GETTING TO KNOW CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

Chulalongkorn University, the Kingdom’s first public university, was established in 1917 by His Majesty King Vajiravudh (Rama VI); the University was named after the King’s father, His Majesty King Chulalongkorn (Rama V).

The University extends over a 456-acre tract of land granted by its founder. In the succeeding years, Chulalongkorn University, or “Chula” for short, has grown to become a comprehensive university, which offers over 500 programs in almost all areas of study.
The University’s numerous programs, including nearly 80 international programs, cover all fields of study, both traditional academic disciplines and interdisciplinary studies. The present enrollment is approximately 40,000 students, 2/3 is undergraduate students and 1/3 is graduate students.

Chulalongkorn University comprises of

19 Faculties
- Arts
- Architecture
- Allied Health Sciences
- Commerce and Accountancy
- Communication Arts
- Dentistry
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Fine and Applied Arts
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Science
- Sport Sciences
- Veterinary Science

2 School
- The Graduate School
- School of Agricultural Resource

3 Colleges
- Petroleum and Petrochemical
- Population Studies
- Public Health Sciences

2 Institutes
- Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration
- Language Institute

2 Affiliated Institutes
- Nursing College of the Thai Red Cross
- Police Nursing College

Research Institutes, Academic Institutes/Centers and Research Centers which include Centers of Excellence and Research Units.
The Phra Kieo: which is a traditional Thai coronet worn by younger members of the royal family, is the emblem of Chulalongkorn University. It was King Chulalongkorn's royal insignia.

The Color Pink: The color Pink is the color of Chulalongkorn University because it is the symbolic color of Tuesday, the day of King Chulalongkorn’s birth.
The mission of the Office of International Affairs and Global Network is to implement international relations by emphasizing cooperative activities and academic exchanges with international institutions as well as providing academic services to international communities in order to enable Chulalongkorn University to serve as a gateway to regional and international forums. It also helps to develop and prepare academic readiness in personnel and students to enable them to keep abreast of academic developments and to communicate effectively at an international level. It promotes international relations in order to accommodate activities for international teaching staff and students who are working on the Chulalongkorn University campus.

The Office of International Affairs and Global Network provides the following general services:

1. Publicizing information about scholarships and exchange programs for CU students;
2. Serving as the coordinator for CU students’ applications, selection and preparation to study at foreign universities which have academic and cooperative agreements with Chulalongkorn University;
3. Accepting applicants from foreign countries, providing assistance for their well-being and disseminating relevant information to them;
4. Promoting student exchange programs with partner universities under academic-exchange agreements and arranging student exchanges with partner universities;
5. Organizing cultural and social activities for international and exchange students at Chulalongkorn University; and
6. Serving as an educational consultant for CU students who wish to further their studies aboard.

The Office of International Affairs and Global Network also provides the following services for international students:

1. Issuing request letters for visa application, visa-type change and visa extension;
2. Assisting international students in their entrance registration;
3. Organizing an orientation for international students before the first semester begins; and
4. Providing other consultancy services.

University-level Exchange Students (University level), the Office of International Affairs and Global Network will arrange an airport pick-up service, 2 days before a new semester starts. A pick-up request form will be attached to the Acceptance Letter package and needs to be sent back by the deadline. For any change or cancellation of the flight itinerary, please
notify the Office of International Affairs and Global Network one week in advance. **No show or changes without prior notice will be subject to a fine of THB 1,000.** Please note that, the service is provided only for exchange students (University MOU level); any companions or relatives are not eligible.

* Students who do not request a pick-up service, can take the airport rail link from Suvarnabhumi International Airport to Phayathai BTS Station. The ride is approximately 30 minutes. After that, they should take a taxi from Phayathai BTS Station to the University (for more information, please refer to page 39).

* For those who arrive at Don Muaeng International Airport, they can take the Airport Bus, A1, to BTS Morchit Station. The ride is approximately 30 minutes. After that, they should either take the BTS Sky Train to BTS Siam Station or take a taxi from BTS Morchit Station to the University (for more information, please refer to page 41).
STUDENTS’ ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

International students represent not only their own country but also Chulalongkorn University. Therefore, they should not do anything or participate in any activities that suggest their failure to abide by Thai law and regulations, morality or established Thai culture.

It is vital for international students to observe the university’s rules and regulations and bring prestige to Chulalongkorn University, their home country and themselves.

COURSES OFFERED

For regular programs: [http://www.academic.chula.ac.th/search/search.asp](http://www.academic.chula.ac.th/search/search.asp)

For international programs: [http://www.inter.chula.ac.th/inter/internationalstudents/InterProgram2016.pdf](http://www.inter.chula.ac.th/inter/internationalstudents/InterProgram2016.pdf)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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EXPENSES

Tuition Fees for International Students

**Group 1:** The Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Engineering, Science, Architecture, Public Health, Communication Arts, Psychology, Nursing, Sports Science and multidisciplinary field in Environmental Management, Medical Microbiology, Biomedical Sciences, Dental Biomaterials Science, Human Sexuality, Pharmacology, Research for Health Development, Nanoscience and Technology, Environment Science and Physiology.


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**NON-DEGREE OR AUDITION STUDENT**

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<td>Summer: 9,187.50 Baht/semester</td>
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* Program Fees will vary according to the program.
* Exchange student (University level) will be waived for the tuition and program fees.

**Living Costs**

Books: Approximately 5,000 Baht/semester

Food and other expenses: ≥10,000 Baht/month (apart from room rent)
(a meal is on average 50-100 Baht)

Dormitory: ≈15,000 Baht/month
(including electricity and water rates)

* Exchange Rate: USD 1 = THB 35.00 (as of May 2016)
GRADING AND EXAMINATIONS

A student, in order to be qualified to sit for an examination for any course, must attend no less than 80 percent of the total hours of study for that course. The evaluation of each course shall be coded into different gradings that have the following definition and attached points:

A student must register at least 9 credits and no more than 22 credits in a semester. For the summer session, the maximum credit allowed is 7.

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REGISTRATION

Notes on Registration
1. International students should arrive, at least one week, prior to the registration date.
2. Upon arrival international students must contact their advisor as soon as possible in order to pick up the list of courses for which they have to register.
3. The Office of the Registrar, located on the second floor of Chamchuri 5 Building, is in charge of general student registration.
4. For incoming international students, faculty members or program officers normally handle initial registration. In the second semester, international students are encouraged to register online, by visiting the Office of the Registrar's website (www.reg.chula.ac.th).

