



MAPS

Master of Arts in Asia-Pacific Studies
(International Program)



Thammasat Institute of Area Studies (TIARA) has a long history dating back to 1996 when the first center, Thai APEC Study Center (TASC), was established. Later on, TASC incorporates 2 more study centres namely ACD Study Centre (ACD) and Center for International Studies, which was renamed as the International Cooperation Study Center (ICSC). Befitting its new name and function, Study Centre expands its activities to include that of promoting an understanding of International law and politics as well as international relations, with much emphasis given to the economics spectrum in terms of teacher trainings and various special lectures.



Afterwards, International Cooperation Study Center (ICSC) was merged with Australian Study Centre in 2013 and was renamed Thammasat Institute for Study of International Cooperation (TISIC). In line with the University-wide restructuring in 2015, the Institute underwent a major revamp to include 3 more area studies institutes namely Indian Studies Centre, Russian and CIS Studies Centre, and ASEAN Studies Centre. With the consolidation of these 3 new area study centres, the institute was therefore renamed Thammasat Institute of Area Study (TIARA) until present.



Why study Master of Arts in Asia-Pacific Studies (MAPS)

MAPS is an interdisciplinary graduate program that is designed for internationally-focused students who wish to obtain an in-depth understanding of this fascinating and occasionally turbulent part of the world through multi-faceted and inter-disciplinary lenses. Our graduates go on to pursue careers in academia, business, government, and with a wide-range of organizations – local and international.

Our program first provides a foundation in the traditional disciplines of international law, international relations and politics, and economics to prepare students from diverse backgrounds for advanced interdisciplinary courses. These advanced courses offer a more in-depth examination of questions and problems specific to the Asia-Pacific region.

Thailand is an excellent choice for the study the Asia-Pacific region. Situated in the heart of Southeast Asia, the country's strategic location opens the door to one of the most dynamic regions in the world, ASEAN and the Greater Mekong sub-region. With numerous international agencies such as the UN based here, MAPS students will have the opportunity to learn from experts in the field. On top of that, Thailand is a place where you can enjoy a wonderful lifestyle at Thammasat University.

Key Features of the MAPS Program



The MAPS program is a multidisciplinary program for specific area studies -the Asia Pacific Region- with specific focus on international economics, international relations, international law, and sustainable development.

MAPS is the first international program offered in Thailand that provides excellent opportunities for students to explore the Asia-Pacific Region and connect students with other international students and experts in fields related to the Asia-Pacific region.



The program is complementary to other area study programs particularly Master of Political Science in International Relations, offered by Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University which also places emphasize on political, economics, and socio-cultural aspects.

Program Information

Length	:	24 months full-time (4 full semesters and 1 summer semester)
Medium of Instruction	:	English language
Campus	:	Most courses are taught at Rangsit Campus



Document Required :

- Completed Online Application Form (www.tiara-tu.ac.th)
- Official Academic Transcript (English version only)
- Statement of Purpose (approximately 500 words in English)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL, TU-GETS)
- Two letters of Reference
- Copy of Passport
- ID Photo (Passport size)

Other additional supporting documents an applicant may want to submit such as certificates of training, letter of employment, etc.

Applicant Qualifications

- ❑ A bachelor's degree in any field with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and above from an accredited university.
- ❑ Requirement for English Proficiency

English requirements	Minimum score
1. Paper based TOEFL	500
2. Internet-based TOEFL	61
3. IELTS	6.0
4. Thammasat University Graduate English Test (TU - GET) PBT	500
5. Thammasat University Graduate English Test (TU - GET) CBT	61

❑ Applicants who cannot meet the minimum score of the above can apply to the program and submit the required score to the university before the registration day. English test results must not exceed 2 years by the time the applicants submit the results to the university.

❑ Test results submitted with the admission application are valid evidence for graduation.

