

## Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)  
**Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSA 255 **Course Title** Thai Economic History
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** none
5. **Type of Course** Elective for Southeast Asian Studies concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Third trimester / Every second year

### 7. Course Description

The early economic structures of Sukhothai and Ayutthaya in regional context. Economic developments up to the 1850s. Agriculture and trade. Control of manpower. Landownership. Immigration. Taxfarming. Rural and urban economies. The impact of the Bowring Treaty. Developments in the Thai economy since the 1850s. Different economic theories. The military and the economy. The black economy. Boom, crash and recovery ? Development strategies. Emphasis is on the modern period.

### 8. Course Objective (s)

- (i) To give students an overview of the main developments in Thai economic history.
- (ii) To increase students' awareness of the nature of historical thinking and methodology.

### 9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Voices of Thai Historians	4	Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn
2	The Rice Frontier	4	
3	The Upland Frontier	4	
4	Traders, Tax Farmers and Kings	4	
5	Rice barons, Bankers and Generals	4	
6	Exporters, Industrialists and Capital Accumulation	4	
7	Chinese Immigration and Urban labour	4	
8	The Absolutist State and Thai Nation-building	4	
9	Revolution and Dictatorship	4	
10	Revolt, Repression and the Military	4	
11	Democracy, Crash and Globalisation	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

NB. The lecturer has the right to vary the topics as he / she see fit.

**10. Teaching Method (s)**

Lectures; questions and answers; classroom discussions.

**11. Teaching Media**

Notebook of lecture summaries.

**12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement**

(i.e. Grading Scheme) Grades given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc. Borderline cases (45 - 50%) may be passed if the student's attendance record, punctuality, and classroom demeanor have been exemplary.

**13. Course evaluation**

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluation will be based on two examinations (Mid-term/Final) each carrying 50% of the marks. Questions will normally take the short answer or essay format.

**14. Reference (s)**

- (i) Pasuk Phongpaichit & Chris Baker : Thailand Economy and Politics. Oxford University Press. Oxford 2003.
- (ii) Suehiro Akira : Capital Accumulation in Thailand 1855 - 1985. Silkworm Chiang Mai. 1996.

**15. Instructor (s)**

Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn

**16. Course Coordinator**

Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn