



**Bachelor of Arts in Social Science (International Program)**  
**Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University**

**Course Descriptions**

**Course offered at the Faculty of Humanities**

**ENGL 001101 Listening and Speaking in English**

English communication with emphasis in listening and speaking for social interaction and lifelong learning

**ENGL 001102 Reading and Writing in English**

English reading and writing communication for lifelong learning with emphasis on vocabulary expansion, systematic grammar review, development of sentence structure variety, forms and purposes of paragraphs, progressing from mechanical to more meaningful context.

**ENGL 001201 Critical Reading and Effective Writing**

English language skills for critical reading from different sources and media and effective writing on topics of students' interests.

**ENGL 001202 English in Professional Contexts**

Specific language features, language components of professional texts and language skills for professional texts.

**LS 009103 Information Literacy and Information Presentation**

Definition and the importance of information, library and other information institution, classification and access of information; library and information services, scholarly report writing

**Course offered at the Faculty of Sciences**

**CS 204100 Information Technology and Modern Life**

Computer in everyday life, Data processing and information management, office automation software for modern life and internet and webpage construction.

**STAT 208101 Statistics for Everyday Life and Work**

Statistics in every life and professions in the present and future world, Reasoning process in problem solving for sustained development, Explaining causes and outcomes of phenomena with statistics, Explaining stochastic phenomena with probability, Provability and statistics, Fundamental statistical methodologies, reliability of conclusions, and the use of statistical packages and Utilization of conclusions from statistical methodologies.

**SC 201111 The World of Science**

The nature and evolution of science and technology. The solar system, modern observations of planets and moons. The interrelations of Earth's geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere. Abundance, distribution and utilization of natural resources. Contemporary social issues in science and society. Enrollments are not permitted of non-science-based students.

**Course offered at the Faculty of Fine Arts**

**FAGE 109100 Man and Art**

Study of relation between man and art; development of art; principles of art; role and responsibility between man and art; value judgment of art in social context;

## Courses offered at the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration

### **IR 126101 Introduction to international Relations**

International relations in the West since the Greek antiquity through the Napoleonic era; Congress of Vienna and creation of Nation stated; rise of imperialism: the alliance system to World War I; the League of Nations: American doctrine of neutrality; the alliance in World War II; creation of the United Nations. International relations in Asia.

### **GOV 127101 Introduction to Political Science**

Nature of government and society; forms of governments; theories of governments; government and political parties interest groups; structure and function of Thai government, their development.

## Courses offered at the Faculty of Economics

### **ECON 751101 Principles of Economic I**

Basic concepts in economics. Elementary price theory. Theory of consumer behavior. Production theory and factors of production. Microeconomic policy.

### **ECON 751102 Principles of Economic II**

Pre. : 751101

National income and national product. Income determination. Money and price level. Macroeconomic policy. International economics.

## Course offered at the Faculty of Social Sciences

### **SSA 152106 Learning through Activities 1**

#### **(virtue and morality in work cooperation as a team)**

This course will provide and promote the activities to students in order to practice their virtue, moral and adaptive skills to prepare them for new experience of life. To understand high academic environment, live a happy life with other people in the society including learning to work as a group and how to communicate in the public are the main aim of this course. The course will also provide the students how to solve the problem when they are facing them and also learn to be a smart leader and a good follower. The main activity of the course is giving students to participate with various activities under the supervision of the course responsible lecturer and/or university's activities both internal and external that have similar objectives to this course.

### **SSA 152107 Learning through Activities 2**

#### **(personality and social skill preparation)**

This course will provide and promote the activities to students in order to practice their moral and personalities skills to prepare them for their career performance. To provide a necessary and basic training for real career performance, develop their interpersonal skill in the public including preparing to apply for their occupation are the main aim of this course. The course will also provide the students how to adapt and prepare themselves to enter a real social environment and also learning from a real experience of alumnus. The main activity of the course is giving students to participate with various activities under the supervision of the course responsible lecturer and/or university's activities both internal and external that have similar objectives to this course

### **SSA 152201 Contemporary Theories in Social Sciences**

State of social science knowledge, structural and functional theories, theories of Marxism, theory of structuralism, post-Structuralism, structure and agency, theory, modernism and post-modernism, neo-liberalism, post-colonialism, environmentalism, feminism

### **SSA 152211 Introduction to Southeast Asia**

Southeast Asia: geography and climate, ecology and the settlements of peoples, ethnic groups in Southeast Asia, religions in Southeast Asia, states in Southeast Asia, colonial rule and Impact, economy and trade, the emergence of modern nations and the rise of nationalism, development and social change, agricultural transformation and peasant revolution, power and politics in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asia in the context of globalization.

**SSA 152241 Religions and Social Changes**

Introduction to a study of belief and religion, Cosmology and cultural and ritual practices in Southeast Asia, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Confucianism in Southeast Asia, Religion, politics and legitimacy, Gender and religion in Southeast Asia, Religion, development and the challenges of modernity, Popular religion, religious syncretism, Spirit medium, cult and cultural crisis, Religious conflict and reconciliation.

