



**INTERNATIONAL CENTER
BANGKOK UNIVERSITY**

HANDBOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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WELCOME TO BU

The International Center warmly welcomes you to Bangkok University (BU), the Creative University. We are delighted that you have chosen to become part of the BU family. As we strive to foster a vibrant international environment, your presence is truly valued. At BU, we offer international students many opportunities to connect and build lasting friendships with both Thai and international peers, while encouraging meaningful cross-cultural exchange through a wide range of programs and events.

The International Center is here to help you make the most of your time at BU, while also guiding you on matters related to your legal status. We hope the following pages will assist you in preparing for your departure—covering everything from what to pack before you leave to tips on dining and shopping in the area—so you can quickly adapt to your new environment.

Our friendly and supportive staff and professors are ready to assist you with any questions or challenges you may face, both before your departure and after your arrival. Your journey to success begins now, and we are committed to supporting you every step of the way.

Once again, a warm welcome to BU, and best of luck with your studies!



INTERNATIONAL CENTER SERVICES



**Academic
Equivalence**



**Visa and
Immigration**



**Advising and
Counseling Session**



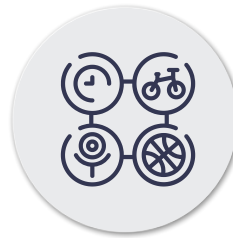
**Accommodation
Information**



**Global Competency
Development and
Training**



Study Abroad



**Campus
Activities**



**Talent
Development**



**Health Insurance
Information**



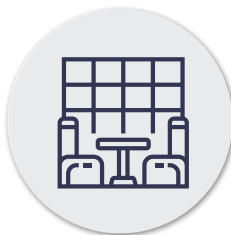
**Physical and Mental
Health Workshop**



**Thai Culture
Activities**



**Legal Buddy Project
with BU Law School**



**Student
Lounge Service**



**Prayer Room
Service**



**Alumni
Support**



**Documents
for Students**



PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to ensure that you have everything you need and are well prepared for your trip to Thailand.

- Passport with student visa (Type: Non-Immigrant Education Visa “Non-ED” or “Non-ED Plus”)

- Registration at <https://tdac.immigration.go.th/> for TDAC within 3 days before arrival.

- Letter of Acceptance

- Housing Reservation

- Medication in its original packaging, accompanied by a prescription with an English translation to facilitate airport security and customs screening.

- Proof of travel and health insurance (if applicable)

- Adaptor for electrical appliances--the standard voltage in Thailand is 220 volts

- Find your national organization or embassy, if available, at www.mfa.go.th.

THAILAND DIGITAL ARRIVAL CARD (TDAC)

Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) is the electronic version of the traditional disembarkation card that foreign visitors are required to complete upon arrival in Thailand, regardless of their mode of transport. This card serves as an official record of the traveler's entry and provides essential information to immigration authorities. Visitors need to register within three days before arrival. Please visit <https://tdac.immigration.go.th> or scan the QR code or scan the QR code.



AIRPORTS IN BANGKOK

Bangkok is served by two main international airports:



Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) is Bangkok's main international airport, located about 30km east of the city center. It serves most full-service airlines and long-haul international flights. BKK is modern, spacious, and connected to downtown via the Airport Rail Link, offering easy transit and a wide range of amenities including shops, lounges, and restaurants. (Approximately 1.5 hrs. from BU)



Don Mueang Airport (DMK) is the older airport, about 24km north of central Bangkok, mainly serving low-cost and regional carriers like AirAsia and Nok Air. It's smaller and less modern but often more convenient for domestic travel or budget flights. While it lacks a direct train connection, it's accessible by bus, taxi, or the nearby SRT Red Line. (Approximately 30 minutes from BU)

ON ARRIVAL

Onward Travel Options from the Airport

- Public Taxi
- Limousine
- Airport Rail Link
- Car Rental
- Shuttle Bus
- Public Bus

More information about travel options is at <https://www.bangkokairportonline.com>



VISA INFORMATION AND IMMIGRATION ADVICE

Non-Immigrant Education Visa (or Non-ED) is issued to applicants who wish to enter the Kingdom of Thailand to study, join a work-study or observation tour, participate in projects or seminars, or attend a conference or short-term training course. The Non-ED Visa is valid for 90 days, and students must apply for this visa prior to arrival. To maintain visa compliance, students must register as full-time students and engage in regular educational activities as required by the institution and Thai immigration authorities. Students may extend the visa up to 45 days before its expiration.

