



# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

■ FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The doctoral program in Southeast Asian Studies is offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, which is proud of its originality. Our program is the first, the one and only, of its kind in Thailand.

How does Southeast Asia differ from other regions in the world? For one thing, it is the hub of AEC (ASEAN Economic Cooperation) which will be actualized fully in 2015.

The program examines the emergence of the ASEAN community and recent patterns derived from the integration of historical, economic, social, and cultural evolution. The main purpose is to identify roots of the current citizens—the gateway to factual understanding of the peoples of Southeast Asia. Adequately sorting out the factors that shape ASEAN idiosyncrasies can best be accomplished via comparative research drawing on both qualitative and quantitative methodologies prevalent in our doctoral students' endeavors.



## Objectives

The program focuses on the interdisciplinary approach, targeting the Southeast Asian region as the “object of analysis.” The curriculum is aimed at graduate students from diverse disciplines who want to explore Southeast Asia in all dimensions possible as researchers. The area of study covers mentalities or thinking systems, philosophies, civilizations, histories, economics, politics, societies, cultures, ethnographies, religions, languages, and the environs.

Practice-led research overcomes divisions between social theory and action research, and between creative practice and evidence-based research. Students are, therefore, encouraged to examine a range of undertakings, understood integratively and enabling students to carry out studies on their own at an advanced level.

Graduates will be endowed with expertise in the most up-to-date knowledge of Southeast Asia and ASEAN Studies, especially, current issues in development and possible solutions. Expansion of the body of knowledge in ASEAN including systematic knowledge is one distinctive advantage of this program.

## Admission

In accordance with the Graduate School Rules and Regulations. The program committee reserves the rights to require more qualifications as deemed appropriate.

## Medium of Instruction

Thai and English

## Research Focus

- Identity and Roots of Ethnic Groups and Cultures
- Multidisciplinary Approach in the Evolution Histories
- Idiosyncrasies of economics and social systems unique in Southeast Asia.
- Systematic KM of ASEAN

## Requirement for Graduation

In accordance with the Graduate School Rules and Regulations.

