

ICML 160 Introduction to Thai Language and Culture

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Foreign Language Program
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICML 160
Course Title Introduction to Thai Language and Culture
3. **Number of Credits** 4 – 0 – 8 (Lecture – Lab – Independent study)
4. **Prerequisite(s)** None
5. **Type of Course** General Education / Elective / Core / Required Course
6. **Session/Academic Year** First / Second / Third / Every Trimester
7. **Enrollment Cap** 20
8. **Course Description** Provide vocabulary and structures for everyday use and introduce basic aspects of Thai culture
9. **Course Objective(s)**

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 9.1 handle basic communicative situations such as asking for and giving directions, ordering food and drinks, asking for prices and bargaining, and buying tickets
- 9.2 understand the importance of rice farming and ceremonies involving growing rice and Buddhism in daily life

10. Course Outline

	Topics	Hours		Instructor
		Lec.	Lab	
Week 1	Presentation of the course <u>Lesson 1</u> Greeting The 'wai' how to do it and when to use it Introducing oneself and introducing a friend Do's and don'ts in Thailand	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Numbers The use of classifiers Important phrases for survival Revision Quiz I – 10%	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	<u>Lesson 2</u> Getting around Vocabulary on places Locations of places	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Asking for and giving directions Vocabulary on transport	4	0	Assigned section instructor

No make-up quizzes and final exam for students who are late or absent.

Week 2	Asking for and giving directions Vocabulary on transport Quiz II – 30%	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	<u>Lesson 3</u> Ordering drinks and one-plate meals Making special requests Date and time	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Ordering dishes to eat with rice Thai fruit and dessert	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Modern Thai society Field Trip: Museum Siam Revision Quiz III – 20%	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Total			
Week 3	<u>Lesson 4</u> Shopping and bargaining Vocabulary on clothing	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Asking for prices, colours and sizes Different sections in a department store	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Bargaining Important holidays and festivals	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Revision Quiz IV – 40%	4	0	Assigned section instructor
	Total			

11. Teaching Methods

- 11.1 Lecture
- 11.2 Self-study
- 11.3 Group work and pair work
- 11.4 Special Activities: Field Trip – Museum Siam

12. Teaching Media

- 12.1 Sanuk Sanan Basics in Thai Language and Culture Course Book
- 12.2 Power-point presentations
- 12.3 Handouts
- 12.4 Other: MOOC

13. Measurement and Evaluation of Student Achievement

Students' achievement is measured by quizzes at the end of each lesson.

Student achievement will be graded according to College and University standard using the following symbols:

A	90 – 100	B+	85 – 89	B	80 - 84	C+	75 – 79
C	70 – 74	D+	65 – 69	D	64 – 60	F	0 – 60

Students must have attended **at least 80%** of the total class hours of the course to receive a final grade.

No make-up quizzes and final exam for students who are late or absent.

Ratio of mark (Total 100%)

Quiz I	Listening, Thai culture	10%
Quiz II	Listening, Thai culture, and Speaking	30%
Quiz III	Listening, Thai culture	20%
Quiz IV	Listening, Thai culture, and Speaking	40%

Important note:

- 1. Students must sit in the section they registered for.**
- 2. Students are not allowed to take quizzes in a different section.**
- 3. Arrival of 5 – 20 minutes after the start of class results in one late mark. Three late marks become one absent mark.**
- 4. Arrival after 20 minutes after the start of class results in one absent mark.**
- 5. If students have more than four absent marks, they will not be allowed to take Quiz IV.**

14. Course Evaluation

14.1 Student achievement as indicated in number 13 above.

14.2 Student evaluation of course and instructor by means of questionnaire.

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