Non-Immigrant ED Plus (or Non-ED Plus) is issued to full degree international students currently studying at universities or institutions in Thailand. During their studies, Non-ED Plus Visa holders may depart and re-enter Thailand without the need for a re-entry permit. Students can apply to extend the visa up to 45 days before its expiration. To maintain visa compliance, students must register as full-time students and participate in regular educational activities as required by their institution and Thai immigration authorities. Additionally, Non-ED Plus Visa holders are allowed to extend their stay in Thailand for one more year after graduation to seek employment, travel, or engage in other activities, and are eligible to change their visa type in Thailand if employed.

1.1 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR APPLYING THE STUDENT VISA

Applicants must submit the following relevant documents:

- Completed visa application form
- Passport with a validity of not less than 6 months (a validity of at least 18 months is required for a one-year visa application)
- Diploma and transcripts from previous schools / academic records
- Application form
- Registration receipt for the current semester
- Letter of acceptance from Bangkok University
- Name of the Royal Thai Embassy, Consulate-General, or relevant office in your country where you wish to apply for the visa
- Any documents in foreign languages must be translated into English and notarized by a notary public or the applicant's diplomatic/consular mission

1.2 PERIOD OF STAY

- The Non-Immigrant Education Visa (both Non-ED and Non-ED Plus) is extendable. Visa holders can apply for an extension up to 45 days before the expiration date.
- The first extension must be completed within 90 days of arrival.

VISA INFORMATION AND IMMIGRATION ADVICE

1.3 VISA EXTENSION

Students can extend their student visa before its expiry date. They must contact the International Center to apply for a visa extension at least 30 days before the expiration date and submit the following documents:

- A copy of the passport (all stamped pages)
- A copy of the TDAC
- The latest BU registration receipt
- An original official transcript
- A visa letter from the International Center
- Accommodation Notification
- If you live in Pathum Thani, the Immigration Bureau requires your room contract and a photocopy of the room owner's Citizen ID card.
- If you live in another province (such as Bangkok), immigration requires the TM.30 form.
- Extension fee 1,900 - 1,960 Baht.
- One (4 x 6 cm) photograph of the applicant, taken within the past six months

1.4 RE-ENTRY PERMITS (Non-ED visa only. Except Non-ED Plus)

If you are a Non-ED visa holder and would like to travel outside Thailand for a short period, you will need to apply for a Re-Entry Permit. It can be obtained at Pathum Thani Immigration, any other local immigration office, or at international airports such as Don Mueang and Suvarnabhumi. At the airport, please allow at least 2–3 hours for processing.

The current fees for Re-Entry Permits are 1,000 Baht for a single entry and 3,800 Baht for multiple entries. (Fees at the airport may be higher than those at local immigration offices.)

1.5 90-DAY REPORT

It is required by Thai law that all foreigners staying in Thailand for a period longer than 90 days on a Non-Immigrant Visa must report their current address to the Thai Immigration Bureau every 90 days. The report fee at Pathum Thani Immigration is 60 THB, and the late fee is 2,000 Baht.

You must file the report at the immigration office in your location within 14 days before or up to 7 days after the 90-day expiration period. However, if you leave Thailand at any time during the 90-day period, the day count will restart from day 1 upon your re-entry into Thailand.

❖ VISA INFORMATION AND IMMIGRATION ADVICE

1.6 IMMIGRATION OFFICE PATHUMTHANI

Address: 159 Moo 7 Suan Prink Thai, Mueang Pathum Thani District,
Pathum Thani 12000

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/HNk8mGqJkvFjk8H77>



1.7 WARNING OF OVERSTAY

Overstaying in Thailand for an extended period may result in being banned from re-entering the country.

