

International program
Master of Arts in Social Science
Specialization in Development Studies



Call for Applications **2022**

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Background

The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, was established in 1998 in response to the need for interdisciplinary, social science approaches to sustainable development issues in Southeast Asia. The Center builds upon decades of Chiang Mai University's social science research and teaching experience in the fields of community-based natural resource management (CBNRM), highland-lowland agricultural and social systems, health and environmental politics, and ethnic and gender relations, linking graduate training and research to development theories, policies and practice.

Since 1999, RCSD has offered an M.A in Sustainable Development which was developed to serve as the pivot of the Center's knowledge production. Responding to dynamism of social, economic and cultural transformations taking place at the local, national and regional levels in Southeast Asia, the MA program takes special effort to support insightful research and analysis of the social, environmental and cultural conundrums of modernization and development. Moreover, in keeping with the RCSD's commitment to the advocacy of cultural diversity, the program solicits for research on local knowledge and culture, with an emphasis on the ethnic minorities and marginalized groups who are so often adversely affected by mainstream development practices. RCSD maintains that the future of sustainable development in Southeast Asia hinges upon the embodiment of inclusive decision-making processes, respect for local knowledge and recognition of cultural difference. Through high-quality research and scholarship, RCSD intends to contribute to the realization of a sustainable regional future.

In 2012, the international Master's degree title has changed from M.A in Sustainable Development to M.A in Social Science Specialization in Development Studies in order to reflect both faculty and student interests in contemporary social science theories and cultural studies in variance of emerging social issues including transnational migration, border trade and cooperation, non-traditional securities, climate change and urban-rural interactions, non-state market driven governance, commodification and decommodification of land and natural resources, and political ecology. Although the M.A Social Science (Development Studies) still retains its core expertise and value in the field of development studies, coursework and scholarship has oriented to contextualize regional connectivity resulting from regional economic integration via the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and the ASEAN Community.

Curriculum Structure

Degree Title:	Master of Arts (Social Science)	
Major:	Social Science	
Field of Specialization:	Development Studies	
Type of the study:	Coursework and Thesis 1 st Academic year: Coursework 2 nd Academic year: Thesis	
Duration of the study:	Study for 2 academic years,	
Total credits:	A minimum of	36 credits
	A. Coursework (a minimum of)	21 Credits
	B. Thesis	15 Credits

Coursework:

Compulsory Courses

Semester 1

169701 Social Science Theories	3 Credits
166701 Development Theories	3 Credits

Semester 2

169703 Research Methodology in Social Sciences	3 Credits
166791 Seminar: Special Issues on Development Studies	3 Credits

Elective courses

166711 Regionalization in Development Process	3 credits
166721 Knowledge, Rights and Globalisation	3 credits
166731 Cultural economy	3 credits
166741 Ethnic Politics in Southeast Asia	3 credits
166751 Transborder Studies	3 credits
166760 Political Ecology Analytics of Natural Resource and Environmental Governance	3 credits
166761 Land relations in Southeast Asia	3 credits
166762 ASEAN, Peace Process, and Development Projects	3 credits
166763 Project Management in Development	3 credits
166764 Nature/Culture: Rethinking the Human	3 credits
166789 Selected Topics on Development Studies:	3 credits

Note: The enrollments for elective courses depend on availability of courses in each semester.

Master's Thesis:

169799 Master's Thesis	15 Credits
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Study Plan 2022-2024**First Year, Academic Year 2022**

1st Semester June – October 2022		Credits	2nd Semester November 2022 – March 2023		Credits
169701	Social Science Theories	3	169703	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	3
166701	Development Theories	3	166791	Seminar: Special Issues on Development Studies	3
	Elective course	3		Elective course	3
				Elective course	3
				Develop thesis Proposal	
Total		9		Total	12
Summer semester April – June 2023					Credits
During this summer semester, students should spend their time to prepare for their thesis proposal examination.					-

