



BIR Program

Exchange Student Registration Guide

(incoming students)

Semester 1 Academic Year 2026

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1 Academic Calendar

The semester 1/2026 at the MIR Program starts on August 3, 2026 and ends on November 21, 2026.

Activities

1st Semester (August – December)

Last Day to Submit Course Request Form

July 15, 2026

Student's Registration

August 3-16, 2026

Classes Resume

August 3, 2026

Period of Withdrawal ("W" in transcript)

August 19 - October 12, 2026

Midterm Examination

September 20-27, 2026

Classes End

November 21, 2026

Final Examination

November 25 - December 11, 2026

Public Holidays

H.M. the Queen Mother's Birthday

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Passing of H.M. the Late King Holiday

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Chulalongkorn Memorial Day

Friday, October 23, 2026

Substitution for H.M. the Late King's Birthday

Monday, December 7, 2026

Constitution Day

Thursday, December 10, 2026

2 Class Schedule

BIR Course	Schedule	Room	Examination (M = Midterm F = Final)
PI300 Social Science Methodology Dr. Sikarn Issarachaiyos	Monday 9.00-12.00	102	(M) 21 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 23 November 2026 (9.00-12.00)
EC210 Introductory Economics Dr. Rungrapa Opartpunyasarn	Monday 13.00-16.00	103	(M) 21 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 23 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI344 Environment Management and Policy Dr. Wasin Punthong	Monday 13.00-16.00	405	(M) 21 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 23 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI364 Middle East in Global Politics Dr. Jaran Maluleem	Monday 13.00-16.00	102	(M) 21 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 30 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI380 Nation State and Transnationalism Aj., Iain Cowie	Monday 13.00-16.00	406	(M) 21 September 2026 (13.00-16.00) (F) 30 November 2026 (13.00-12.00)
PI376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations Dr. Charlie Thame	Tuesday 9.00-12.00	406	(M) 22 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 24 November 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI291 International Law Dr. Viboonpong Poonprasit	Tuesday 13.00-16.00	406	(M) 22 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 1 December 2026 (13.00-16.00)

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PI485 Selected Topic in Political Science Prof. Thanet Wongyannava	Wednesday 8.30-11.30	102	(M) 23 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 25 November 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI389 Global Civil Society Aj. Rebecca Goncharoff	Wednesday 9.00-12.00	405	(M) 23 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 2 December 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy Dr. Charlie Thame	Wednesday 13.00-16.00	103	(M) 23 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 25 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI396 Game Theory for Political Scientist Dr. Attakrit Patchimnan	Wednesday 13.00-16.00	406	(M) 23 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 2 December 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI347 Fiscal and Budgeting Dr. Sikarn Issarachaiyos	Thursday 9.00-12.00	405	(M) 24 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 26 November 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI399 Politics of International Finance Aj. Virot Ali	Thursday 9.00-12.00	103	(M) 24 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 3 December 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI475 Southeast Asia in Global Politics Dr. Chanintira na Thalang	Thursday 9.00-12.00	406	(M) 24 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 26 November 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations (sec. 036401) Aj. Iain Cowie	Thursday 13.00-16.00	405	(M) 24 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 4 December 2026 (13.00-16.00)

BIR Course	Schedule	Room	Examination (M = Midterm F = Final)
PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations (sec. 036402) Aj. Rebecca Goncharoff	Thursday 13.00-16.00	406	(M) 24 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 4 December 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI340 Public Policy and Management in the Global Context Dr. Ajirapa Pienkhuntod	Thursday 13.00-16.00	102	(M) 24 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 3 December 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI392 Comparative Political Economy Dr. Trin Aiyara	Thursday 13.00-16.00	202	(M) 24 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 26 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI477 Global Geopolitics Dr. Joseph Lee	Thursday 13.00-16.00	103	(M) 24 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 26 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)
PI487 The International Relations of Rising Power Dr. Joseph Lee	Friday 9.00-12.00	102	(M) 25 September 2026 (9.00-11.00) (F) 27 November 2026 (9.00-12.00)
PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy Dr. Amporn Tamronglak	Friday 13.00-16.00	103	(M) 25 September 2026 (13.00-15.00) (F) 27 November 2026 (13.00-16.00)

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EC210 Introductory Economics

This course introduces the economic method of thinking to better understand real-world decision-making and improve analytical skills to better understand business and policy concerns. The fundamentals of modern economics, the general principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics, are introduced. Microeconomics covers how to apply the fundamental economic principles that explain why individuals and businesses make decisions with limited resources. The interactions of supply and demand in market operations are covered, as well as a variety of market structures ranging from monopoly to perfect competition. Furthermore, the course explores different sorts of failures and how government intervention policies might increase social welfare.