Documents Required for Initial Registration
1. Passport and a photocopy of the passport
2. Four (4) identical photographs (3.5 cm. x 4.5 cm.)
   ** Please conform to Chulalongkorn University’s rules by having your photograph taken wearing a white shirt in front of a blue background.
3. Official academic transcript
   ** Both an original transcript and a photocopy are required.
4. Certificate of the Degree (if applicable)

NOTE: All documents must be in English or translated into English
INTERNATIONAL ID CARD

All international students (who study, conduct research, pursue internship or work for more than 3 weeks) and faculty members are required to hold an international ID card which is authorized by the Office of International Affairs and Global Network. Please contact your faculty or program coordinator in order to register in the database (http://mis.inter.chula.ac.th)

For degree/ non-degree international students who are registered in the courses for more than 1 semester, the Office of Registrar will issue a Student ID card. Please contact your faculty or program coordinator for further information.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT UNIFORM

International students who are registered at an undergraduate level (in both regular and international programs) are requested to wear University uniforms as follows:

- Female student’s uniform: a short-sleeved, white shirt, buttoned at the front with buttons embossed with the University’s emblem and bearing a “Phra Kieo” pin on the right front at chest level, a navy blue or black knee-length skirt covering the knees; a brown suede belt with a buckle embossed with the University’s emblem.

- Male student’s uniform: a short or long sleeved, white shirt and navy blue or black trousers; a black leather belt with a buckle embossed with the University’s emblem; a University tie is required when attending University ceremonies.

- For both male and female students’ uniforms, slippers are strictly prohibited.

University uniforms and accessories can be purchased at the CU cooperative store, Sala Phra Kieo branch or shopping areas nearby, such as MBK, Siam Center, etc.
VISA MATTERS

How to apply for a Visa

As a general rule, any foreigner seeking entry into the Kingdom of Thailand for business, investment, study, medical treatment, mass media, religion, employment and other purposes is required to apply for a visa.

Chulalongkorn University will issue a letter of admission and a letter of introduction for the international student to apply for a visa category ‘ED’ at the Embassy of Thailand in his/her home country. A non-immigrant “ED” visa must be obtained before students leave their home country. Students should hold a visa category ‘ED’ before entering the Kingdom of Thailand.

Information on the location and the contact number of Thai Embassies and Consulates-General abroad can be obtained from the Visas and Travel Documents Division, the Department of Consular Affairs, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 123 Chaengwattana Road, Bangkok 10210, Tel. 0-2981-7171 ext. 3201-2, 3204-5 or direct line 0-2575-1062-4, Fax. 0-2575-1066, E-mail: div1303@mfa.go.th, Website: www.thaiembassy.org

What type is my visa?

- Non-Immigrant Visa is the only visa for foreigners temporarily staying in the Kingdom.
- There is no difference in the validity of the visa whether it is a sticker or a stamp. The visa type and class is clearly stated on the sticker or stamp, e.g. Non-Immigrant Visa Class B for Business, Class ED for Education and O for other purposes.
- Tourist Visa (TR) upon arrival: a stay of 60 days will be granted to anyone entering Thailand as a tourist.
- Tourist Visa Exemption (Phor30 (ผ.30) or Phor90 (ผ.90)): entering Thailand for tourism purposes and permitted to stay for 30 or 90 days.
- Visa upon arrival: applying for a visa at the immigration checkpoint for tourism purposes not exceeding 15 days; extension of stay and changing visa type are not allowed.

*Those who hold TR, Phor30 (ผ.30), Phor90 (ผ.90), must contact the program of their affiliation or the Office of International Affairs immediately to change the visa type.

Misunderstanding about permission to stay!!!

The date of validity indicates that the visa must be utilized by entering Thailand within the period. Holders will receive an initial stay of 90 days from the date of arrival. They are required to extend their permission to stay after 90 days of their arrival at the Immigration Bureau. Please check the validity of your visa and get it renewed before the expiry date. You are recommended to contact the program of your affiliation in order to request an extension letter before going to the Immigration Bureau.
What if my visa is going to expire?

45 days before your visa expires, please contact your program with your passport and educational evidence, to request a letter for an extension of stay. This process usually takes a week.

Documents Required
- Application form (TM.7)
- Copy of the passport
- 1 passport photo (4 x 6 cm.)
- 1,900 Baht fee
- Letter for an extension of stay from CU
- Educational evidence (such as a copy of your transcript, the certificate of admission or a student ID card)

**NOTE**: A fine of 500-Baht per day will be applied if a visa extension does not meet the expiry date deadline.

How to change my visa type?

Students who hold TR, Phor30 (ผ30), Phor90 (ผ90) need to contact their program along with their passport and educational evidence to request a letter for changing visa type.

Documents required
- Application form (TM.86)
- Copy of the passport
- 1 passport photo (4 x 6 cm.)
- 2,000 Baht fee
- Request letter from CU
- Educational evidence

**NOTE**: The Immigration Bureau requires at least 15 days for visa validation.

Can I leave the country?

Yes you can but your visa will be canceled automatically once you leave the Kingdom of Thailand unless you have contacted the Immigration Bureau to apply for a Re-Entry Permit before you leave. This process can apply at Immigration Bureau in Don Mueang and Suvarnabhumi International Airports.

Documents required
- Application form (TM.8)
- Copy of the passport
- 1 passport photo (4 x 6 cm.)
- 1,000 baht per a single / 3,800 baht per a multiple Re-Entry Permit
Notification of Staying in Kingdom over 90 days

Procedure and notification:

1. The foreigner makes the notification in person, or
2. The foreigner authorises another person to make the notification, or
3. The foreigner makes the notification via registered mail.
4. The notification must be made within 15 days before and 7 days after the period of 90 days expires.
5. The first application for extension of stay by the foreigner is equivalent to the notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days.

Offices accepting notification:

1. Immigration offices throughout the country
2. For foreigners residing in Bangkok, contact Immigration Division 1 Office, Chalermprakiat Government Complex, Chaengwattana Rd., Laksi, Bangkok.
3. For foreigners carrying out duties relating to specific laws: Immigration Act, Proleum Act / Board of Investment Act / Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand Act, contact Sub-division 3, Visa Extension Units, Chamchuri Square Building, 18th Floor, Pathumwan, Bangkok.
4. For special Labor of Lao, Cambodian and Myanmar nationals residing in Bangkok, contact at Major Hollywood Suksawad, 1st Floor or Imperial Ladproaw, 5th Floor.

Notification via registered mail:

1. Photocopy of the following pages from the passport:
   - front page showing name / surname / Passport No., etc.
   - current visa
   - last entry stamp of immigration
   - last extension of visa
2. Photocopy of departure card TM.6, click to view
3. Previous notifications of staying over 90 days (if any), click to view
4. Completed and signed notification form TM.47 (Don't forget to sign name.)
5. Envelope affixed with a 10 Baht stamp and return address of the foreigner for the officer in charge to send back the lower part of form TM. 47 after having received the notification. This part must be kept for reference and for future notifications of staying over 90 days.
6. The above mentioned documents must be sent via registered mail and the receipt of the registration kept by the foreigner. Send the letter 15 days before the renewal date to the Immigration office.
Notice:

- Your registered letter must be sent to the Immigration office at least 15 days before the due date of notification.
- Your new form will be stamped as of the expiry date of your old receipt.
- Please keep the receipt of your registered mail in case the letter is lost.
- Your document can not be processed if you have passed the 90 days limit. (You must come to the nearest immigration office or Immigration Division 1 in person to pay a 2,000 Baht fine)
- In the case where you have waited for a reply for over 1 month, please contact the Immigration Office with your registered mail receipt.

