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CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

International Student Handbook



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STUDENT LIFE



STUDENT IDENTITY

A student identification number has 10 digits.



X X The last two digits of B.E. Year of the academic year enrolled.

X LEVEL OF STUDY/TYPE
 0 = undergraduate: registered for some courses
 1 = graduate: registered for some courses
 3 = undergraduate: science track
 4 = undergraduate: humanities and social sciences track
 5 = undergraduate: CU's School of Integrated Innovation
 7 = graduate: science track
 8 = graduate: humanities and social sciences track

X X X X X Running Number

X X Faculty/College/School Code

Faculty/College/School	Code	Website
Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	37	www.ahs.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Architecture	25	www.arch.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Arts	22	www.arts.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy	26	www.cbs.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Communication Arts	28	www.commarts.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Dentistry	32	www.dent.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Economics	29	www.econ.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Education	27	www.edu.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Engineering	21	www.eng.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts	35	www.faa.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Law	34	www.law.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Medicine	30	www.md.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Nursing	36	www.nurs.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	33	www.ptsc.pharm.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Political Science	24	www.polsci.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Psychology	38	www.psy.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Science	23	web.sc.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Sports Science	39	www.spssc.chula.ac.th
Faculty of Veterinary Science	31	www.vet.chula.ac.th
School of Agriculture Resources	40	www.cusar.chula.ac.th
School of Integrated Innovation	56	scii.chula.ac.th
Graduate School	20	www.grad.chula.ac.th
College of Population Studies	51	www.cps.chula.ac.th
College of Public Health Sciences	53	www.cphs.chula.ac.th
The Petroleum and Petrochemical College	63	www.ppc.chula.ac.th
Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration	58	www.sasin.edu

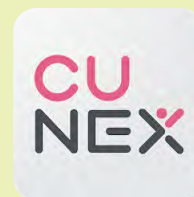
Student ID Card



For degree/non-degree international students who are registered in the course(s) for more than 1 semester, the Office of the Registrar will issue a CU Student ID card/Virtual Student ID card on the CU NEX Application.

You will be able to access to our university services and facilities including the CU Health Service Center, the CU Office of Academic Resources (CU libraries) and the CU Sports Complex. You may use your CU ID card to get a discount on some public services, such as BTS (Sky Train), MRT (Subway), and trains.

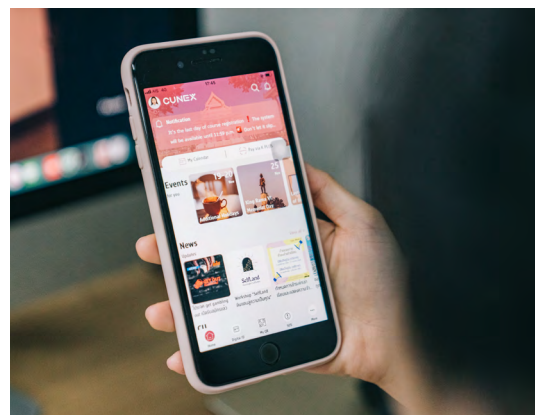
CU NEX Application



CU NEX is Chula's official mobile application, that is designed to introduce students and the community to the digital lifestyle of the university. CU NEX links all relevant aspects that connect all parts of Chulalong-

korn University into one. This application has key features, such as Virtual Student ID card, Tuition Fee Payment, News & Notification, Emergency Contact, Co-Working Space and Library Reservations etc.

Download the CU NEX application now.
 iOS: <https://apple.co/2skrPrV>
 Android: <http://bit.ly/2LSuOQn>



GRADING SYSTEM

Grades	Quality of Achievement	Points per credit hour
A	EXCELLENT	4
B+	VERY GOOD	3.5
B	GOOD	3
C+	FAIRLY GOOD	2.5
C	FAIR	2
D+	POOR	1.5
D	VERY POOR	1
F	FAILURE	-

Grades	Quality of Achievement	Points per credit hour
S	SATISFACTORY	-
U	UNSATISFACTORY	-
M	MISSING	-
P	IN PROGRESS	-
W	WITHDRAWN	-
I	INCOMPLETE	-
V	VISITING	-
X	NO REPORT	-

Academic Calendar

Semester System

Semester 1 [Fall]: August – December
 Semester 2 [Spring]: January – May

Trimester System

Semester 1: August – November
 Semester 2: December – March
 Semester 3: April – July



STUDENT UNIFORMS

undergraduate level



International students who are registered at the undergraduate level (in both regular and international programs) are encouraged to wear the University uniforms. While wearing the uniforms, they should not wear sandals and slippers.