PI210 Introduction to Political Philosophy

This course examines origins, meanings, and key issues of political philosophy such as the goal of humanity, morality, the state, justice, and other related issues, by dividing and investigating the differences between problems and solutions in political philosophy as well as modern political thoughts. Students will study the works of both Western and Eastern philosophers as groundwork for further courses.

PI241 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy

This course introduces definitions, theories, concepts, the scope of public administration and public policy. The evolutions of public administration and policy and their environmental factors will be examined. The study will also examine politics and administration, process of management, public policy, public organization and public personnel, public finance and budgeting, mission and public accountability, including the ethics of public executive. Upon completing of the course, students will have an understanding of the relationship.

PI282 Reading and Analysis in International Relations

Seminar on reading and analysis of ideas, theories, and contemporary issues in international relations. This course aims to develop reading, analytical, and critical skills as well as improve the abilities to present, argue, write, and critique.

PI291 International Law

This course introduces principles and theories of international law; origins of international law from the past to the present; the relationship between domestic and international law; status of individuals under international law; rights and responsibilities of inter-state relations and state and private sector relations; origins and roles of international organizations, international maritime law and other issues regarding international law and politics, economy, and society studied on a case by case basis.

PI300 Social Science Methodology

This course offers training in methods of data collection and research in social science, both quantitative and qualitative research, including building a research concept, a research question, formulating hypotheses/assumptions, analysis and reporting results, interpretation of theories, language analysis and other methods of analysis and information searches currently used in social sciences.

PI340 Public Policy and Management in the Global Context

Examines cases of public management and policy. This course aims to stimulate discussion on how the global dynamics effect the study and practices of public policy and management such as regionalization and international collaboration. Course readings and discussions identify and explain recent global public management and policy trends as well as the differences between the public management and policy structures and processes that change within the countries locally, regionally, and globally.

PI344 Environmental Management and Policy

This course explores environmental management and policy from the perspectives of government regulators, private corporations, and nonprofit organizations. It also focuses on analyzing critical ways of making environmental management and policy as conducive to innovation as possible. This will be done by providing a comprehensive understanding of government structure, organizations, decision making procedure, policy instruments, and the roles of non-state actors in the environmental management and policy. The course will use case studies to discuss the major factors, such as the institutional structure and interests and powers of the actors, which influence governments as they develop and implement environmental policies. The intent is to give students a fairly detailed understanding of different policy approaches and different policy instruments available to policy-makers.

PI397 Public Choice in Global Affairs

This course offers a comprehensive understanding of the government's behaviors and decision makings to formulate policy choices for implementing fiscal and budgeting. In addition, the factor influencing public policies in terms of economic development, the function of the state, government expenditure, taxation, and public finance associated with theories for public choices will also be examined.

PI347 Fiscal and Budgeting

This course explores concepts and principles interlinked with public sector financial management. This includes the role and importance of public budgeting, and understanding of budget cycle and process, revenue policy and administration, public spending, public debt management, and fiscal and monetary policies. The course also offers comparative aspects on the fiscal management of Thai government and that of other countries.

PI364 Middle East in Global Politics

Studies international relations of the countries in the Middle East, their alliance under the Arab League; their policies toward the United Nations, superpowers, and their stances toward the Arab-Israeli relations. Student will be introduced to the historical trajectory of the Middle East and relations between states within the region. Student will also be encouraged to critically analyze current events that have shaped the region.

PI376 Alternative Approaches in International Relations

This course introduces alternative approaches in the field of International Relations such as constructivism, feminism and critical theories. Various case studies will be used for illustrative purposes. Discussion will be aimed at the debates on the usefulness of the new approaches to analyze the current situations.

PI380 Nation State and Transnationalism

Studies contemporary transnational forces and their relationship with the nation-state and the question of sovereignty. The course identifies and explores the various political, economic and social processes of liberalization as well as a social space and migrations that have created this new era of the increased circulation of people, ideas, commodities and technologies across national boundaries.

PI389 Global Civil Society

Analyzes increasingly visible roles of non-state actors in global governance expanding across the territorial boundaries of the state. This class explores non-state activism and its role, challenges and limitations in shaping different global issues including, but not limited to, humanitarian, environmental, development, arms control and human rights issues.