❑ Please note that Thammasat University requires all students who have not submitted their English Proficiency Test Score to meet the minimum requirement score to submit their Official English Proficiency Test score before the final Thesis defense

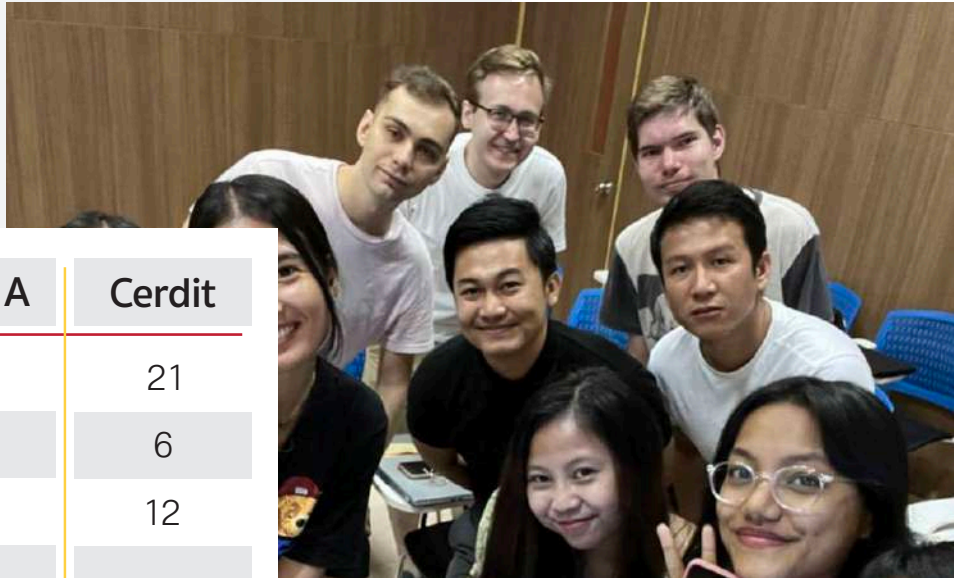
❑ 4th year bachelor students who expect to graduate may apply by submitting a certified letter of expected date of graduation.

❑ Complete applications and submitting all required documents.

❑ As one of graduate requirement from Thammasat University, graduate students are required to present their thesis work at the International Conference.



Course Structure



Plan A	Cerdit
Required courses	21
Elective Courses	6
Thesis	12
Thesis Defense	-
International Conference	-
Total	39



Plan B	Cerdit
Required courses	21
Elective Courses	12
Independent Studies	6
Written Comprehensive Exam	-
International Conference	-
Total	39

Plan A

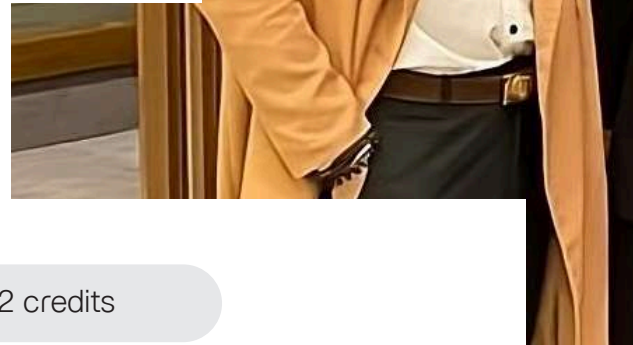
Semester 1 Year 1 : 4 Subjects 12 credits

APS600 | Foundation Asia-Pacific Studies 3 credits

APS612 | Economic Development in ASEAN 3 credits

APS621 | Political, Security, and Defense Strategies in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS6XX | Elective Course: Either Comparative Politics and Governments in the Asia-Pacific Region OR International Relations and Foreign Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits



Semester 2 Year 1 : 4 Subjects 12 credits

APS611 | Economic Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS631 | International Law and Regional Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS681 | Research Methodology 3 credits

APS6XX | Elective Course: Either Contemporary Issues in the Asia-Pacific Studies OR Public Policy Studies 3 credits

Summer Semester : 1 Subject 3 credits

APS800 | Thesis

3 credits



Semester 1 Year 2 : 2 Subjects 12 credits

APS6XX | Elective Course: Either Comparative Politics and Governments in the Asia-Pacific Region OR International Relations and Foreign Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS800 | Thesis