In case of surrendering to the authorities for overstaying	
Period of Overstay	Period of Banning from Re-entering Thailand (starting from departure date)
More than 90 days	1 year
More than 1 year	3 years
More than 3 years	5 years
More than 5 years	10 years

In case of being arrested or prosecuted for	
Period of Overstay	Period of Banning from Re-entering Thailand
Less than 1 year	5 years
More than 1 year	10 years

1.8 THE FOREIGN NATIONAL RESIDENCE NOTIFICATION (TM. 30)



It is required by Thai law that all properties accommodating non-Thai nationals must register them with the Immigration Department.

Officially and practically, the responsibility to report the stay of a foreigner rests with the host: the landlord of a property, the hotel, or the serviced apartment. Anyone providing accommodation must register their foreign guests with the Immigration Department within 24 hours of their arrival. Delayed or late reporting of a foreigner can result in a penalty of 800 to 1,600 Baht per person (normally, the penalty does not exceed that amount, even if the landlord reports months late).

The owner can report at the immigration or submit the report online via <https://extranet.immigration.go.th/fn24online/>

Reference: <https://www.thaiembassy.com/thailand-visa/about-tm30-thailand>

IMPORTANT:

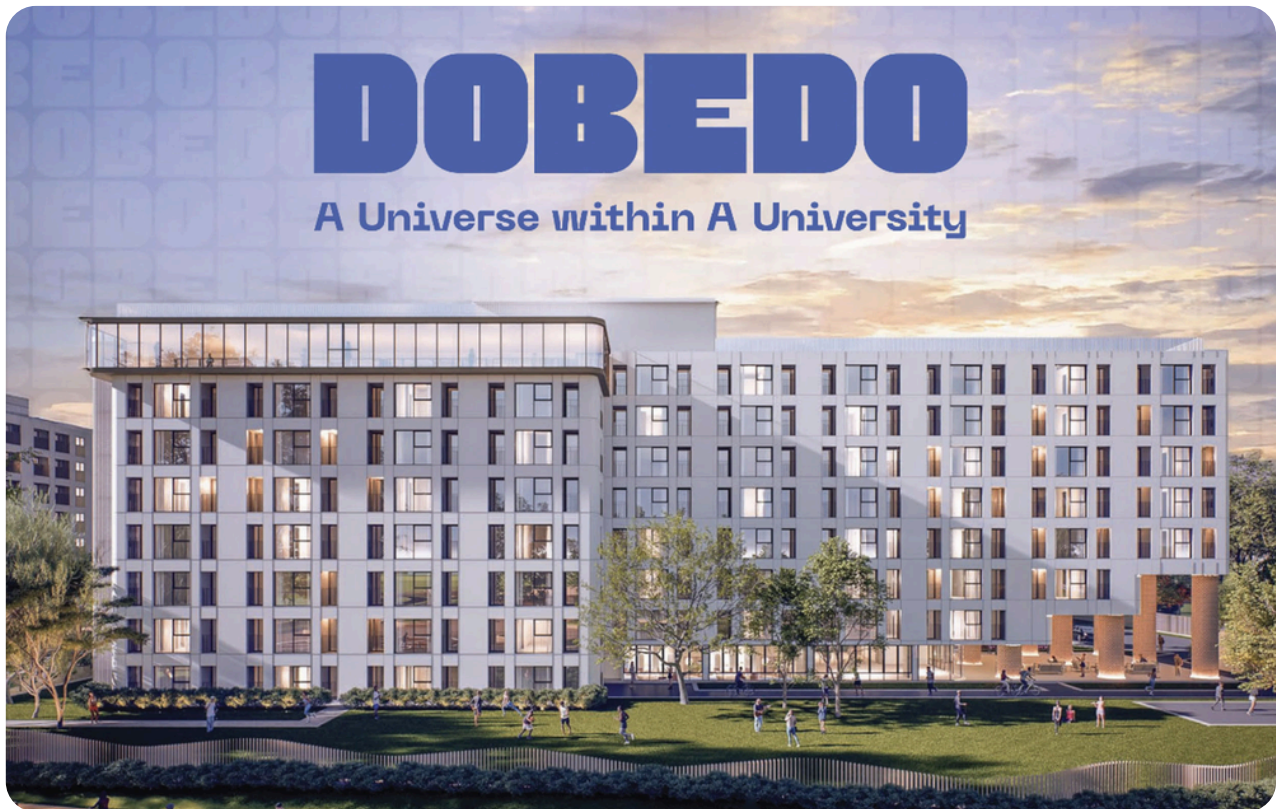
- Please contact the International Center at least ONE month before expiry date.
- Overstay will be fined 500 Baht per day.
- The notification of staying in the Kingdom over 90 days is not equivalent to a visa extension.
- If a foreigner stays in the Kingdom over 90 days without notifying the Immigration Bureau or notifies the Immigration Bureau later than the specified period, a fine of 2,000 Baht will be imposed.