PI392 Comparative Political Economy

The course examines some of the major debates in comparative political economy by focusing on the creation, evolution and reform of market institutions. The course begins with the discussion about some of the important writing in political economy. It will also examine the literatures on the political economy of the developed countries, the developing countries, and the post-Communist economies.

PI396 Game Theory for Political Scientist

Utilizes economic and mathematical tools of game theory to increase the understanding of political behavior under the conditions of cooperative and non-cooperative games. This course also examines the optimal theory's foundations with an emphasis on applications for making strategic games associated with political and economic behaviors and thoughts, including political behaviors, economic strategies, institutional choices, and coalitional games.

PI399 Politics of International Finance

This course examines roles of domestic and international politics in international monetary and financial policy and the influence of international monetary system and international finance on political decision. The course explores economic and political economy theories related to international monetary and international finance, exchange rate policy, international investment, speculative attack, external debt, and international monetary regime. The aims to provide students with an understanding of the interrelationship between politics and economics in international relations.

PI475 Southeast Asia in Global Politics

This course offers a historical overview and key thematic developments of the Southeast Asian international relations since the end of the Second World War. The content includes competing perspectives on contemporary issues such as regional cooperation and conflict, regional political, economic, and social challenges, and transnational issues. The course provides a broad understanding of roles of the Southeast Asian nations' relationship with other countries in adapting to the dynamic regional and international context.

PI477 Global Geopolitics

The course studies modern geopolitics by introducing both classical and critical geopolitics. It examines the spatial conceptions of the world and the construction of geographical imaginations and discourses in the foreign policy making process and popular culture. The course covers the key issues in the study of geopolitics and engages with the contemporary dynamics of international relations. It also provides the discussion with the deep analysis of the examined country cases, including the United States, Russia, and China.

PI485 Selected Topics in Political Science

Examines problems and challenges associated with politics. The course introduces students to political concepts such as state, nationalism, democracy, and legitimacy. The second half of the course will highlight the complexities on a case study basis.

PI487 The International Relations of Rising Powers

The course explores foreign policies and international roles of five major rising powers, namely, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. It examines a shift in power and wealth of these countries and assesses their changing positions in the configuration of cooperation and competition among the Great Powers in the 21st Century. This course also examines domestic factors that constitute their rise.

4 Registration

Course Registration Basics:

At the BIR Program, it is our aim to register every exchange student for full schedule of course on the first week of the semester. Incoming exchange students cannot register themselves for all courses at Thammasat University. So, we facilitate this process in the BIR Program but students must complete their online course request before course registration confirmation can take place.

Online Course Request

Complete the online course request at <https://forms.gle/ZRrQtjUxkQdc1B9MA>

- If you wish to enroll in a **non-BIR course**, please submit the form **by July 15, 2026**.
- If you are enrolling only in BIR courses, you may submit the form **by July 25, 2026**.

5 Student Enrollment

For the first semester exchange students:

We are currently waiting for the University to issue your student ID numbers. Once we receive them, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Instructions for exchange student enrollment:

Once you receive TU student ID, please

1. Go to www.reg.tu.ac.th, log in with your student no. and passport. Fill in your personal information and press submit.
2. Upload required documents
 - 2.1 Passport
 - 2.2 Transcript
3. Upload your student photo
4. Apply for student card
5. Skip Step 5: Student Verification, and click “New Student Registration Completed” to finish the student enrollment process.

Note:

- If there is no Transcript, upload a copy of your passport instead.
- For the **Graduate year**, select 2025.
- For the phone number in Thailand, you may enter the number of the BIR Program if you do not yet have a Thai phone number.
- Students who do not yet have an address in Thailand should enter the following address of Thammasat University:
 - Number: 2
 - Road: Prachan Rd
 - Subdistrict: Phra Borom Maha Ratchawang
 - District: Phra Nakhon
 - Province: Bangkok
 - Country: Thailand
 - Zip Code: 10200

6 Academic Information

Thamamsat Grading System

Students are grade according to the Grade Point System as follows.

Letter Grade	Grade Point
A	4.0
B+	3.5
B	3.0
C+	2.5
C	2.0
D+	1.5
D	1.0
F	0.0

Exam & Course Assessment:

Depending on the course, students will be evaluated by a combination of mid-term and final exam, written work, presentation and/or class participation. Attendance is mandatory. The specific rules regarding grading and attendance may vary from one course to the other. Students need to refer to the course syllabus or ask the course instructor at the beginning of the class.

7 Contact Information

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