

Course Detail

Master of Arts Program in Social Development

Course Title:	Master of Arts Program in Social Development
Master Degree:	Master of Arts (Social Development)
Academic Institution:	Faculty of Social Sciences, Naresuan University
Duration:	2 years (from June 2020 - March 2022)

Background and Rational:

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provided frameworks and guidelines for its member countries towards global development after 2015. Following this direction, Thailand formulates policies in meeting these goals and actively participates at the United Nations Conferences such as the Global Climate Change in 2015 (COP21) and the Cooperation of the CLMV Countries in 2017 (COP23), positioning itself as a sustainable development country. These external factors, coupled with global competitiveness, are affecting changes in the national development direction. Some of the distinct factors include the global power shift to Asia, rapid increase of the elderly population, awareness of showing greater social responsibility, using technology to spread information without borders, challenges to look after and protect children and adolescents from unwanted values, outbreaks of terrorism and new genetic diseases, and drug trafficking. Thus, the need to provide appropriate knowledge, ethics, and skills following the principles of human growth and development.

Promoting education in social development is one of the mechanisms of driving the development process. Each stage requires prudent "knowledge" in accordance with the Thai society's way of life, which has rapidly changed and caused conflicts among and between urban and rural societies. Hence, it is necessary for people in the community to be educated, develop open-mindedness, and meet the production and service requirements at the professional level.

Naresuan University aims to develop into a research university with academic excellence. It is the center of knowledge and information sources for communities in Thailand's lower northern region and promotes the importance of producing knowledgeable social developers.

Qualified students must have the characteristics of a **PROM** -Participation, Researching, Organizing, and Management. Specific elective courses shall be provided in the Organizing and Management for students' appreciation of their mission's value and strengthen their process of taking into consideration the development of a community's quality of life. Revitalizing public awareness and encouraging agencies to use results obtained from research and development benefits both local and national levels, thus causing sustainable development.

Objectives:

Graduates of this program are expected to:

- 1) Possess skills to promote the participation of all sectors. Being generous in listening to opinions from people at all levels and having the ability to coordinate policymakers into action for social development.
- 2) Apply knowledge from research to solve spatial problems by designing strategic planning for social development administration for a concrete solution consistent with the context of Thai society and culture.
- 3) Manifest efficient organization management skills in keeping up with the changing situation of the world society and technology and uphold social responsibility.
- 4) Exhibit adept resource management skills to ensure equal social development under limited conditions.

**Course Synopsis and Methodology:
Study Plan**

Study Plan, Type A 1

Total of courses not less than 36 Credit

Year 1 Semester 1

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| 1. Research Methodology in Social Science | 3 Credit |
| 2. Mixed Methods Research | 3 Credit |
| 3. Thesis 1, Type A 1 | 9 Credit |

Year 1 Semester 2

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| 1. Social Development Seminar | 1 Credit |
| 2. Thesis 2, Type A 1 | 9 Credit |

Year 2 Semester 1

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| 1. Regional Studies | 1 Credit |
| 2. Thesis 3, Type A 1 | 9 Credit |

Year 2 Semester 2

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| 1. Thesis 4, Type A 1 | 9 Credit |
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Thesis Plan

Time period	Thesis plan
November 2020	Send thesis proposal
January 2021	Thesis proposal exam
April 2021	Data gathering
January 2022	Thesis exam

Graduation Conditions:

1. Follow the study plan as scheduled.
2. Enroll in all courses as specified.
3. Pass the English examination requirement specified by the university.
4. Propose the thesis and pass the oral examination.
5. The thesis or part of a thesis must be published as a research article in an international journal based on ISI Web of Science or Scopus.

Applicant Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in any field.

Document Required

- Submit a research proposal that demonstrates academic readiness and indicates a quality research direction.

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