Note

- The notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days is not equivalent to a visa extension.
- If a foreigner stays in the Kingdom over 90 days without notifying the Immigration Bureau or notifies the Immigration Bureau later than the required period, a fine of 2,000.- Baht will be collected. If a foreigner who does not make the notification of stay over 90 days is arrested, he will be fined 4,000.- Baht.
- If a foreigner leaves the country and re-enters, the day of his/her arrival is counted as day 1 of his/her stay in the Kingdom in every case.

notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days via Internet: http://www.immigration.go.th/nov2004/en/base.php?page=90days
Overstay

Warning!

The aliens who violate Immigration Act, B.E.2522 by overstaying more than 90 days in the Kingdom of Thailand will be forbidden from re-entering the Kingdom for a certain period of time as follows:

Overstay more than 90 days prohibited from re-entry for 1 year
Overstay more than 1 year prohibited from re-entry for 3 years
Overstay more than 3 years prohibited from re-entry for 5 years
Overstay more than 5 years prohibited from re-entry for 10 years

In cases where an alien is apprehended
Overstay less than 1 year prohibited from re-entry for 5 years
Overstay more than 1 years prohibited from re-entry for 10 years

It should also be noted that today’s new rules as detailed above confirm the removal of the proposed lifetime ban for overstaying 10 years or more, which Thaivisa.com informed its members of on Sunday 20th July 2014, following the announcement of longer visa exemptions from next month.

The announcement on the Immigration website can be found at: http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/popup_announce.html
Leaving Bangkok

International students who are traveling out of Bangkok for more than one day, whether upcountry or abroad, should, for personal safety and security reasons, notify the faculty/program coordinator or the Office of International Affairs in advance. Students are advised to leave contact information so that they can be reached in case of emergency.
Immigration Bureau

The Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty the King
2nd Floor, Building B, Chaengwattana Soi 7,
Laksi, Bangkok
Tel: 0-2141-9889
Fax: 0-2143-8228
Office hour: Mon-Fri 08:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 01:00 - 04:30 p.m.
http://www.immigration.go.th
ACCOMMODATION

Chulalongkorn University International HOUSE: CU iHouse designated for CU international students, international faculty members and CU Thai graduate students. CU iHouse is a 26-storey, on-campus residence, consisting of 846 units. There are 2 types of rooms which are for monthly and daily rents. The residence has 24-hour receptionist and security services, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, room cleaning services (twice a month) and a free shuttle bus service to other areas of the University. Modern facilities of CU iHOUSE allow students to relax, socialize and enjoy a superb lifestyle whilst studying at the University. Located in the heart of Bangkok, CU iHOUSE is within a walking distance to the University, shopping malls and entertainment complexes. It is close to BTS sky train and MRT subway for easy transportation around the city.

Monthly Accommodation Fee (utility charges not included)
- Studio 25 sq. m. (5 ft. x 1 bed) THB 10,000 180 Units
- Studio 25 sq. m. (3.5 ft. x 2 beds) THB 11,000 546 Units
- 1 Bedroom 50 sq. m. (6 ft. x 1 bed) THB 22,000 36 Units

Daily Rental Fee (including room service)
- for visitors/guests THB 900 per night 84 Units

Contract requirement:
Two-month deposit of the room and one-month rental fee in advance.

For more information:
Tel: +66-2-217-3188
Fax: +66-2-219-2678
Email: cuh.remssthailand@colliers.com
268 Chulalongkorn Soi 9, Charasmuang Rd., Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 THAILAND
CU IMPORTANT PLACES

Center of Academic Resources (Central Library)

The Center of Academic Resources is located in the Maha Theerarajanusorn Building. It consists of six units: the central library, the national document center, the audio-visual center, the international information resources service, the art gallery and the distance learning network (CU-GDLN). All six units provide services covering every form of information resource, i.e., books, periodicals, printed matter, databases, audio-visual materials and electronic materials. Students can also access the CU cyber zone on the second floor to search the Internet.

International students also become members of Chulalongkorn University Library Network or CHULALINET following their entrance registration. They are entitled to make use of all the libraries in the Chulalongkorn University Library Network as well as to borrow library materials according to the library rules. Students automatically renew their membership when they register for a new semester.

Undergraduate students can borrow up to seven books for two weeks. Master’s degree students can borrow up to ten books for two weeks. Doctoral degree students can borrow up to fifteen books for two weeks. A fine of three Baht is applied for every day that a book is returned late.
The service hours of the center are from 08:00 a.m. – 09:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 09:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m. on Saturday. Students are also welcome to access the CU Digital Library to search for information resources at the center's website http://www.car.chula.ac.th.

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During the extended hours, the library is opened only to provide space for patrons to study their own material; no library services (checking in/out, reference services) are provided. On Sunday, the library reserves its service for CU students ONLY.

For any queries regarding academic resources and services, please contact the Center of Academic Resources at 0-2218-2905.
CU Auditorium

Chulalongkorn University’s auditorium was built in 1938 by order of Field Marshal P. Pibulsonggram, the Prime Minister of Thailand, to serve as the venue for the University’s graduation ceremony, which was presided over by His Majesty the King. It was also the place where the King gave royal audiences to members of the Chula community and where he played the music for the Chula audience. This activity was later canceled when the King had to devote most of his time to helping his people to improve their livelihood.

The auditorium, 25.60 meters long and 54.60 meters wide, is structured into two parts. The first part, the main structure, serves as the auditorium proper, and has a seating capacity of 1063 on the ground floor and 456 in the balcony. The second part consists of a reception room on the raised ground floor and a conference room on the second floor. It has been renovated several times and fitted with an air-conditioning system and modern equipment, which includes an advanced sound system.

The auditorium is the place where State visitors are officially welcomed and the venue for University ceremonies and significant events. The public/outside community is allowed to use it with prior permission from the University.
SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Life and Accident Insurance for CU Students

Chulalongkorn University provides life and accident insurance for all students at all academic levels, including those enrolled in any program that is longer than a year.

Period of coverage for the academic year

- August 1st – July 31st (24-hour, worldwide).
- Students will continue to be covered until the end of the period of coverage even though their student status has terminated before the plan’s expiry date.