Second Year, Academic Year 2023

1st Semester June – October 2023		Credits	2nd Semester November 2023 – March 2024		Credits
	Thesis proposal defense	-	169799	Master Thesis - Thesis Publication - Thesis examination	15
	Total	15		Total	-
Summer semester April – May 2024					Credits
It's a spare time for students to complete their degree in case they cannot finish it before the second semester ends.					-

Estimate cost for students

Tuition Fee

Student	Total Tuition Fee (4 semesters)	Number of semesters for the payment	The amount of payment per semester	Tuition fee after 2 years if students cannot complete their degree within 2 yrs. (per semester)
Non-Thai students	THB 320,000.-	4 semesters	THB 80,000.-	THB 10,000
Thai students	THB 240,000.-	4 semesters	THB 60,000.-	THB 10,000

Tuition fee payment: Students will be informed the dates of the tuition payment in advance.

Semester	Date/duration of payment
1	Students will pay tuition fee on the day of the New Student Registration. Payment can be made by QR code or credit card.
2-4	- Students will pay the tuition fee in the first month of each semester after completing the online course enrollment. - Payment can be made by QR code or credit card.

Further cost will apply as follows;

Details	Approximately Amount (Baht)
Reading materials/books	5,000.- (per year)
Field Research expenses	20,000-40,000.- Budget is depending on the researches.
English Editing for thesis proposal and thesis. (For non-native English Speakers)	10,000-15,000.-
Required Academic activity: International conference or Publication; -Registration Fee -Transportation -Accommodation	The budget is depending on where the conferences students want to attend.
Visa (For non-Thai residents)	Please check the visa fee with the Thai Embassy in your home countries. For Chiang Mai Immigration, the visa extension fee is 1,900.- baht per year

Living cost in Chiang Mai is approximately 12,000 – 15,000 Baht per month.

Housing cost, a room in apartment or condominium, is around 3,500-10,000 Baht per month.

Admission Procedure

Qualifications

- All applicants who have a bachelor degree or equivalent in any discipline, as accredited by the Ministry of University Affairs, are eligible to apply for the MA in Social Science (Development Studies).
- Applicants who are non-native English speakers must have a Certificate of English Proficiency at least one of the following;
 - A: **TOEFL** at least 523 (PBT), 523 (ITP), 193 (CBT), 69 (IBT)
 - B: **IELTS** at least 5.5
 - C: **CMU-eTEGS** at least 65 (Chiang Mai university Test of English for Graduate)
 - D: **CU-TEP** at least 65% (Chulalongkorn university Test of English Proficiency)
 - E: **TU-GET** at least 65% (Thammasat university General English Test)
 - F: **KU-EPT** at least 65% (Kasetsart University English Test)

Interview examination

If an applicant's submit all the required documents, applicants will be invited to attend an entrance interview. Applicants will be informed the interview schedule via e-mail by a staff of the program. Applicants who successfully pass the interview will be eligible to study in the program.

How to apply to the program

Step 1: Submit the required documents to the program staff "Ann" via email, Rungthiwa.hacker@cmu.ac.th or Rungthiwa.hacker@gmail.com

Required documents:

- 1) CV
- 2) A photograph files (JPG file only), color photo, official photo not casual style!
- 3) The applicant's proposed **research outline** or **a statement of tentative research project**
 *If you apply for one of a scholarship in our program, you can write your research outline in the scholarship application form.
- 4) A copy of passport (passport must be valid)
- 5) An official **transcript written in English (*highlight the date of your graduation)**
- 6) A copy of your degree certificate(s) (with English translation)
- 7) Letters of recommendation (at least 2 letters)
- 8) Certificate of **English Proficiency**; (at least one of the following)
 - A: TOEFL at least 523 (PBT), 523 (ITP), 193 (CBT), 69 (IBT)
 - B: IELTS at least 5.5
 - C: CMU-eTEGS at least 65 (Chiang Mai university Test of English for Graduate)
 - D: CU-TEP at least 65% (Chulalongkorn university Test of English Proficiency)

E: TU-GET at least 65% (Thammasat university General English Test)

F: KU-EPT at least 65% (Kasetsart University English Test)

Note: - English Certification must be current for the application period.

- This requirement will not apply for all native English speakers.