Chulalongkorn University has issued a new regulation allowing transgender students to wear the attire that aligns with their gender identity.

University uniforms and accessories may be purchased at the CU Cooperative Store on campus (the Sala Phra Kieo branch) or at nearby shopping areas, such as MBK, Siam Center, etc.

For more information, please visit this website:
<http://www.sa.chula.ac.th/cu-uniform/>

Chula Group Health Insurance

With reference to the Chulalongkorn University Announcement on Group Health Insurance Fee for International Students, Academic Year 2021, stipulated on June 4, 2021.

Each international student who enrolls in courses or research studies for at least one whole semester or more, will be required to pay Chula group health insurance fee of 2,000 THB per academic year, covering the period from August 1 to July 31, and for both IPD and OPD patients. COVID-19 is also included.

Payment method: CU NEX Application

Coverage	Policy Benefits and Exclusions	Sum-Assured (Baht)			
		Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 3	Plan 4
Plan Classifications					
1	Group Life Insurance Any causes of death, 24/7, worldwide. Exclusion: Suicide during the first policy year, or murdered by beneficiary.	10,000	-	-	-

Coverage	Policy Benefits and Exclusions	Benefit Amounts (Baht)			
		Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 3	Plan 4
2	Group Health Insurance Plus				
2.1	In-Patient Benefit or IPD Hospitalization Benefits Death Benefit a. Room & Board per day (Max. 31 days per disability) I.C.U. admission (Max. 7 days per disability) Overall limit when combined with room and board benefit above is ..days b. General Hospital Expenses per disability - Include OPD follow-up treatment within 31 days after the hospital discharge date - Ambulance (Max. per illness / accident, inclusive of clause b.) c. Surgical Benefit per disability (According to the Surgical Schedule) d. In-Hospital Physician Visit per day (Max. 31 days per disability) e. Emergency Accidental OPD Treatment per each accident (Max. per accident) inclusive of clause b. For treatment within 72 hours from time of accident, including OPD follow-up treatment within 31 days from the day of accident. f. Specialist Consultation per disability Inclusive of clause b. or c., whichever the case may be.	- 1,000 2,000 16,000 1,000 16,000 500 2,000 2,000	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -
2.2	Out-patient Benefits or OPD Outpatient or OPD treatment (Limit 1 visit /day, max.30 visits /policy year)	600	-	-	-
3	Daily Hospital Benefit for Social Security Fund, Universal Health Coverage or Protection for Motor Vehicle Victims Act. If the insured member suffers from an illness or injury and doctor inferred that he/she has to stay in the hospital as in-patient not less than 6 hours continuously which must be registered as an in-patient who is eligible to receive coverage, the company would reimburse for daily medical benefit after the insured member had received full compensation from Social Security Fund, Universal Health Coverage or Protection for Motor Vehicle Victims Act.	Reimburse benefit equal to Room & Board Expenses in accordance with the actual number of days of hospitalization			

PLANNING YOUR TRIP



Essential Documents

In coming to Thailand as an international student, you are supposed to bring essential documents required for your trip and immigration control checking at the airport or border immigration checkpoint. In addition, you are required to prepare your educational documents for the enrollment at Chulalongkorn University.

The following is the list of essential documents you must bring to Thailand:

1. Your valid passport (the expired date must remain more than 6 months before leaving the Kingdom of Thailand in case an unexpected situation occurs)
2. Your visa and/or other entry clearance documents (if any)
3. Traveling and insurance documents
4. Health certificates or medical checkup certificates
5. Letter of Acceptance from Chulalongkorn University
6. Financial Certificates; a bank statement, a sponsor's letter and/or scholarship approval
7. Your educational documents for enrollment: examination certificates, language certificate, academic transcript.
8. Sparing passport-sized photographs
9. International driver license (if any)
10. Photocopies of all essential documents.