Medical coverage for accidents

The plan covers the actual charge of medical treatment in both public and private health facilities as long as it does not exceed

- 40,000 Baht per accident for an accident occurring on campus or during participation in off-campus University activities, including sports competitions on behalf of the University,
- 30,000 Baht per accident for accidents occurring off-campus.

Reimbursement procedure

- Students must pay for their medical treatment in the first instance and then their reimbursement request for out-of-pocket medical expenses must be submitted to the CU Student Corner at the Office of Student Affairs, located on the lower ground floor of the Chulachakrabongse Building. The claim should be supported by the following documents:
  - The original medical certificate,
  - The original itemized bills,
  - A copy of their bank passbook.
- The documents will be collected by the insurance company on the 1st, 10th and 20th of each month. The sum reimbursed will be transferred directly into the students’ bank account after the review process has been completed and the request approved.

Exclusions

The plan does not cover or provide benefits for:

- Private nursing charges,
- Ambulance or transportation services in non-emergency cases,
- Medical supplies for external use (e.g. orthotics and prosthetics, walking sticks, slings, conforming gauze bandages or back braces),
- Telephone call charges,
- Newspapers,
- Other services not related to the medical treatment.
Death and dismemberment benefits

- Death (regardless of cause) – 10,000-Baht compensation,
- Accidental death – 210,000-Baht compensation,

Accidental dismemberment:
- Permanent disability 200,000 Baht
- Loss of both hands, severed at or above the wrists 200,000 Baht
- Loss of both feet, severed at or above the ankles 200,000 Baht
- Loss of a hand and a foot, severed at or above the wrist or the ankle 200,000 Baht
- Loss of a hand, severed at or above the wrist, and loss of sight in one eye 200,000 Baht
- Loss of a foot, severed at or above the ankle, and loss of sight in one eye 200,000 Baht
- Loss of sight in both eyes 200,000 Baht
- Loss of a hand, severed at or above the wrist 120,000 Baht
- Loss of a foot, severed at or above the ankle 120,000 Baht
- Loss of sight in an eye 120,000 Baht
- Loss of a thumb, at or above the first joint from the tip, or an index finger, at or above the second joint from the tip 50,000 Baht

- Repatriation of remains – compensation for the actual costs incurred but not exceeding 10,000 Baht per case.
CU Book Shop

The CU Book Shop consists of three large, convenient and modern branches on campus: the first at Sala Phra Kieo (near the Faculty of Economics), the second at Siam Square (1st floor, the Wittayakit Building) and the third at Chamchuri Square (4th floor). The bookshops provide customers with a variety of books both in Thai and foreign languages, CD ROMs, magazines and other educational media. Students showing their student ID cards receive a 10% discount (except a certain items, e.g., magazines). Website: www.chulabook.com

Sala Phra Kieo branch:
Monday – Friday: 08:00 a.m. – 06:30 p.m.
Saturday: 09:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.

Siam Square branch:
Monday – Friday: 09:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 09:00 a.m. – 07:00 p.m.

Chamchuri Square branch:
Monday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.

Health Service Center

The Health Service Center provides medical consultation and treatment for CU faculty members, students and employees. It has been in service for over twenty years. There is further supervised by doctors from Chulalongkorn Hospital everyday. Located on the 2nd floor of the Chamchuri 9 Building from 08:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (without lunch break). For more information: Tel: 0-2218-0568, Fax: 0-2218-0574 and www.cuhc.chula.ac.th

Procedure for Obtaining of Services
1. For students; show your student ID (the ID must have a student ID number and photograph on it – if the ID does not have a student ID number, students will not be able to receive health services free of charge).
2. For lecturers and staff; if you are insured as a group, show your group insurance card together with a photo ID. If the amount exceeds the specified amount you will be asked to pay the difference. If you do not have a group insurance policy you will be required to pay the full amount for the services received.
3. Show the ID card aforementioned at the Medical Records Section in order to obtain your medical record.
4. See a nurse for history taking and to have your pulse checked before meeting the physician.

Note: For lab tests students can have tests free of charge only for Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Urinalysis as prescribed by the physician. Other than this, all payments for lab tests will be the responsibility of the students.

Procedure when a student or foreign patient is transferred for hospital treatment

The physician will transfer a patient to hospital in cases where more advanced treatment is needed or when the patient requires medication not available at the Health Service Center. The details are as follows:
1. Once a transfer form has been obtained from the physician it should be submitted to Chulalongkorn Hospital, the Red Cross Society or any other hospital depending on the availability of a physician to treat the patient as stipulated on the form. Patients are responsible for the payment themselves.

2. In cases where there is a health insurance policy one can still obtain a doctor’s certificate, attach it to the receipt and submit it to the company to claim compensation. There may be some companies that require that the physician fill out forms determined by the company and the patient will need to study his/her own details of health insurance policy each time it is used.

CU Cooperative Store

Established in 1946 and officially registered in 1960, the CU Cooperative store is patronized by teaching staff, students, other CU personnel, as well as by the general public. Its success has attracted groups of foreign visitors to come to view its operation. It is run by its members, headed by a twelve-member committee. Those eligible for membership are students, faculty members and other CU personnel.

The store deals in student uniforms and consumer goods and provides a range of other services. The profits go back to the members as dividends or in the form of proposed activities and other preferential treatment. The remainder is used in the interest of the CU community and society at large.

The main branch of CU Cooperative Store is located at Sala Phra Kieo; the second branch is on the ground floor of the Baromrajakumari Building, and the third one is at the CU dormitory. For more information, please call 0-2218-7032-4, 0-2252-7020, fax 0-2251-8648.

**CU Cooperative Store**

- **Sala Phra Kieo branch**
  - Monday – Friday: 08:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.
  - Saturday: 08:30 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.

- **CU Dormitory branch**
  - Monday – Friday: 08:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.
  - Saturday: 08:30 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.

- **Chamchuri 9 branch**
  - Monday – Friday: 08:00 a.m. – 06:00 p.m.
  - Saturday: 08:30 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.
Consultancy Service for Students and Student Development

The University provides psychologists and psychiatrists for students who may face problems related to their studies, their adaptation to their environment or their family. This service is open according to the following schedule:

- **Monday:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., 01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice.

The psychologists and psychiatrists meet students according to the above schedule at the Office of Student Relations, which is located on the third floor of the Chulachakrabongse Building (tel. 0-2218-7051).

In addition, the University also offers personality development sessions of various types using group therapy making it possible for students to improve their personalities. For further information, please contact the Office of Student Relations.

Sports Facilities

Chulalongkorn University offers a number of sports facilities so that students and staff may maintain good health. The sports facilities include:

**Chulalongkorn Stadium** – This standard outdoor stadium, with 25,000 maximum seating capacities, is ideal for football, hockey, rugby, and other outdoor sports. There are synthetic turf and 8 lane synthetic tracks; Sports Library is also available.

