket will be arranged by RCSD |

****Please note: The scholarship will not cover the cost of visa application fee for renewing visa within Thailand (1,900 baht per year).**

How to apply;

The **MRLG** and **M.A** scholarships only offer for applicants who apply to study International program, M.A in Social Science (Development Studies), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University.

Applicants who wish to apply for MRLG and M.A scholarships must submit their **scholarship application** together with all supported documents by the deadline on **31 March 2020** for MRLG and for **30 April 2020** for MA scholarship.

If your admission application is successful, you will be invited to attend an entrance interview via email. This interview is for the admission including scholarship recruitment.

3. TA/RA Scholarships and 4. CMU Presidential Scholarships

Please visit our Graduate School website for further information and application.

Link: https://www.grad.cmu.ac.th/grad_wp2/

****If you have any further inquiries, feel free to contact our support staff “Ann” via this email, Rungthiwa.hacker@gmail.com**