Essential Stuff

1. Medication is prioritized.
2. Making photocopies of all-important documents will be useful in case of loss and emergency
3. Universal plug, 3-round pin, 2-flat pin power outlets/ plugs/sockets with no earth is regularly used for 220V electric supply.

Accommodation – CU iHouse

Chulalongkorn University international House (CU-iHouse) is a 26-storey, 846-unit, on campus residence for international students and lecturers. Rooms come fully furnished with air conditioning, modern conveniences, as well as 24-hour security and safety systems. The residents can get to the main campus of the University by taking the University's shuttle bus.

CONDITIONS: One-month rental deposit is required upon checking in and it is refundable upon checking out (The room has to be in the same condition as when you check in).

Type of Room	Rate (THB)/Month
Studio 25 sq. m. (1 bed)	14,000
Studio 25 sq. m. (2 beds)	14,000
1 Bedroom 50 sq. m. (6ft x 1 bed)	22,000

TO RESERVE MONTHLY ROOM
SCAN QR CODE

Contact Information
Tel : +662 217 3188
Email : book@thecuihouse.com
Website: www.thecuihouse.com





CHALOEM RAJAKUMARI 60 BUILDING (CHAMCHURI 10 BUILDING)

VISA

Dress Code Guidelines for Visitors to the Immigration Bureau
Please wear appropriate clothes or a student uniform.

VISA APPLICATION

It is for your own benefit to apply for a Non-Immigrant ED visa prior to your departure from your country for Thailand.

Required documents for applying for a Non-Immigrant ED

1. An application form, which is filled out and signed by the applicant
2. Original current passport and previous passport(s) (if any)
3. A passport photo (4x6 cm) of the applicant (Some embassies/consulates may request for more than one photo.)
4. Academic certificate(s) at an upper-secondary/ high school or university level (as appropriate)
5. A cover letter signed by the authority of your host Faculty/ Institute/School, together with a photocopy of his/her ID card/passport, endorsed with his/her signature; or an invitation letter issued by the host institution.
6. A certificate of admission signed by the authority of your host Faculty/Institute/School, together with a photocopy of his/her ID card/passport, endorsed with his/her signature
7. Financial evidence (e.g. a bank statement, a proof of sponsorship)

VISA EXTENSION

Once the Immigration Bureau approves your entrance into Thailand, your passport will be stamped with the conditions of entry and the Immigration Bureau will issue the duration of your stay in the Kingdom of Thailand. The last date issued by the officer at the checkpoint may not cover your study period at Chulalongkorn University, therefore, you must apply for visa extension at the Thai Immigration Bureau before the last date engraved on the immigration stamp.

Those wishing to extend their stay must apply for visa extension, and they may be permitted to stay in the country up to a maximum of one year. They may continue to apply for a renewal of their stay on a yearly basis, until the end of their work or study period.

Ask your host Faculty/Institute/School to issue a letter in support of your application for visa extension and submit it to Immigration Division 1, Immigration Bureau*

* Chalermprakiat Government Complex B Building, 120 Moo 3, Chaengwattana Rd., Soi 7, Toongsonghong, Laksi, Bangkok. 10210.

Important Notes:

* Application is only accepted within the period of 45 days prior to the expiry date of the current visa (with some exception upon consultation with the Immigration officer)

** A fine of 500 THB per day will be applied to those who overstay in the Kingdom of Thailand with certain penalties. However, the amount fined will not exceed 20,000 THB.

Non-Immigrant ED Visa documents to be submitted to the Immigration Bureau:

1. An application form (TM 7) which is filled out and signed by the applicant
2. A passport photo (4x6 cm) of the applicant (The Immigration Bureau may request for more than one photo.)
3. Fee (1,900 THB)
4. A photocopy of the first page of the applicant's passport
5. A photocopy of the page showing visa expiry date (Visa stamping page)
6. Departure card (TM.6)
7. A letter issued by your host Faculty/Institute/School in support of the visa extension application (in Thai) *valid for 45 days after the signed date*
8. An academic transcript
9. The accommodation contract
10. A report letter issued by your host Faculty/Institute/ School on the total class and lab hours in the past academic year (for students applying for visa extension for the second year onwards)

For more update, please visit:
www.immigration.go.th/en/?p=14714

RE-ENTRY PERMIT

International students who are holding a single-entry visa and plan to travel outside Thailand for a short period during the time when the visa is valid, are needed to apply for a re-entry permit before traveling.