**Indoor Sports Gymnasium 1** – This gymnasium is housed in a Multi-Purpose Building. Facilities for sports, such as *sepak takraw*, *volleyball*, *basketball*, *table tennis*, *badminton*, *judo*, *boxing*, *gymnastics* etc, are available.
**Indoor Sports Gymnasium** 2 – There are 4 badminton courts. 1-hour booking in advance at the court is required.

**Tennis Courts** 1 – There are 10 tennis courts with full lighting; knock boards for self-practice are also available.

**Tennis Courts** 2. There are 4 tennis courts with full lighting.

**Futsal Field** – There are 2 futsal fields with full lighting, located near the Faculty of Sports Science.

**Golf** – There are 1 pitch course in back of and 1 putt course in front of Indoor Sports Gymnasium 1.

**Beach Volleyball** – A beach volleyball field is located in the back of Indoor Sports Gymnasium 1.
Swimming Pools – There are two swimming pools, one 25-meter and one 50-meter.
- The 25-meter pool, just a short walk from the Indoor Sports Gymnasium 1, has six swimming lanes.
- The 50-meter pool, located on the M Floor, Sports Complex, has eight swimming lanes.

Fitness and Body Training Facilities
- The Fitness Room, an air-conditioned gym, provides both single-station and multi-station machines that can exercise all parts of the body.
- The Weight Training Room is fully equipped with barbells, weight lifting equipment, etc.
- The Physical Fitness Testing Room is also available for a variety of fitness testing machines for muscular fitness, blood circulation, lung capacity, fat percentage, etc.
- All is located on the 2nd Floor, Sports Complex.

CU Sports Complex – The multi-purpose building offers a variety of sports, exercise equipment, sport competition and student sport club as follows:
- 1st floor: Office/Meeting room/Badminton court
- M floor: Swimming Pool
- 2nd floor: Fitness center/Yoga room/Aerobic room
- 3rd floor: Indoor sport field (Boxing/Judo/Karate/Taekwando/Fencing)
- 4th floor: Volleyball field/Basketball field
- 5th floor: Meeting room/Reception room/Audience stadium
Fees for the use of sports facilities for students, faculty members and CU personnel.

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International students and staff must show the ID Card in order to obtain services.

For more information please contact:
Customer Relations, CU Sports Center
Sports Complex, 1st Floor
Tel: 0-2218-2874-7, 0-2218-2848
www.cusc.chula.ac.th
Mon-Fri: 08:00 a.m. – 07:00 p.m.
Sat: 08:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Chulalongkorn University is aware of its moral and social responsibilities. An important part of its educational program is devoted to general education. The aim is to emphasize the educated, well-rounded aspect of graduates naturally and, at the same time, to instill in them a humanistic outlook. All the University’s syllabuses and pedagogical as well as extramural programs and activities have been designed to sharpen a sense of social justice and responsibility, as well as to hone the ability to meet community needs. The University does not claim to serve as a model of good conduct, nor does it pretend to have answers to all problems in moral, ethical, or social matters. However, by raising pertinent questions and demonstrating concern for such matters, Chulalongkorn renders a service to the nation as a whole.

Here are some examples of CU student activities.

Welcome Freshies Day is an initiation rite to welcome freshmen to be parts of Chulalongkorn University. The highlight of this event is when the first-year students solemnly pledge their allegiance at the monument of King Rama V and King Rama VI. This revives the “sacred” atmosphere of the ceremony that was formerly performed by the students of the Royal Page School. This event is usually attended by the University administrators, teachers, students and alumni.

The Wai Kru Ceremony is a traditional Thai ceremony held once a year at the beginning of the first semester. Representatives of the first-year students (both undergraduates and graduates) from each faculty pay their respects to their teachers by presenting a tray of flowers, incense sticks and a candle to the President, who represents the faculty members. The University executives, faculty members and students participate in this annual event.
**Loy Krathong Day**, a festival marking the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month, allows students to express their creativity in order to keep the tradition alive by organizing a procession featuring colorful costumes and female students dressed in the traditional Thai attire to represent “Nang Nopamas,” a young maiden who symbolizes the festival.

A welcoming party, **International Night**, is organized for international students, researchers, lecturers, etc. The event starts with the Bai Sri Su Kwan (Wrist Binding) ceremony, which is a ritual to invite the Kwan or the good spirit to welcome and protect the international guests or visitors. Afterwards, there are cultural performances and a feast of Thai and international food.

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**STUDENT CLUBS**

There are more than forty student clubs at Chulalongkorn University.

**Student Academic Clubs**
- Buddhism and Traditions
- Religious Studies
- Mind Study
- Creation and Design
- Debates, Public Speaking and Human Relations
- Literary Club
- Foreign Relations
- CU Comp.
- AIESEC

**Student Sports Clubs**
- Takraw (rattan ball game)
- Athletics
- Shooting
- Judo
- Boxing
- Aquatic Sports
- Volleyball
- Table Tennis
- Softball
- Tennis
- Jockey
- Football
- Fencing
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Bridge and Chess
- Petong
- Karate
- Tekwando
- Rhythmic Dance
Student Clubs for Arts and Culture
- Thai Classical Music
- Chorus
- Photography
- Lanna Arts and Culture
- CU Band
- Thai Classical Dance and Dramatic Arts
- Northeastern Arts and Culture
- Traditional Thai Weapons and Martial Arts

Students Clubs for Community Development and the Public Good
- Voluntary Work Camp for Students
- Hill Tribe Development Volunteers
- Conservation
- Blood Donation and Social Welfare
- CU Community Work
- Southern Students

In addition, CU also recommends that their students join the English Club, which is supervised by teachers of the Language Institute.
GETTING TO KNOW THAILAND

Name: Thailand (or Prathet Thai, in Thai meaning "land of the free")

Head of State:
H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX of the Chakri Dynasty)

Capital: Bangkok (Krung Thep, meaning "the city of angels")
Thailand is ruled by a constitutional monarchy with His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, or King Rama IX, or the ninth king of the Chakri Dynasty, as the current Head of State. The King has reigned for more than half a century, making him the longest reigning Thai monarch. Thailand embraces a rich diversity of cultures and traditions. With its proud history, tropical climate and renowned hospitality, the Kingdom is a never-ending source of fascination and pleasure for international visitors.

Geography:
The Kingdom of Thailand lies in the heart of Southeast Asia, making it a natural gateway to Indochina, Myanmar and Southern China. It is divided into four geographical regions: mountains and forests in the North; vast rice fields in the Central Plains; semi-arid farm lands in the Northeastern plateau center; and tropical islands and the long coastline of the Southern Peninsula.