HOUSING

University Housing in Main Campus

DOBEDO Student Residence



Address: Rangsit Phahonyothin Road, Pathum Thani (Connecting with Bangkok University)

Website: <https://www.hellodobedo.com>

Contact: Mobile: (+66) 81-134-5153 / Line: @hellodobedo

Rental Rates: 12,000 - 23,000 Baht per month

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Refrigerator, Microwave, WiFi, Key Card, Elevator and Security System

BU Residence Scholarship is available for international students. Please send an email to internationalcenter@bu.ac.th or visit the International Center office during office hours.

Teddy Modern Service Apartment



Address: 3J77+VG Khlong Nueng, Khlong Luang, Pathum Thani, Thailand

Contact: 02-901-7727 / 088-000-7548

Rental Rates: 8,000–11,000 Baht per month (minimum contract: 6 months)

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Refrigerator, Microwave, Cable TV, WiFi, Gym, Key Card, Elevator and Security System

Skyview Apartment



Address: 9/91 - 99, Phahonyothin Road, Khlong Nueng, Khlong Luang, Pathum Thani

Contact: 02 516 2424 **Mobile:** 061 748 4333

Email: skyview.apartment@gmail.com

Rental Rates: 5,500 - 10,000 Baht per month (minimum contract: 6 months)

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Cable TV, WiFi, Gym, Key Card, Elevator and Security System

Grand Modern Condo



Address: 95, Phahonyothin Road, Khlong Nueng, Khlong Luang, Pathum Thani, Thailand

Contact: 02 516 4240

Rental Rates: 6,000 - 9,000 Baht per month (minimum contract: 6 months)

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Elevator, Security System

Be Condo



Address: Phahonyothin Rd, Khlong Nueng, Khlong Luang District, Pathum Thani 12120
(500 meters from Bangkok University)

Contact: 089-495-2861

Rental Rates: 8,500- 15,000 Baht per month (minimum contract: 1 year)

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Cable TV, WiFi, Refrigerator, Key Card, Elevator, Fitness, Security System and Microwave

Zoom Place



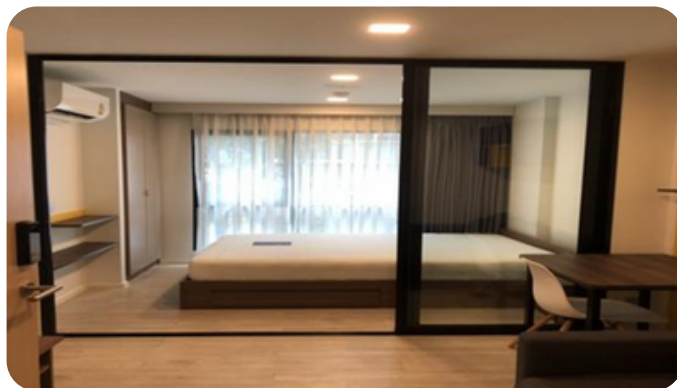
Address: 29 333, Khlong Nueng, Khlong Luang District, Pathum Thani 12120