You are recommended to contact the exchange program coordinators at your host Faculty/Institute/School

You will need to submit the following:

1. Passport
2. Application Form T.M. 8
3. 2 inches photo

Re-entry permit fee

1. Single Re-Entry Permit: the applicant can leave and re-enter only once. Price for single re-entry is THB 1,000 THB.
2. Multiple Re-Entry Permit: the applicant can leave and re-enter the country multiple times for the duration that the visa is valid. Price for multiple re-entry is 3,800 THB.

Application Form T.M. 8 can be downloaded at www.inter.chula.ac.th/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/tm8.pdf

It is important that the students should carefully study the immigration regulations when they travel to different countries. The regulations are changed very often, the incoming students should check the most update policies on the Royal Thai Embassy website.

CHANGE OF AFFILIATION

Those holding a certain non-immigrant visa wishing to change their affiliation may request the change of affiliation at the Immigration Bureau in Thailand (e.g. those holding an ED visa at an academic institution in Thailand wishing to change to another institution.)

Request your former host Faculty/Institute/School to issue a letter of affiliation cancellation, and ask the new institution that has accepted you to issue a letter to request for affiliation change in support of application for visa extension and submit them to Immigration Division 1, Immigration Bureau*

Important Note:

*The date of cancellation of your affiliation with the former institution must fall exactly on (or at least overlap with) the date of acceptance to the new institution to avoid overstaying in the country. In the case where there is a gap between the cancellation and the acceptance date, a foreign student may risk being penalized for his/her overstay in the country and may have to leave the country and re-enter on a new visa.

For more information about the Immigration Bureau, please visit this website: www.immigration.go.th/en/

VISA TERMINATION

When you terminate your status as a student (withdrawal of student status, graduation, etc.) in Thailand, you also need to terminate your current visa to comply with the immigration law.

Request your host Faculty/Institute/School to issue a letter of visa termination together with other related documents and submit them to the Immigration Bureau Chaengwattana.

Important Notes:

*Application for the termination of a visa is accepted within the period of twenty-one (21) days prior to the desired date of termination or the last day of student or employment status.

*The term "last day of student status" means the date a student is granted a degree (by the University Council, and this date will normally be written on the transcript or the degree certificate.) However, please bear in mind that the day of the commencement ceremony is not the official date of graduation as many students mistake the day of the commencement ceremony as the graduation date. This results in an unintentional overstay in the country. (The date of graduation is, in general, prior to the day of the commencement ceremony).

For more information about the Immigration Bureau. Please visit this website: www.immigration.go.th/en/



A large, leafy tree with small orange flowers stands in front of a building. The building has a glass-walled entrance where several people are sitting at tables. The text 'AROUND CAMPUS' is overlaid in large, orange, outlined letters.

AROUND CAMPUS



CHULA CENTRAL LIBRARY

To support academic learning and research excellence, Chulalongkorn University provides the central library (the Office of Academic Resources) for students, faculty members and the public with over a million books. The library contains creative studios, where everyone can explore, create, share and apply knowledge and ideas, as well as free spaces, where everyone can work, conduct research, study and consult.

Operation Time:

Monday-Friday	8AM-9PM
Saturday-Sunday	9AM-6PM

Contact Information

Tel : 02 218 2929

Website: www.car.chula.ac.th

During the examination period, the library will operate 24 hours every day to facilitate the students.

CO-WORKING SPACE

The Co-working Space at Chula offers actual workspaces for everyone to use and is easily accessible by Chula's transportation. It is an ideal location for staff and students to work on their research, read and write as well as relax. The following are just examples of the Co-working Space that we have around the campus.



PLEARN SPACE

First Digital Co-Learning Space at Chula, located on the 1st Floor of the Premburachat Building. This is the place where PLAY & LEARN activities are combined to support our students learning from the activities they share with their friends.