The country consists of 77 provinces that are further divided into districts, sub-districts and villages. Bangkok is the capital city and the center of political, commercial, industrial and cultural activities. It is also the seat of Thailand's revered Royal Family, with His Majesty the King recognised as the Head of State, the Head of the Armed Forces, the Upholder of the Buddhist religion and the Upholder of all religions.

Neighboring countries:
1) Myanmar - west and north,
2) Lao P.D.R. - north and northeast,
3) Cambodia - southeast and
4) Malaysia - south.
Area: 513,115 sq. km.

Population:
Thais are well-known for their friendliness and hospitality. A large majority of the over 62 million citizens of Thailand are ethnic Thai, along with strong communities whose ethnic origins lie in China, India and elsewhere. About 7 million people reside in the capital city of Bangkok.

People:
Thai (80%), Chinese (10%), Malay (3%), and the rest are minorities (Mon, Khmer, hill-tribes) Ethnic Thais form the majority, though the area has historically been a migratory crossroads, and has thus produced a degree of ethnic diversity. However, cultural and social integration has brought about unity of this diversity.

Language:
Spoken and written Thai can be incomprehensible to temporary visitors; however, English is widely understood, particularly in Bangkok where it is used as the means of communication with foreigners. English and some European Languages are spoken in most hotels, shops and restaurants in major tourist destinations and Thai-English road and street signs are found nationwide.

The Monarchy:
The Monarchy is regarded as the central unifying element in the triad of the nation, kingship and religion. The Thai people maintain a deep respect for their Royal Family, and a visitor should also be careful to show respect for the King, the Queen, and the Royal Children. Here is some advice:

Avoid doing anything that is considered by the Thais as disrespectful to the monarchy; for example, criticizing or making sarcastic remarks about the Royal Family, damaging their images that are displayed in public places or failing to rise when the Royal or national anthem is played.

Religion: Buddhism (95%), Muslim (4%), others (1%)
Government and Administration:
Thailand has been ruled by a constitutional monarchy since 1932. The Parliament is composed of 2 houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate. Both representatives and senators are elected by the people. The Prime Minister elected from among the representatives leads the government. The country is divided into 77 provinces. The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration comes under an elected governor. Appointed provincial governors administer the other 77 provinces (Changwat), which are divided into districts (Amphoe), sub-districts (Tambon) and villages (Mu Ban). Thailand’s government structure has undergone gradual evolution in response to the changing environment. In spite of the preservation of the kingdom’s monarchical system, established over 700 years ago. Thailand have become one of Asia’s strongest democratic countries in a relatively short period of time.

National Flag:
The red, white and blue stripes symbolize the nation, the religion and the monarchy, respectively.

Time:
The time in Thailand is seven hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (+7 hours GMT).

Climate:
Thailand enjoys a tropical climate with three distinct seasons--hot and dry from February to May (average temperature 34 degrees Celsius and 75% humidity); rainy with plenty of sunshine from June to October (average day temperature 29 degrees Celsius and 87% humidity); and cool from November to January (temperatures ranging from 32 degrees Celsius to below 20 degrees Celsius with a drop in humidity). Much lower temperatures are experienced in the North and the Northeast at night. The South has a tropical rainforest climate with temperatures averaging 28 degrees Celsius almost all year round.

Electricity:
The electric current is 220 volt AC (50 cycles) throughout the country. Plug adapter kits should be used with items, such as electric shavers, hair dryers, tape recorders and other appliances.

Clothing:
Light, cool clothes are sensible and a jacket is needed for formal activities/events. Shorts (except knee length shorts), sleeveless shirts, tank tops and other beach-style attire are considered inappropriate when not actually at the beach or in a resort area. Neat attire is required when entering temples or palaces.
Weights & Measures:
The metric system is used throughout Thailand. Numerals on vehicle speedometers, highway markers and speed limits are all metric.

Business hours:
Most private companies in Bangkok operate on a five-day week basis, usually from 08:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. Many stores are open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Government offices are generally open between 08:30 a.m. to 04:30 p.m. with a lunch break from noon to 01:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except on public holidays. Banks are open from Monday to Friday from 09:30 a.m. to 03:30 p.m. except on public holidays.

Telephone Services:
At present, home telephone numbers (for local calls and long distance calls within the country) have nine digits while mobile phone numbers have 10 digits.

- For Bangkok calls, the numbers is 0 XXXX XXXX.
- For provincial calls, an area code is added to the existing numbers. For example, the area code for Chiang Mai is 053 = 0 53XX XXXX; the area code for Phuket is 076 = 0 76XX XXXX.
- For mobile phones, 08 or 09 are added to the existing numbers, for an example, 08 XXXX XXXX.
- The new system has no effect on international phone calls.
- The international dialing code for Thailand is 66.
- When making international calls to Thailand, dial 66 and omit the leading 0.
- When making international calls from Thailand, first dial 001+country code+area code+telephone number.
- For calling Laos or Malaysia, there is a special code which is charged at a semi-domestic rate.
  - When calling Laos, first dial 007+856+area code+telephone number.
  - When calling Malaysia, first dial 09+06+area code+telephone number.
- Direct assistance: 1133 (local), 100 (international).

Emergency Telephone Numbers
- Central Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire): 191
- Highway Patrol: 1193
- Crime Suppression: 195 or 0-2513 3844
- Tourist Police (English, French and German spoken): 1155
- Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Call Center: 1672
- Immigration Bureau: 0-2287 3101-10
- Medical Emergency: 1669
TRANSPORTATIONS

**Buses:** Inter-city bus services offer a fast means of transport to all corners of the country. Air-conditioned buses service many provincial areas and bookings for both regular and tour coaches (private companies) can be made through major hotels and travel agents, or at the following bus terminals:

- **Northern Bus Terminal:** Kampaengphet 2 Rd, Bangkok Tel: 0-2936-2852-66 ext. 614, 0-2936-3670
- **Eastern Bus Terminal:** Sukhumvit Rd, Bangkok. Tel: 0-2391-6846, 0-2391-2504
- **Northeastern Bus Terminal:** Kampaengphet 2 Rd, Bangkok Tel: 0-2936-2852-66 ext.605, 0-2936-0657
- **Southern Bus Terminal:** Boromratrachonnani Rd, Bangkok Tel: 0-2435-1200, 0-2435-1199
- **Central Bus Terminal:** Kampaengphet 2 Rd, Bangkok Tel: 0-2936-2841-8 ext.311, 0-2537-8055

- **The government bus company, called Bor Kor Sor (BKS),** provides the cheapest mode of transportation for getting around Thailand. Buses are frequent and reliable and no advance booking is necessary. Both air-conditioned buses and non-air-conditioned buses stop at almost every station along their route. Non-air-conditioned buses are the cheapest and the slowest.

