



Bangkokthonburi University Announcement

Subject: Graduate and Postgraduate Education Management (For International Students)

In order to ensure that the management of education for international students complies with the curriculum standards at the graduate level, Bangkokthonburi University has established a teaching schedule for both graduate and postgraduate levels (Master's and Doctoral programs). Each academic year consists of two regular semesters and one summer session.

For the management of postgraduate education, the following guidelines are set forth:

1. Instructional Management

1.1 Instruction is based on a credit system, where one credit is equivalent to one hour of instruction per week for 15 weeks. The number of credits required depends on the specific program criteria.

1.2 Classes are conducted on campus unless circumstances necessitate, in which case, online or hybrid learning formats are permissible in accordance with university announcements.

2. Duration of Study

2.1 Master's Degree programs require a minimum of two years for completion, subject to the curriculum's credit transfer criteria and university regulations.

2.2 Doctoral Degree programs require a minimum of three years for completion, also subject to curriculum credit transfer criteria and university regulations.

3. Academic Year Structure

The academic year can be organized in two formats:

Format 1: Classes are held once a week for 15 weeks per semester, with each 3-credit course comprising 45 hours of instruction.

- Semester 1: June - September
- Semester 2: November - February of the following year

Alternative Schedule for Chinese Students:

Year 1:

- Semester 1: September - December

- Semester 2: January - April

Year 2: Follow the university's regular academic calendar

Adjustments to the academic calendar may be made to ensure a minimum of 15 weeks of instruction.

Format 2: Classes are held twice a week for 8 weeks per semester, with each 3-credit course comprising 48 hours of instruction, exceeding the minimum requirement of 45 hours.

- Semester 1: July - August

- Semester 2: January - February

3.3 During the study period, students may take a leave of absence to return to their home country if necessary, with written approval from the dean of their faculty.

3.4 Graduation timelines will be in accordance with the date of completion or the semester specified by the university.

4. Graduation Requirements

4.1 Completion of all courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

4.2 Passing the Comprehensive Exam for the Master's degree and the Qualifying Exam for the Doctoral degree.

4.3 Passing the Thesis Proposal Exam and conducting research on the approved topic. Students may collect research data in Thailand or abroad, as related to their study, with appropriate permissions from the faculty. Those conducting research outside Thailand must report progress regularly to their advisors at Bangkokthonburi University.

4.4 Passing the Thesis Defense Exam.

4.5 Publication Requirements:

- For Master's Degree: The thesis or a part of it must be published or at least disseminated as an article, innovation, invention, or other academic work accessible as specified by the university.

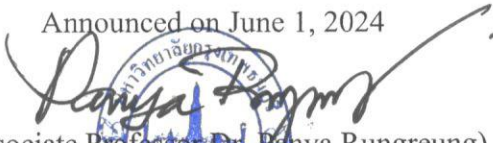
- For Doctoral Degree: The thesis or a part of it must be published or accepted for publication in a quality journal as specified by the university.

4.6 Passing the English Proficiency Exam as required by the university.

5. Application for Graduation

Students must apply for graduation through the Office of Registration and Evaluation and receive degree approval from the Bangkokthonburi University Council.

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