COMMON ROOM OR GROUP STUDY ROOM

Common Room or Groups Study Room aims to facilitate indoor event that Chula students would like to hold. A group study room provides a small group of students with a close space for discussions at the central library.

Chula students can reserve these rooms through the CU NEX application.



SAMYAN CO-OP

A flexible space for every function you need. Light up your inspiration and find your own community here:
samyancoop.samyan-mitrtown.com

CU SPORTS COMPLEX

The Chula Sports Complex is a hub for students and staff recreations, located in the west of the campus that provides you with free spaces and facilities for practicing, competing and exercising. The building has specific areas for badminton, swimming, boxing, judo, karate, taekwondo, yoga, aerobics, volleyball and basketball. Its fitness center is equipped with exercise machines and sports equipment.

If you like playing sports, you must prepare your own sport outfits such as a football t-shirt, a swimming suit, and gym outfits for the activities of your choice.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday	7AM-9PM
Saturday-Sunday	9AM-6PM

Contact Information

Tel : 02 218 2874

Website: www.cusc.chula.ac.th



CU HEALTH SERVICE CENTER

The Chulalongkorn University Health Service Center has been providing medical consultation and treatment for CU faculty members, students and employees by doctors from Chulalongkorn Hospital everyday for over 20 years. Located on the 2nd floor of the Chamchuri 9 Building, it is open from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Monday through Friday (without lunch break).

For students: Show your student ID (the ID must have a student ID number and photograph. If it does not, students will not be able to receive health services free of charge).

The physician will transfer a patient to hospital in cases where advanced treatment or medication is not available at the Health Service Centre. A transfer form obtained from the physician, should be submitted to Chulalongkorn Hospital, the Red Cross Society or any other hospital, depending on the availability of the physician who provide a medical treatment stated in the form. Patients themselves are responsible for medical fees.

In many cases, students, though holding health insurance, may have to pay for the medical treatment in advance. They are advice to keep all the medical bills and the doctor's prescriptions so that they may submit them to the insurance company to make a claim.

Contact Information

Tel : 02 218 0568

Website: www.cuhc.chula.ac.th





BANKS

QR Code payment and mobile application transactions are widely used among Thai citizens as it is instant and convenient. However, cash is still regularly used in many shops.

If you stay on a long-term basis, having a bank account here will make your life easier. To open a bank account, the bank requires a photocopy of your passport and an acceptance letter to certify that you are studying in Thailand. Some banks may require any further documents, please check the details on their official website before contacting them.

The Siam Commercial Bank (SCB) is the Chula on-campus bank located on the ground floor of the Sala Prakeow Building.

It operates during weekdays from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. However, there many branches of banks in the shopping malls in the vicinity of the campus. They are regularly open from 10AM to 6PM daily including the weekends. The ATM services from Thailand mainstream banks are easy to find around the campus.

DINING PLACES

On-campus dining places mainly offer Thai cuisine, costing 30-70 THB (approximately 0.75 – 2.00 USD) per meal. The popular dish among local students are various types of noodles or rice and curries (kâao râad gaeng). The canteens are available at every Faculty. It is fun to explore the various food styles around the campus with reasonable prices. However, on-campus canteens are regularly closed on weekends.

The Sam Yan area and the Siam Square area have numerous places for dining. If you are starving for Asian food, Western-style dishes, vegetarian foods, popular franchised restaurants or luxurious restaurants, here is the right place for you.

Tip for Muslim Students: Many on-campus canteens have at least one stall serving Halal food; you can notice a halal logo stuck to the front of the food stall. Besides, halal restaurants are opened in the shopping malls mentioned above. If you are a local halal food lover, you are recommended to explore the community near Darul Aman Mosque on Phetchaburi Road. The location is about three kilometers from the campus.

POST OFFICE

The on-campus Post Office, located in the Chamchuri 9 Building operates from 8AM to 5PM. It is closed on the weekends and public holidays. There are 2 Post Offices near the campus for your alternative post service on the weekends: MBK Center Post Office is located on the 5th Floor of the MBK Center and Chamchuri Square Post Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Chamchuri Square Building.