**SSA 152301 Development Theories and Practices**

Concept of development and modernization, colonialism and its legacy, historical background of development ideas, neo-classical theory of economic development, Marxism and Neo-Marxism, Dependency Theory and World System Theory, postmodernist critiques to development, globalization and localization, gender and development, development and marginalization of ethnic minorities, development and environment, livelihood strategies, development and migration, new social movement in SEA, NGO development paradigms and practices.

**SSA 152302 Research Methods in Social Sciences**

Meaning, significance and process of research, social inquiry and empirical research, social reality and how to explain and/or understand it, formulating research problem and research questions, research design and research tools, survey research, developing questionnaires, quantitative data analysis, ethnographic research, fieldwork and data collection, interpretation and research writing

**SSA 152311 Popular Culture in Southeast Asia**

Basic concepts in popular culture, the cultural industry and the mass culture debate, concept of representation, consumerism and lifestyle in popular culture, representing "others" in films, films and ethnic and national identity, television dramas as popular culture, popular culture and identity, pop music and youth culture, gender aspects in popular culture, pop culture as a site of resistance, and transnational flows of popular culture.

**SSA 152321 Transnationalism and Social Issues in Southeast Asia**

Nation-state , transnationalism , transnationalism and globalization contexts, transnationalism; state, capital and transnational corporations in Neo-liberalism crime, terrorism and international security , terrorism and transnational social movements , transnationalism from below , displacement and transnational migration: diaspora, labor, environmental issue and transnationalism, health and medicine and transnationalism, new media technologies, transnational culture, communities, ethnicity, gender

**SSA 152331 Urbanism and Development**

Pre. : SSA 152201

Theoretical development: change and shift, the rise of urban cities: contexts and historical transformation, capital, market and urban policies, urbanization in the developing countries, urban space; life and experience, housing and diverse communities in cities, space, time and relationship in urban cities, politics in the urban space, public space in urban cities and case study.

**SSA 152343 Poverty and Health**

Pre. : None

Pattern of health and disease among social groups in changing society, definition of the poverty and consequences of poverty on people's life, the social origins of poverty and health inequality, socio-economic and medical perspectives on poverty and dealing with the poor-related social and health problems, health of the poor in various social contexts, social and health policy for the poor including health and social movement for the poor in modern society.

**SSA 152421 Economic Integration and Regional Cooperation**

Pre. : None

Regional development context: conflict and development path, the "flying geese" economic theory, application and critiques, post-cold war regional development context, economic reform in the post-socialist context, forces of neo-liberalism and globalization in the region, market economy and spatial integration, free trade agreement and its impacts at national and local level, economic and spatial integration: a case study of the GMS, Local social movement towards economic and spatial integration.

**SSA 152422 Resource Management and Development**

Pre. : None

Theories and concept in resource management, economic development policy and instrument in resource management, rural livelihoods and resource management, local knowledge in resource management, green revolution and modernity, debates on common property community-based resource management, local institutions and gender in resource management, global discourse on environment conservation, ethno-environmental movement, industrialization, environmental and health problems, climate change: environmental and political dimension, local mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and field practicum.

**SSA 152351 ASEAN, Trade and Transnational Institutions**

The origin of ASEAN, historical development of ASEAN: membership, Its role, structure, and objectives, changes in ASEAN policy, ASEAN and human rights issues, ASEAN as a community, ASEAN and its limitation, power of membership: unity in ASEAN, ASEAN bond, ASEAN free trade area (AFTA), transnational organization: WHO, World Bank – policy and impact, student projects – how each ASEAN member can play role in ASEAN policy.

**SSA 152431 Gender and Development**

Pre. : SSA 152201

Theoretical perspectives and concepts in gender and development, theoretical perspectives and concepts in gender and feminism, women, gender and sexuality, gender and economic issues; work, power and globalization, gender, culture and belief, gender, family, and health, gender and education, gender and resource management, gender, consumerism and modernity, gender and social movement; transgender, third-sex, homosexual, gender and policies in Southeast Asia.

**SSA 152491 Cooperative Education in Social Sciences**

Pre. : None

Working at the organization of a public or private sectors as a temporary member staff and to be evaluated by an advisor and trainer assigned by the work place and university

**SSA 152489 Seminar**

Pre. : SSA 152302

Students must give lectures to class under topic selected or approved by staff

**SSA 152499 Independent Study**

An individual research by each student to utilize knowledge obtained from the lectures to apply to his/her interest.

**GEO 154103 Human Geography**

Basic theories and concepts in human geography. Population distribution, expansion and migration. Spatial analysis of cultural aspects and economic and settlement patterns in different landscapes including problems of resource utilization as a result of cultural characteristics

**GEO 154104 Environmental Conservation**

Problems in the management and the utilization of natural resources with emphasis on soil, forest, water, minerals and wildlife, introducing some conservation methods and conservation measures necessary for Thailand.