- Applicants who cannot provide English certificate, please provide a brief explanation letter for the selection committee explaining why you cannot take the English test.

Step 2: Complete online application of CMU Graduate School.

- This step, applicants will be informed by the staff of the program when the online application is available to complete. Right now, our program is not in the Graduate School system due to the revised curriculum process. Our program will be available to select in the Graduate School system in late April. However, this will not affect our admission process. Our program is allowed to run our admission and recruit our new students independently.

Admission Schedule

Activities	Date/2022
Call for applications	1 December 2021 - 25 April 2022
Interview	March – April 2022 Applicants who submit the required documents earlier than the deadline, we will try to arrange the early interview for you.
Announcement for successful candidates	* All applicants will be informed the result of the interview via email within two weeks after the interview.
New students Registration and tuition fees payment (Online registration)	June 2022
Preparation course for new students	June 2022
Orientation for new Graduate students by the program at the Faculty of Social Sciences	June 2022
Online course enrollment for new students	18-19 June 2022
Opening date of the semester	To be announced (June 2022)

Scholarship Information

Scholarship program:

1. M.A in Social Science Specialized in Development Studies (MA SDS Scholarship)
2. Mekong Region Land Governance (MRLG) Scholarships
3. CMU Presidential Scholarships
4. MyClimate Scholarship

1. M.A in Social Science Specialized in Development Studies (MA SDS SCHOLARSHIP)

Our M.A program grants 1 or 2 scholarships for qualified candidates who demonstrate academic excellence and have 2-3 years professional experiences related to development. The scholarship is full funding covering costs as detail follow;

For the 1st Academic Year 2022

Detail	Amount/Thai baht
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000. – (non-Thai students) 120,000.- (Thai students)
Monthly allowance; June 2022 - May 2023	12,000.-per month
Arrival Allowance	Air Fare or any other travel from home town/city/country to CMU in the budget of 15,000.- baht. (the payment will be according to the receipts within the budget of 15,000 baht)
Books and supplies	5,000.-

For the 2nd Academic Year 2023

Detail	Amount/Thai baht
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000. – (non-Thai students) 120,000.- (Thai students)
Monthly allowance; June 2023 - May 2024	12,000.-per month
Field Research expenses	20,000.-
English Editing for Thesis	8,000.-
Books and supplies	5,000.-
Departure after graduation.	Air Fare or any other travel going back home/city/country in the budget of 15,000.-baht. (the payment will be according to the receipts within the budget of 15,000 baht)

Note: The scholarship will not cover the cost of visa application fee for renewing visa within Thailand (1,900. – baht per year).

How to apply:

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2. Mekong Region Land Governance (MRLG)Scholarship: “Research on Land Relations”

MRLG grants 2-3 scholarships for qualified candidates from **CMLV countries** namely **Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao and Vietnam** who conduct **research on Land issues**. The scholarship is full funding covering costs as detail follow.

For the 1st Academic Year 2020

Details	Amount (Thai/Baht)
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000. -
Monthly allowance; June 2022 - May 2023	12,000.-per month,
Arrival Allowance	A one way air-ticket (Home country–Chiang Mai; economy class) at the minimum possible price and traveling related costs such as visa application fee, Taxi in the budget of 15,000.- baht.
Books and supplies	5,000.-

For the 2nd Academic Year 2021

Details	Amount (Thai/Baht)
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000. -
Monthly allowance; June 2023 - May 2024	12,000.-per month,
Field Research expenses	20,000.-
English Editing for Thesis	8,000.-
Thesis supplement	The amount of the payment is according to the receipt from the Graduate School.
A one-way air-ticket (Chiang Mai-Home Country-economy class) for departure after graduation.	Ticket will be arranged by RCSD

Note: The scholarship will not cover the cost of visa application fee for renewing visa within Thailand (1,900. – baht per year).