**Trains:** The State Railway of Thailand runs an efficient rail service linking Bangkok (Hua Lam Phong is the central train station) to the rest of the country at very reasonable prices for express, fast and ordinary trains. Limited western and southern routes out of Bangkok also operate from the Thon Buri Station, traveling to destinations as far as Kanchanaburi province in the west and Chumphon province in southern Thailand. On express trains, sleepers are available in three classes: first and second class (air-conditioned), and second class (non air-conditioned, but with fans). Advance tickets are available at all principal stations or the Bangkok Railway Advance Booking Office at Tel: 0-2220-4444

**Taxis:** Metered taxis are available 24 hours in Bangkok. The metered fare is standardized, with the flag down rate being 35 Baht for the first 2 km and around 5 Baht for each km thereafter. Passengers must pay tolls if using the expressways. Average fares in Bangkok are between 50-200 Baht. No tip is expected but it is a nice gesture.

**Tuk-Tuks:** The colorful, three-wheeled, open-air "samlor" taxis are renowned for their ability to maneuver in the tightest spots, offering passengers an interesting ride. Accommodating two passengers (three or four at a squeeze), they are best for short trips during off-peak hours. Settle the fare BEFORE proceeding. Normally cheaper than metered taxis, the fare should never exceed 200 Baht per trip.
**City Buses**: Bangkok has an extensive bus service with routes serving every part of the city, providing an enjoyable and cheap way of exploring the city. There are both air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned vehicles.

**Types of Buses and Fares**

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The **BTS SkyTrains** are typical of high-capacity mass transit trains in wide use in many major cities across the globe. Each train uses an electric motor to run along an elevated rail with two rails operating, one in each direction. The standard rail gauge is 1.435 meters. There is a conductor rail or third-rail system to one side which adds to safety with no effect on the scenery. This train system is both efficient and responsive with a capacity for more than 50,000 passengers per hour.

The BTS SkyTrain system operates in 2 lines with a total of 34 stations. **The Sukhumvit Line** begins at Bearing Station and ends at Mo Chit Station, starting from Sukhumvit 85 traveling via Sukhumvit Road to Ploenchit Road, Rama I Road, Phayathai Road, Victory Monument, Paholyothin Road, Sanam Pao, Saphan Khwai and Chatuchak Park. This line is approximately 22.25 kilometers long and offers 22 service stations, including one interchange station (Siam).
The Silom Line begins at Bang Wa Station and ends at the National Stadium Station. The line starts from Ratchaphruek at the intersection with Phetchakasem Road, then passes along Ratchaphruek Road to the intersection with Wutthakat Road. The line then passes the Ratchada-Talat Phlu intersection to Tak Sin intersection, and then crosses the Chao Phraya River via Saphan Taksin to Sathorn Road. Curving left above Chong Nonsi, the line proceeds along Silom Road, passing Lumpini Park and on to Rajdamri Road. The line then curves left onto Rama I Road and interchanges with the Sukhumvit Line at Siam, before terminating at National Stadium Station. The Silom line is approximately 14.2 kilometers and serves 13 stations, including one interchange station (Siam).

For more information, please visit www.bts.co.th

Bangkok Subway: The subway runs from the city's main railway station, Hua Lamphong, under two major thoroughfares, Rama 4 Road and Ratchadaphisek Road. It has made a major contribution to attracting more visitors to Thailand and boosting the average length of stay in Bangkok by linking several hotels, shopping centers and business districts, as well as the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. For more information, please visit www.bangkokmetro.co.th

Microbus: The pinkish-violet air-conditioned microbuses share some of the popular routes of the city buses. The advantage is a flat rate of 10-25 Baht per person (depending on the routing distance) and that seats are guaranteed. Once all seats are occupied, the bus will not pick up more passengers until there is a vacancy.

Motorcycle: Unique to Thailand, the motorcycle emerged in response to needs for faster transportation during traffic jams and access to main roads from remote neighborhoods and deep soi (alleyways). Drivers wear colorful vests and fares are slightly higher than those of metered taxis. Fare should always be negotiated BEFORE proceeding. Thai law stipulates that helmets must be worn when using motorcycles on public roads. Be prepared for an adventurous ride.
River Taxis: Taxis that are even more unusual, though equally convenient, are river taxis that ply the Chao Phraya River. Some ferry passengers across the river (3 Baht), while others run routes to various landings stages on both banks, going up as far as the northern suburbs of Nonthaburi. The fares range from 30 Baht per person, depending on distance. Signs at the landing stages are posted in both Thai and English.

Car Rental: If you want to experience driving in Bangkok, there are many car rental firms, including international rental companies, such as Hertz, Budget and Avis. The road system is good and well posted with signs written in English. An international driving license is required.

Suvarnabhumi International Airport
Suvarnabhumi International Airport opened in September 2006, the new Bangkok International Airport, Suvarnabhumi (‘Soo-wan-na-boom’) is one of the busiest airport in the world, befitting its status as the major hub of air travel in Southeast Asia. Located approximately 30 km., from the center of Bangkok, a drive to or from the airport should take no more than one hour. However, a new airport rail link should be a good option.

Travel to and from Suvarnabhumi Airport
Car: There are 3 convenient routes to the airport.
  1. Bangkok-Chon Buri Motorway (Highway No. 7)
  2. Km.15 Bang Na - Trat Highway
  3. Rom Kla Road
       Taxi and limousine services are available at the airport.

Bus: The Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA) operates 7 city-bus routes to the airport.
  1. Bang Kapi - Minburi - Suvarnabhumi
  2. Happyland - Suvarnabhumi
  3. Victory Monument - Suvarnabhumi (via Pratunam)
  4. Rangsit - Suvarnabhumi
  5. Onnut Skytrain Station - Suvarnabhumi (connecting skytrain routes)
  6. Samut Prakan - Suvarnabhumi
  7. Don Muang - Suvarnabhumi
For more information:
Suvarnabhumi Airport Call Center, Tel: 0-2132-1888
Flight Information: Tel: 0-2132-0000

Suvarnabhumi Airport Rail Link and the City Air Terminal aim to provide faster, more convenient and more flexible transportation service for passengers who wish to travel from downtown Bangkok to the airport. This Rail Link system provides service at the speed of 160 kilometers per hour on an elevated platform parallel with the eastern railway. It covers a distance of 28 kilometers, going through 8 stations, with passenger capacity of 14,000 to 50,000 per day per direction. Passengers who wish to go to Suvarnabhumi Airport have 2 choices of the service systems:

The SA Express: This line provides transportation service between the Bangkok City Air Terminal (BCAT) from Makkasan to Suvarnabhumi Airport in 15 minutes. It stops only at Makkasan Station (the original terminal) and Suvarnabhumi Station (the end terminal). The service is from 06.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

The SA City Line: This line provides service between Phyathai Station to the end terminal at Suvarnabhumi Airport in 30 minutes. It stops at 6 stations along the way—Rajprarop Station, Makkasan Station, Ramkhamhaeng Station, Hua Mark Station, Thab Chang Station, and Lad Krabang Station. It covers a distance of 28 kilometers.
**Don Mueang International Airport**

Don Mueang International Airport (or [Old] Bangkok International Airport) is one of two international airports serving Greater Bangkok, the other one being Suvarnabhumi Airport ([New] Bangkok International Airport) (BKK). The airport is considered to be one of the world's oldest international airports and Asia's oldest operating airport. It was officially opened as a Royal Thai Air Force base on 27 March 1914, although it had been in use earlier. Commercial flights began in 1924, making it one of the world's oldest commercial airports. The first commercial flight was an arrival by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Don Mueang Airport was closed in 2006 following the opening of Bangkok's new Suvarnabhumi Airport, before reopening on 24 March 2007 after renovations. Since the opening of the new airport, it has become a regional commuter flight hub and the low-cost airline hub. Since 2015, it has served as the world's largest low cost carrier airport.

