



Study Abroad in Thailand



Higher Education in Thailand

- Among the universities and colleges in Thailand, 78 are public and 61 are private. Lectures for international students are conducted primarily in English and sometimes in Chinese.
- The provision of high quality university qualifications taught in English is a priority for the Thai Government, and for many of Thailand's leading universities. These programmes are usually called International Programmes, and are offered across a broad range of disciplines, from science, arts, engineering and law through to medicine. International programmes are offered throughout the country.
- The first semester at university begins around mid-August and finishes around mid-December. The second semester begins around mid-January and finishes around mid-May.
- It is possible to take a Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate.
- Both public and private universities need accreditation from the Royal Ministry of Education in order to award academic degrees. However, you should check whether these qualifications are acceptable in your home country, especially for vocational credentials like medicine.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

Look at university websites for detailed information. Students should be aware that some parts of Thailand are off limits to foreign visitors.

Highest Ranked Universities

Chulalongkorn University (215)

Mahidol University (255)

Chiang Mai University (601-650)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Fees

- Fees vary depending on the university and the degree studied. As an example at Chulalongkorn University undergraduate fees range from 61,500 Baht to 65,500 Baht per semester.
- Living in Thailand is remarkably cheap, student's needs to budget for approximately 15,000 to 25,000 baht a month.

Visa

International students are required to possess an Education (student) visa, commonly known as an ED visa. As long as students have the correct documentation, this is a straightforward process. For information on how to apply for a visa or extension of a visa visit the Thai Immigration Bureau.

Working

International students are permitted to work up to 20 hours a week in paid employment.

Further Information

- Study abroad guide to Thailand <https://studyinthailand.org/study-abroad-thailand-university/study-abroad-guide-thailand.html>
- The QS world rankings guide to Thailand <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/asia/thailand/guide>