CU CENTENARY PARK

The Chula Centenary Park was created to provide a green space for the city and celebrate Chulalongkorn University's 100th anniversary. Located in the center of the business and commercial area, the park is designed as a multi-functional "urban forest", which serves as an oasis for residents and visitors of Bangkok who wish to spend quality leisure time in a lush and pleasant environment. The park includes a constructed wetland, with a rain garden, a retention pond and an underground water drainage system.

It also holds an interactive virtual museum featuring historical and socially engaging topics, with life-like exhibits periodically showcased at the main hall of the park. Apart from the greenery of the trees and shrubs, park-goers can benefit from the many organized public activities, which are all in line with the University's goal to foster a smart and inclusive society.



สำนักงานวิทยทรัพยากร
Office of Academic Resources

closed from 1st to 2nd October 2020

Central

CHULA CENTRAL LIBRARY

TRANSPOR- TATION

สยาม
Siam





FROM SUVARNABHUMI AIRPORT (BKK)

There are many public transportation options to come from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Chulalongkorn University.

AIRPORT RAIL LINK (ARL) and interchange with BTS SKY TRAIN

The cheapest and fastest way to come from Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) to Chulalongkorn University is by train. It takes 41 minutes and costs from 50 to 90 THB.

When you arrive, follow the signs that lead to the train station, which is located at the basement level of Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK). The trains operate between 5:30AM to midnight daily.

ARL connects with BTS Skytrain at Phaya Thai Station. You can take ARL from the airport to Phaya Thai Station, from where you may take BTS sky train and get off at National Stadium Station or Siam Station. These two stations are close to the Chulalongkorn University campus.

TAXI

Another way to get from Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) to Chulalongkorn University is by taxi. Each taxi ride may cost 270 THB to 330 THB (normally using the expressway) and it takes 30 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

At the airport, they have designated pick-up areas for taxis. Use the automated machine to get a queue number and you will be assigned with a taxi. The queues may be long and may take a while, but all the taxis are regulated to run on the meter and an additional charge of 50 THB will be added to your final bill.

You also have to pay for the toll fee if you take the expressway to the city. Taxi drivers are now charging for extra bags. Remember to look at the sign and take a photo to ensure you remember how much the extra charges are. From the airport, additional payment for luggage will be charged.

FROM DON MUEANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DMK)

TAXI

The fastest way from the airport to Chulalongkorn University is by taxi. Taking this option will cost from 200 THB to 240 THB and it may take 30 minutes to 1 hour to get to the destination, depending on traffic conditions.

BKK: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



BTS Skytrain: Siam Station

BTS

The BTS Skytrain enables its passengers to go to places in Bangkok with more convenience and less time. The trains operate between 5:30AM to midnight daily. The nearest BTS stations to the university are National Stadium Station and Siam Station.

Please see the details of routes and fares on the website: www.bts.co.th

TAXI

The starting taxi fare is 35 THB (this rate is subject to change according to the Ministerial Regulations) and the meter increases relatively to the distance travelled. They are available 24 hours a day. Available taxis are the ones with the glowing green vacant sign.

MRT

The Metropolitan Rapid Transit or MRT is a mass rapid transit system serving the Bangkok Metropolitan Region in Thailand. Tickets are bought in the form of tokens in the vending machines at the stations. The subway is connected to the BTS Skytrain at Asok Station. Bangkok MRT Daily Operating Hours is 6AM to midnight daily. The nearest MRT station to the University campus is Sam Yan Station.

Website: <https://metro.bemplc.co.th/>

BUS

There are a number of public buses that stop at the University. These can be classified according to the four roads surrounding the campus.

- Rama 1 Road – Bus No. 11, 25, 54, 73, 73n, 79 and 204.
- Rama 4 Road – Bus No. 21, 34, 47, 50, 67, 93 and 141.
- Phayathai Road – Bus No. 27, 29, 36, 36n, 65 and 501.
- Henri Dunant Road – Bus No. 16, 21 and 141.

Website: www.bmta.co.th

TUK-TUK

Tuk-Tuk is a worldwide recognized symbol of Thailand with its distinctive design and sound. Tuk-Tuk is a small vehicle with three wheels, that can seat two or three passengers. One should negotiate the price before taking a Tuk-Tuk. Fares vary, depending on the distance, the time of the day, and the traffic. The trick for foreigners that they should not accept the first offer and try to reach a fair bargain.