How to apply:

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3. CMU Presidential Scholarships**Qualifications:**

1. Bachelor's Degree Holder with the GPA not less than 3.5 (based on the maximum of 4.00) or equivalent.
2. Certificate of English Proficiency; (at least one of the following)
 - A: TOEFL score of at least 183 (CBT), 79 (iBT)
 - B: IELTS score of at least 6.0
 - C: CMUeTEGS score of at least 70 (test result from 5 June 2021 onward)
3. Research outline, at least two pages detailing,
 - the outline of research plan
 - previous research experiences or works
 - why you are interested to do this research
 - why you should be awarded the scholarship
 - how you propose to carry out the study

How to apply: Submit all required documents for admission with the qualifications above to our staff, “Ann” via this email Rungthiwa.hacker@cmu.ac.th or Rungthiwa.hacker@gmail.com

The scholarship is full funding covering costs as detail follow;

Detail	Amount/Thai baht
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000. – (non-Thai students) 120,000.- (Thai students)
Monthly allowance; June 2022 - May 2023	12,000.-per month inclusive of housing expenses
Arrival Allowance	Air Fare or any other travel from home town/city/country to CMU in the budget of 15,000.- baht. (the payment will be according to the receipts within the budget of 15,000 baht)
Books and supplies: 3,000 THB per semester	6,000.-
Health insurance	3,000.-
Settlement allowance (once on arrival)	6,000.-

For the 2nd Academic Year 2023

Detail	Amount/Thai baht
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000. – (non-Thai students) 120,000.- (Thai students)
Monthly allowance; June 2023 - May 2024	12,000.-per month, inclusive of housing expenses
Books and supplies: 3,000 THB per semester	6,000.-
Health insurance	3,000.-
Thesis Publication Allowance	6,000.-
Departure after graduation.	Air Fare or any other travel going back home/city/country in the budget of 15,000.-baht. (the payment will be according to the receipts within the budget of 15,000 baht)

4. MyClimate Scholarship

The MA student will be funded as part of the MyClimate research project - a partnership between the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), the Nyan Corridor, RCSD at Chiang Mai University (Thailand), and the Highland Institute in northeast India, funded through the Danish research council for development research. The overall objective of the MyClimate research project is to strengthen academic and policy understandings of the linkages between climate change actions and conflict dynamics in Myanmar's contested ethnic border regions. The project will produce new empirical knowledge on how local communities adapt to climate change and how state actors, civil society organizations and political movements across Myanmar and its border regions address climate change and the interlinked fields of environmental conservation, natural resource management and extraction, land use and pollution.

Qualifications

1. Bachelor's Degree Holder or equivalent.
2. Certificate of English Proficiency (at least one of the following)
 - A: TOEFL score of at least 183 (CBT), 79 (iBT)
 - B: IELTS score of at least 6.0
 - C: CMUeTEGS score of at least 70 (test result from 5 June 2021 onward)
3. Candidates should be fluent in written and spoken Burmese, and one of the Chin languages (spoken only).
4. Previous qualitative field research experience is also highly valued and existing networks in Chin speaking communities in Myanmar.
5. Candidates should also submit a 2 page research proposal related to the MyClimate project, detailing:
 - The outline of the research plan
 - Previous research experiences or works
 - Why you are interested to do this research
 - Why you are interested in the in the MyClimate research project and should be awarded the scholarship
 - How you propose to carry out the study

The scholarship is full funding covering costs as detail follow;

For the 1st Academic Year 2022

Detail	Amount/Thai baht
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000.-
Monthly allowance; June 2022 - May 2023	14,000.-per month
Arrival Allowance	Air Fare or any other travel from home town/city/country to CMU in the budget of 15,000.- baht. (the payment will be according to the receipts within the budget of 15,000 baht)
Books and supplies	5,000.-
Health insurance	Arranged by the scholarship program

For the 2nd Academic Year 2023

Detail	Amount/Thai baht
Tuition Fee in full covering for 2 semesters	160,000.-
Monthly allowance; June 2023 - May 2024	14,000.-per month
Health insurance	Arranged by the scholarship program
Field Research expenses	20,000.-
English Editing for Thesis	8,000.-
Books and supplies	5,000.-
Departure after graduation.	Air Fare or any other travel going back home/city/country in the budget of 15,000.-baht. (the payment will be according to the receipts within the budget of 15,000 baht)

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