**GEO 154363 Migration in Southeast Asia**

Basic theories and concepts in migration. Migration patterns, factors related to migration, boundaries and state-nation by focusing on patterns and routes of cross-border migration in Southeast Asia. Migration processes, cultural adaptation, and multi-cultural society, including the socioeconomic roles of migrants. Problems and policies related to migrants, especially in cross-border labour migrants, refugees, and stateless people.

**GEO 154382 Energy, Environment and Society**

Evolution of energy uses of human society. Energy and industrial revolution and world energy crisis by focus on energy use patterns and impacts on environment. World commercial energy supply and energy global warming and climate change. Course also includes an alternative energy, energy policy, energy crisis, and environment and social solution.

**GEO 154389 Environment and Social Movements in Southeast Asia**

Pre. : None

First and Third World environmental movements. Development, environmental degradation and environmentalism and also social bases of environmental movement. Environment, societies and nations in Southeast Asia, local politics of environment. This course includes the social activism on urban development, energy, industry and environment, social activism on rural development, watershed management and environment, and also social activism on agriculture and Biotechnology.

**GEO 154443 Space, Society and Development**

Pre. : GEO 154103

Spatial interaction, relationship of social divisions and space, relationship of space and identity, relationship of spatial patterns and social structure. This course also focuses on the third space, boundaries, peripheries, and marginal space. Gendered space, ethnic space, space of power and resistance, and space of development.

**SA 159101 Fundamental in Sociology and Anthropology**

This is a fundamental course for students of every faculty. The course introduces basic sociological and anthropological concepts which are used to understand and explain social phenomena. The course aims to provide systematic and analytic understanding of society, namely, different degrees of linkage between individual and other social forces from micro level up to global level. The students are expected to capture social and cultural changes of contemporary Thailand amidst the content of globalization.

**SA 153221 Family and Change**

Pre : 159101 or 160101 or 161101

To study the social evolutionary theory and the rise of kinship studies, the nature of kinship, structure and function of kinship system, alliance and descent, incest taboo, family and marriage, as well as kinship and contemporary societies.

**SA 159332 Agrarian Society in a Modern World**

Pre : SA 101 (159101)

Agrarian sector under the processes of social changes within globalization. Rethinking of power relations between the state and the locals, the strategies and mechanism in adaptation, and also the cultural struggle over space and definitions of the rural areas and countryside.

**SA 159352 Society and Culture in Southeast Asian**

Pre. : SA101 (159101)

Historical contexts of various societies in Southeast Asian region particularly their ethnic diversities, cross-border relationships, cultural dynamics, social forces, changes and adaptations to the modern world society.

**SA 159412 Politics in Cultures and Societies**

Pre. : SA 101 (159101) or SOC 101 (160101)

Political processes in organized groups, voting behavior, legitimacy and political order, social prerequisite of democracy, Social and political change, political movements.

**SA 159421 Ethnicity and Pluralism**

Studies of concepts on ethnicity in relation to nationalism and globalization, development and socio-economic and cultural changes of marginalized ethnic groups, nature and problems of plural society and movements toward multiculturalism in Thailand and other countries in the Mekong subregion of Southeast Asia.

**SA 159431 Globalization**

Pre. : SA 101 (159101)

Changes in sociological and anthropological perspectives and their limitations for understanding globalization, including socio-economic and cultural changes, owing to changes in the world economic system in the 21st century, which might be different from previous cross-cultural interactions.

**SSA 152311 Popular Culture in Southeast Asia**

What is popular culture? Popular culture as a site of study, the cultural industry and the mass culture debate, concept of representation, consumerism and lifestyle in popular culture, constructing SEA in Hollywood films, films and national identities in SEA contexts TV drama: class, gender and national identity, reality TV: Why we like watching reality TV shows? Popular music, youth and subcultures, race, ethnicity, and gender aspects in popular culture, pop culture as a site of resistance, intra-regional flows of popular culture: the Korean pop culture phenomenon, Media response and group project.

**SA 153434 Society Culture and Media**

Pre. : 159101 and Third Years Standing

Fundamental concepts and methods in cultural studies, an analysis of the roles of modern media in everyday life, culture politics, media consumption, and popular culture within a changing context in the modern world.

**SOC 160341 Health and Medicine in Modern Society**

Pre. : SA 101 (159101)

Sociological and anthropological concepts in health. Social and cultural dimensions influencing people's health and alleviating health problems Comparative studies of pattern of health in the changing social contexts as well as the complexity of health care system.

**SW 164441 Human Security and Human Rights**

Pre. : SA 101 (159101)

Meaning, philosophy, process of conceptual development of human security in the Western countries in comparison with the Third World countries, contemporary debates on human security; introduction of human security in the Thai society; meaning and development of human rights and relationships with other rights; national and international instruments and machineries in promoting human rights; relationships between human security and human rights and their notions as international discourse; threats to human security and human rights and promoting them both in Thailand and global levels.