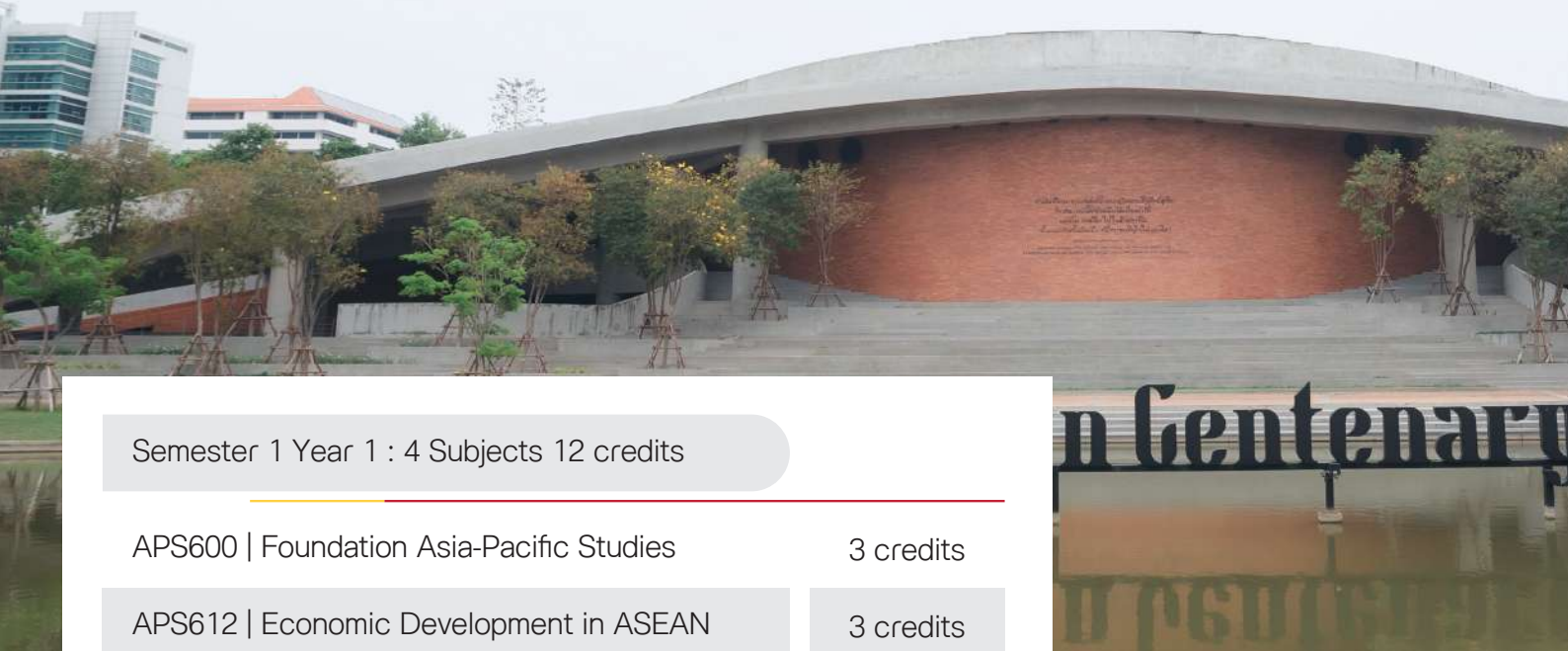
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Semester 2 Year 2 : 1 Subjects 6 credits

APS800 | Thesis

6 credits

Plan B



Semester 1 Year 1 : 4 Subjects 12 credits

APS600 | Foundation Asia-Pacific Studies 3 credits

APS612 | Economic Development in ASEAN 3 credits

APS621 | Political, Security, and Defense Strategies in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS6XX | Elective Course: Either Comparative Politics and Governments in the Asia-Pacific Region OR International Relations and Foreign Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

Semester 2 Year 1 : 4 Subjects 12 credits

APS611 | Economic Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS631 | International Law and Regional Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS681 | Research Methodology 3 credits

APS6XX | Elective Course: Either Contemporary Issues in the Asia-Pacific Studies OR Public Policy Studies 3 credits



Summer Semester : 1 Subject 3 credits

APS800 | Elective Course: Selected Topics in Asia-Pacific Studies (Countries Studies) 3 credits

Semester 1 Year 2 : 2 Subjects 6 credits

APS6XX | Elective Course: Either Comparative Politics and Governments in the Asia-Pacific Region OR International Relations and Foreign Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region 3 credits

APS800 | Elective Course: 3 credits

Semester 2 Year 2 : 1 Subjects 6 credits

APS800 | Independent Studies 6 credits



Prior to the completion of the program, students are required to submit their thesis. There are 7 thesis clusters for students to choose from:

- China, Japan, and Korea
- Australia-New Zealand
- ASEAN/ Southeast Asian Studies
- Russia and CIS
- India
- Entrepreneurship and International Business
- Sustainable Development

Tuition fees

The total tuition fee of program is approximately 310,000 baths. For international student, additional University Support Fee is applied.

* All of expense are not refundable.





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