

COURSES ON THAI CULTURE AND KNOWLEDGE



DHONBURI RAJABHAT
UNIVERSITY

Dhonburi Rajabhat University is a government university, located in an historical and cultural area with easy access to the Bangkok city center. The university is offering a two-and-a-half month course about Thai and ASEAN culture for foreign students. The goal of the course is to familiarize students with various aspects of Thai culture, including the Thai language, in an immersion context. The course consists of five modules, each presenting a different content area as detailed below. It is organized under the auspices of the Hospitality and Tourism Industry program and was approved by the Higher Education Office of the Ministry of Education. Students who complete the course can apply for transfer credit at their home university, calculated at 3 credits per module for a total of 15 credits.

COURSE MODULES

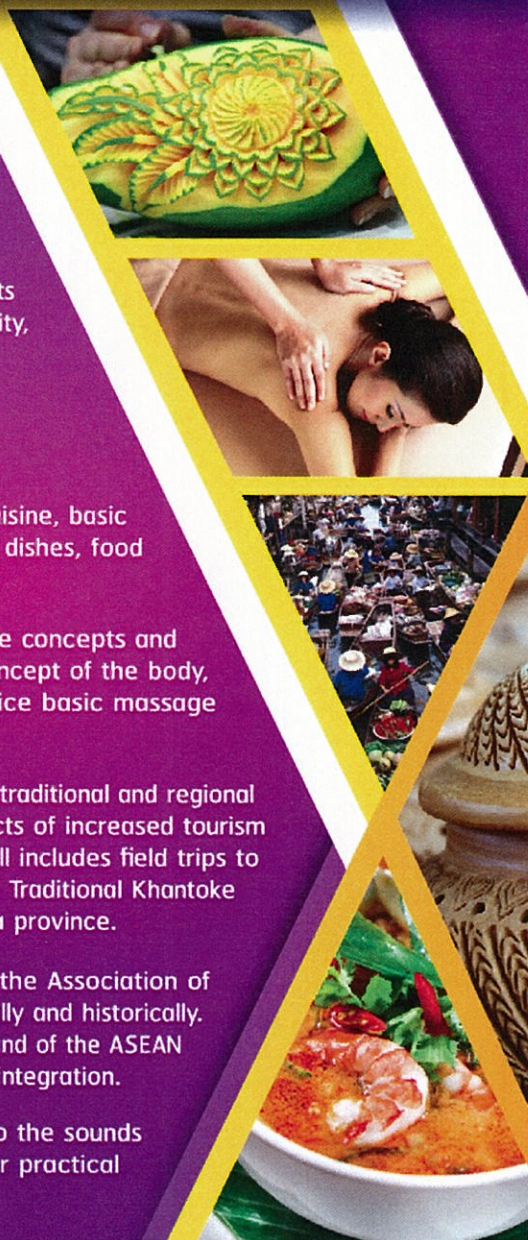
1. THAI CULINARY ARTS (60 HRS) : Cultural background of Thai cuisine, basic cooking techniques and ingredients, regional variation and notable regional dishes, food carving and presentation.

2. THAI TRADITIONAL MASSAGE (60 HRS) : An introduction to the concepts and techniques involved in Thai massage. Students will learn about the Thai concept of the body, the basic muscle groups and sense lines. They will also study and practice basic massage techniques such as the palm press, foot massage and acupressure.

3. CULTURAL TOURISM (45 HRS) : Review of various aspects of Thai traditional and regional culture that hold interest for tourists. Discussion of possible negative impacts of increased tourism on traditional communities and how these can be reduced. This module will includes field trips to the following sites : Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, Ratchaburi province; Traditional Khantoke Dinner, Chiang Mai province; Dan Kwian Pottery Village, Nakhon Ratchasima province.

4. ASEAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE (45 HRS) : The members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations show a high level of diversity culturally, economically and historically. Students will be introduced to the geographical, cultural and historical background of the ASEAN member countries and will discuss the prospects for future cooperation and integration.

5. THAI FOR BASIC COMMUNICATION (45 HRS) : An introduction to the sounds and structures of the Thai language. Students will learn basic phrases for practical communication and practice interacting in everyday situations.



Tuition fees

Tuition	1,000 US	6,000 RMB	30,000 THB
Field trips	265 US	1,600 RMB	8,000 THB
Accommodation (2.5 months)	435 US	2,600 RMB	13,000 THB
Total	1,700 US	10,200 RMB	51,000 THB

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