Don Mueang was an important hub of Asia and the hub of Thai Airways International prior to its closure. At its peak, it served most air traffic for the entire country, with 80 airlines operating 160,000 flights and handling over 38 million passengers and 700,000 tons of cargo in 2004. It was then the 14th busiest airport in the world and 2nd in Asia in terms of passenger volume. Currently, Don Mueang is the main hub for Nok Air, Thai AirAsia, Thai Lion Air and Orient Thai Airlines.

**Transportation to the city:**

Passengers can take the Airport Bus, A1 from Don Mueang Airport to BTS Morchit Station. The price is THB 30 per person and it takes about 30 minutes to get to the Morchit Bus Terminal. Then passengers can take other means of transport to the city, such as sky train, subway, bus or taxi.
THAI CULTURE

Social Customs:
- Thais don’t normally shake hands when they greet one another. Instead, they press their palms together in a prayer-like gesture, called a wai. Generally, a younger person wais someone older, who returns it.
- Public displays of affection between men and women may be frowned upon.
- Don’t be surprised if you are addressed by your first name - as for instance, Mr. Bob or Miss Mary - instead of by your surname. This is because Thais refer to one another in this manner, usually preceded by the honorific Khun (‘Mr.’, ‘Mrs.’ or ‘Miss’).

Head:
The head is considered by Thais to be the highest and thus the most revered part of the body. As a result, avoid touching anyone’s head especially that of an elderly person.

Feet:
In Thailand, the foot is the lowest part of the body.
- Do not point at people or things with your foot.
- When sitting, do not raise your feet to place them on a table.
- Remove your shoes when entering a house or certain building on the temple grounds.

Hands:
- Avoid pointing your finger at other people.

MISCELLANEOUS

Medical services:
Bangkok has several large hospitals with foreign and/or English speaking doctors and medical staff. If traveling outside Bangkok, you may find it difficult to get an English-speaking doctor unless you are in a large city.

Drinking water:
In general, the tap water is clean enough for daily use, but don’t drink it unless you can be sure that it has been boiled. Drinking water can be bought at any shop or street stall that sells refreshments.

Customs clearance:
- Prohibited Items: All kinds of narcotics, obscene literature, pictures or articles.
- Firearms: Firearms and ammunition can be imported only after a permit has been obtained from the Police Department.
- Personal Effects: you may bring a reasonable number of items for personal use, toiletries and professional instruments into the country without being subject to duty.
- Cameras: One still-camera or one movie camera can be brought in without duty. 5 rolls of still-camera film or 3 rolls of 8 or 16 mm movie-camera film may be brought in subject to duty.
- Plants and Animals: Certain kinds of fruit, vegetables and plants are prohibited. Permission for bringing animals into the country by air can be obtained at the airport. NOTE: Vaccination certificates are required for all animals.

Vaccinations:
There are NO vaccinations required before entering Thailand unless you are coming from an infected area in which case a medical certificate is required. Please check the latest regulations with your local health authority.

Tipping:
Tipping is not a usual practice in Thailand although it is becoming more common. Most hotels and restaurants add 10% if no service charge is added to the bill. Also taxi drivers do not require a tip, but if the traffic is bad or if they drive extremely carefully, they appreciate the gesture.

Littering:
In Bangkok, there is a strict law on littering. A fine of 2,000 Baht will be imposed on anyone who spits or litters in public areas. So please drop your garbage into a bin.

THAI PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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SOME HELPFUL BASIC WORDS AND PHRASES

Thai is a tonal language with 5 tones: low, falling, high, rising and monotone. Even though English is generally understood in major cities such as Bangkok, you should try learning a few basics. You may make some mistakes but that's all part of the fun and don’t worry-Thais will help you.

Here are a few Thai basic greetings and phrases to try.

Good morning, Good evening, Good afternoon,
Good night, Hello, Good-bye

Hello (male speaker) sawatdee krup สวัสดีครับ
Hello (female speaker) sawatdee kaa สวัสดีคะ
Yes chai ใช้
No mai ไม่

Mr./Miss/Mrs. khun คุณ
How are you? sabai dee reu สบายดีหรือ
Fine thanks sabai dee สบายดี
Thank you kop koon ขอบคุณ
Never mind mai pen rai ไม่เป็นไร
I can't speak Thai phoot Thai mai dai พูดไทยไม่ได้
I don't understand mai kao chai ไม่เข้าใจ
Do you understand? kao chai mai เข้าใจไหม
May I take a photograph? tai ruup dai mai ถ่ายรูปได้ไหม
Where is the rest room? hong nam yoo tee nai ห้องน้ำอยู่ที่ไหน
I am going to.. chan-cha-pai.. ฉันจะไป
No, I won't go chan-mai-pai ฉันไม่ไป
Please drive slowly prot-khap-cha-cha โปรดขับช้าๆ
Be careful ra-wang ระงับ
Turn to the right liao-khwa เลี้ยวขวา
Turn to the left liao-sai เลี้ยวซ้าย
Drive straight on khap-trong-pai ขับตรงไป
Slow down cha-cha ช้าๆ
Stop yut หยุด
How much does this cost? nee tao-rai นี่เท่าไหร่
What is this? nee arai นี่อะไร
Very expensive paeng maag แพงมาก
Any discount? lot-ra-kha-dai-mai ลดราคาได้ไหม
Please wrap it for me. ho-hai-duai ห่อให้ด้วย
The bill please gep taang เก็บตังค์
Please speak slowly prot-phut-cha-cha โปรดพูดช้าๆ
Very Good di-mak ดีมาก
Not Good mai-di ไม่ดี
Good-bye la gon ลาลง
See you again laew phob gan mai แล้วพบกันใหม่
Good luck kor hai chok dee ขอโชคดี
Sorry/excuse me kor thoad ขอโทษ

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