Contact: 089 967 8111

Rental Rates: 5,500 – 8,500 Baht per month

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Cable TV, WiFi, Key Card, Elevator, Fitness and Security System

Kave Condo



Address: Khlong Neung, Khlong Luang District, Pathum Thani
(5 minutes drive to Bangkok University)

Contact: 02-901-7727

Rental Rates: 13,000- 20,000 Baht per month (minimum contract: 1 year)

Facilities: Air conditioning, Water Heater, Cable TV, WiFi, Minimart, LCD TV, Key Card, Elevator, Fitness, Security System, Microwave and Laundromat



HOUSING MAP

University Housing in Main Campus



Teddy Apartment
3.2 km



Zoom Place
1.2 km



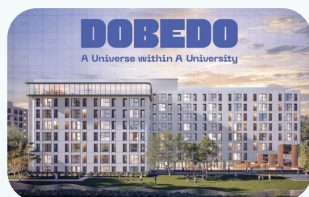
Sky View Apartment
1.1 km



Bangkok University



Becondo
500 m



DoBeDo
100 m



Kave Condo
6.9 km



Grand Modern Condo
7.0 km

Phahonyothin Road



❖ SERVICES AROUND BU





❖ SUPERSTORES & SHOPPING MALLS NEARBY MAIN CAMPUS

Imagine Village, Bangkok University

Address: 9/1 Moo 5 (Rangsit Campus), Klong 1, Klong Luang, Pathum Thani 12120

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xC1xei5DH3ZMCqWRA>

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 08.00 hrs. – 16.30 hrs. (may vary by store)

Tesco Lotus Superstore (Rangsit)

Address: 392/104 Moo 2 Phahonyothin Rd., Thanyaburi, Pathum Thani 12130

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/hD26B8VWQLGo7Hrs6>

Opening Hours: Daily 08.00 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.

Future Park Rangsit Shopping Mall

Address: 94 Phahonyothin Road, Thanyaburi, Pathum Thani 12130

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/W7miC4t3tRWVhoUg9>

Opening Hours: Mon-Thur 10.30 hrs. - 21.30 hrs. , Fri-Sun 10.00 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.

Mingle Mall

Address: 80 Moo 5 Phahonyothin Rd, Khlong 1, Khlong Luang, Pathum Thani 12120

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/GFUVqVrgo7QLCLePA>

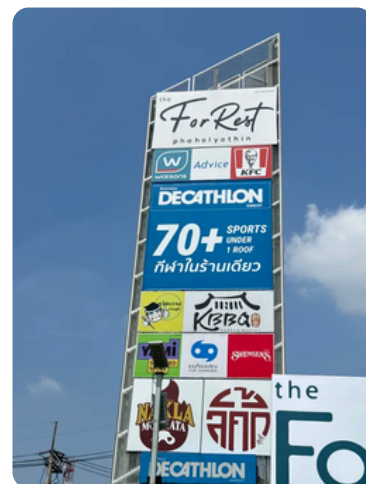
Open-hours: Daily 09.00 hrs. - 21.00 hrs.

ForRest Phaholyothin Mall

Address: Khlong Nueng, Khlong Luang District, Pathum Thani 12120

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gdD4UuyyAFvsnfFYA>

Opening Hours: Daily 09.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.





HEALTH SERVICES & INSURANCES

Health Services

Bangkok University maintains an infirmary for first-aid care. Medical attention for minor and intermediate cases is provided by doctors and nurses at the University. A temporary recuperation room is available free of charge for sick students. When hospital care is required, students are transferred to nearby hospitals.

Infirmary Hours: 08.30-20.00 hrs.