MRT: SAM YAN Station

ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION

CU SHUTTLE BUS [CU POP BUS]

Chulalongkorn University provides free shuttle bus service known as CU Pop bus for students, faculty and staff. There are 6 routes and the service operates all routes from Mondays to Saturdays, 7AM – 7PM (only Bus Line No.1 and No. 2 operate on Saturdays)

Website: <https://www.chula.ac.th/en/about/green-university/cu-shuttle-bus/>

MUVMi TUKTUK

MuvMi is an on-demand ride sharing service, conveniently moving you around your neighborhood as well as connecting you to the mass transit. It is part of the Chula Smart City campaign. It is affordable and the vehicles are environmentally friendly, being 100% electric. You can use QR code to pay and the ticket cost is about 15–75 THB.

Download and register the MuvMi service today via www.muvmi.co/#download

Website: <https://www.chula.ac.th/en/about/green-university/muvmi/>

CU BIKE

The university has joined hands with “Pun Pun”, Bangkok’s first bicycle sharing system, to encourage cycling on campus. Students can register online, present their identification card, and then pick up the CU Bike card to access the bikes and ride them on campus.

Website: <http://www.cubike-chula.com/> or <https://www.chula.ac.th/en/about/green-university/cu-bike/>







BOROMMARATCHAKUMARI BUILDING

SURVIVAL INFORMATION

CAPITAL CITY

BANGKOK
or Krung Thep Maha Nakhon:
กรุงเทพมหานคร,
meaning "The City of Angels"

LANGUAGE

Official Language: Thai
Spoken and written Thai might be incomprehensible to temporary visitors. Though English and some other foreign languages (e.g. Chinese, and Japanese) are widely used and understood, particularly in most hotels, shops and restaurants in major tourist attraction

THE MONARCHY

The Monarchy is regarded as the central unifying element in the triad of the nation, kingship and religion. The Thai people maintain respect for their Royal Family, and visitors should be careful not to show disrespect to the King, the Queen and the royal family.

RELIGION

Buddhism (95%),
Islam (4%),
others (1%)

NATIONAL FLAG

Five horizontal stripes of red, white, blue, white and red, the middle stripe twice as wide as the others. The red, white, and blue stripes symbolize the nation, the religion, and the monarchy respectively.

THAI WAY OF GREETINGS

"A Wai" is a form of customary greetings in Thailand. It is also a way of saying goodbye, saying thank you and also as a polite way to apologize. Essentially, the palms of the hands are momentarily pressed together in a prayer-like gesture with fingers pointing upwards, usually close to the chest, and the head slightly bowed.

CLIMATE IN THAILAND

Thailand enjoys a tropical climate with three distinct seasons – hot and dry from February to May (average temperature of 34 degrees Celsius and 75% humidity); rainy with plenty of sunshine from June to October (average day temperature of 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.



TIME ZONE

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

ELECTRICITY / POWER OUTLETS

The electric current is 220 Volt AC (50 Hz) throughout the country. Many different types of plugs and sockets are in use. 3-round pin and 2-flat pin power outlets/ plugs with no earth pin are regularly used in Thailand.

CURRENCY

THE BAHT
(Thai: บาท, sign: ฿; code: THB)
is the currency of Thailand.

Banknote: 20, 50, 100, 1,000 Baht

Coin: 25 Satang, 50 Satang, 1, 2, 5, 10 Baht

1 Baht is subdivided into 100 Satang (สตางค์).

TAP WATER

Tap water is clean but drinking tap water in Thailand should be avoided. The water from the tap is only used for washing and cleaning. Bottled water or filtered water is recommended.

CLOTHES

Light, cool clothes are sensible and a jacket may be 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 on the beach or in a resort area. Neat attire is required when entering temples or palaces.

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.

When making international calls to Thailand, dial 66 and omit the initial 0. When making international calls from Thailand, first dial the code of the destination country+area code+telephone number.