Doctor on Duty: Monday to Saturday, 13:00–16:00 hrs

Nurse on Duty: Monday to Saturday, 08:30–20:00 hrs

BU Care (LINE Official Account): <https://line.me/R/ti/p/@052yoogu>

Accident Insurance

Bangkok University takes precautions for accidents involving students by providing accident insurance for all BU students. Students are covered 24 hours a day throughout the academic year. The maximum coverage is 100,000 Baht for death and 30,000 Baht for medical expenses per accident.

In case of injury, students may file for reimbursement at the Student Affairs and Records Center by submitting the medical certificate and receipts along with the completed claim form. All claims must be submitted within 52 weeks of the incident.

In the case of death, the beneficiary must bring the following required documents to the Student Affairs and Records Center, Building A6, 1st Floor.

- Accident Claim Form
- Police Report
- Death Certificate
- Autopsy Report
- House Registrations and ID Cards of both the insured and the beneficiary

Link for more detail <https://bulinks.bu.ac.th/en/accident-insurance-en/>



HEALTH SERVICES & INSURANCES

Health Insurance

International students are strongly advised to have valid health insurance while studying in Thailand. If you already have insurance from your home country, please submit a photocopy of your insurance card or a document verifying your coverage to the International Center. For those seeking insurance options, plan details and agent contacts are available at the International Center. It is highly recommended that students carefully review and select a suitable plan before making a purchase.

BU SAFE



EVERY STUDENT'S SAFETY, OUR PRIORITY



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Bangkok University has designated a dedicated center for receiving complaints and emergency reports within the university to ensure all students receive prompt and comprehensive care. All reports will be kept confidential, and the privacy of the reporter will be protected.

Bangkok University prioritizes campus safety to ensure every student has a safe and positive university experience.

FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING VIOLENCE, ASSAULT, THREATS, SCAMS, THEFT, ETC., WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY	FOR EMERGENCY (24/7)
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div> <p>For International Students: 08 1139 3987 08 1139 3988 (Available Monday-Saturday, 8.30 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p>Line @busafe</p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div> <p>For International Students: 08 1139 3985</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>BU Mobile App: Select the "Emergency" menu.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Emergency Report Boxes: Located in the Parking Lot</p> </div> </div>

HOSPITALS

Hospitals Nearby Bangkok University

Thammasat Advanced Medical Center (THAMC)

Address: 95 Moo 8 Phahonyothin Rd, Khlong 1, Khlong Luang, Pathum Thani 12120

Tel: +66-2078-0000

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7d2G6qsuDtmyZQm87>



Thammasat University Hospital

Address: 95/8, Khlongnueng sub-district, Khlongluang, Pathum Thani, 12120

Tel: +66-2926-9999

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/JYjkGfTb1cEjfXga9>



Phatara Thonburi Hospital

Address: 32/410 Moo 6, Phahonyothin Rd., Klong 1, Klong Luang, Pathum Thani 12120

Tel: +66-2901-8400 to 8

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/A4C2m1i9EQJmN1ZB6>



Paolo Rangsit Hospital

Address: 11/1 Rangsit-Nakhon Nayok Road, Prachathipat, Thanyaburi, Pathum Thani 12130

Tel: +66-2577-8111

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DvoT6KJV1Sbeqi2T7>

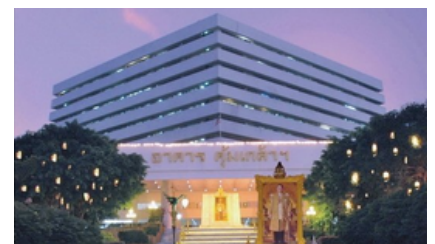


Bhumibol Adulyadej Hospital

Address: 171 Phahonyothin Rd, Khlong Thanon, Sai Mai, Bangkok 10220

Tel: +66-2534-7000

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/CQfgudoB282ftxYM7>





❖ HOSPITALS MAP

THAMC
3.9 km



**Thammasat
University Hospital**
3.9 km



Bangkok University

Phahonyothin Road



**Phatara Thonburi
Hospital**
5.9 km



Paolo Rangsit Hospital
13.6 km



Bhumibol Adulyadej Hospital
21.7 km



INTERNET ACCESS

All students will receive a username and password to log in to BU internet services.