BUYING A SIM CARD

A local prepaid SIM card in Thailand is cheap and there is 4G/5G everywhere. There are 3 main mobile network service providers in Thailand: AIS, DTAC and True.

Buying a SIM card will require your passport, as most carriers activate the SIM card under your name as written in your passport and your passport number.

Where to buy a prepaid SIM Card? Currently, you can find pop-up SIM card booths at Suvarnabhumi Airport and Don Mueang International Airport in the arrival hall. If you want to purchase it outside the airport, you can buy your SIM card from a convenience store or an official carrier store in a shopping mall.

Note that if you're planning to buy it from a convenience store, not all chain stores sell all kinds SIM cards.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Central Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire): 191

Highway Patrol: 1193

Crime Suppression: 195 or 0-2513 3844

Tourist Police: 1155

Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Call Center :1672

Immigration Bureau: 0-2287 3101-10

Pathum Wan Police Station: 0-2215 2991

SURVIVAL THAI PHRASES

The following are basic Thai Phrases/Expressions for students and those who are interested, focusing on the spoken language that is used in everyday life.

- For female polite ending particle, *khâ* is used in affirmative and negative sentences and *khá* is used in questions.
- For male polite ending particle, *kh ráp* can be used in all types of sentences. See (*) for example.

English	Thai	Articulation/Phonetic
Hello (Can be used round the clock)	สวัสดี	sawàtdii
Hello (Can be used round the clock) :for female	สวัสดีค่ะ	sawàtdii khâ
Hello (Can be used round the clock) :for male	สวัสดีครับ	sawàtdii kh ráp
I/Me (female)	ฉัน	chán
I/Me (male)	ผม	phǒm
You	คุณ	khun
Nice to meet you.	ยินดีที่ได้รู้จัก	yindii thii dâ y rúcàk
Thank you.	ขอบคุณ	khòwp khun
Thank you very much.	ขอบคุณมาก	khòwp khun mâak
Sorry / Excuse me	ขอโทษ	khòwthót
No problem	ไม่เป็นไร	mâypenray
See you	แล้วเจอกัน	lêw cəə kan
See you tomorrow	เจอกันพรุ่งนี้	cəə kan phrûngnii
Student	นิสิต	nisit
Exchange student	นิสิตแลกเปลี่ยน	nisit lækplian
Teacher, lecturer	อาจารย์	acaan
Advisor	อาจารย์ที่ปรึกษา	acaan thipruksăa
Faculty	คณะ	khaná
Book	หนังสือ	nănsue
Day	วัน	wan
Monday	วันจันทร์	wan can

English	Thai	Articulation/Phonetic
Tuesday	วันอังคาร	wan aŋkhaan
Wednesday	วันพุธ	wan phút
Thursday	วันพฤหัสบดี	wan pharuhàt (sàbɔ̌dii)
Friday	วันศุกร์	wan sùk
Saturday	วันเสาร์	wan sǎw
Sunday	วันอาทิตย์	wan athit
Today	วันนี้	wannii
Tomorrow	พรุ่งนี้	wan phrûŋnii
Yesterday	เมื่อวาน	miawaan
To eat	กิน	kin
Rice	ข้าว	khâaw
Fried rice	ข้าวผัด	khâawphàt
Chicken	ไก่	kày
Pork	หมู	mǔn
Fish	ปลา	plaa
Shrimp, Prawn	กุ้ง	kûŋ
This	นี้	nii
That	นั้น	nân
Can	ได้	dâay
No/-less (a helping word used to indicate negative)	ไม่	mây
No spicy	ไม่เผ็ด	mây phèt
Spicy	เผ็ด	phèt
Sweet	หวาน	wǎan
Sour	เปรี้ยว	príaw
Salty	เค็ม	khem
Allergy / allergic	แพ้	phéε
A lot / very	มาก	mâak
A little	นิดหน่อย	nít-nòy
What is this?	นี่อะไร	nii aray
How much?	เท่าไร	thâwrày
To go	ไป	pay
Restroom	ห้องน้ำ	hɔ̌ŋnám
To see a doctor	หาหมอ	hǎa mɔ̌ɔ
To be sick	ไม่สบาย	mây sabaay
Medicine	ยา	yaa

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