WiFi Account on Campus

BU provides the WiFi account and password for students to use on campus. Please DO NOT disclose the account and password details to others. Account Holders will be solely and fully responsible for all activities occurred under their account. Students may register for their Internet Account at <https://accountbumail.bu.ac.th/>

Registration Procedures

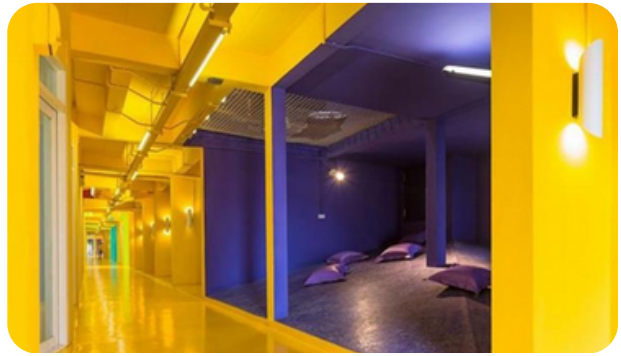
- Register using your Student Identification Number. For example: Student ID Number 1680100011 and the 8-digit number from your National Identification Number or Passport Number, e.g., 31000512.
- When you click Submit, the system will provide your Username (which consists of your first name followed by a dot and the first four letters of your last name, e.g., somchai.kiat).
- After registration, you may log in to use email services at www.gmail.com by entering your Username followed by @bumail.net, along with your password.

IT Support

- Computer Center (5th Floor of Building B4)
- LINE Official Account <https://line.me/R/ti/p/@snz0536j>



FACILITIES



- **Surat Osathanugrah Library:** Houses over 300,000 books and multimedia items
- **Southeast Asian Ceramics Museum (SEACM)** at Bangkok University: Houses over 2,000 pieces of ancient and rare ceramics
- **Pongtip Osathanugrah Communication Arts Complex:** One of the largest and most modern university-level communication studios and learning facilities in Asia
- **Bangkok University Art Gallery:** Recognized as one of the best university art galleries in Thailand, regularly hosting national and international exhibitions of contemporary art
- **Suree Buranathanit Sport Complex:** Home to university football and tennis matches
- **Prayer Rooms** are available in both the SAC Building and the International Center Office

Dining Services

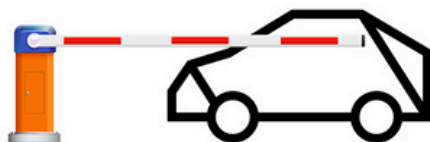
- BU Canteens
- BU Cafeteria
- BU Restaurant





VEHICLES PARKING

ลงทะเบียนยานพาหนะสำหรับนักศึกษา (เฉพาะรถคันใหม่)
**FOR VEHICLES PARKING AT BU PARKING LOTS
 FREE OF CHARGE!**



How to Pass Automatic Barrier



Register
a License Plate Number



System Scans
a License Plate Number



Scan BU Student ID Card

Register by scanning the QR Code below.



Starting July 1, 2022
 Automatic Barrier
 at Parking Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Parking Lots 2 and 5: Students may park
 from 07.00 hrs. onward.

Parking Lots 3 and 4: Students may park
 after 11.00 hrs.



Maximum Vehicle Registration per Person:
 Up to 2 vehicles

** Unregistered vehicles may park at Parking Lot 6 (School of Communication Arts Parking Lot)
 and Parking Lot 7 (The Seree Buranathanit Sport Center).



STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND CAMPUS LIFE



EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Affiliated Institutions for Student Exchange Program

Bangkok University is affiliated with numerous highly reputed universities that provide full support in exchanging ideas on educational formats and development, curriculum and teaching methods, including relevant materials and research collaboration. In addition, many collaborative agreements have been initiated with universities from countries and territories including:

North America

- United States of America
- Canada
- Mexico

Africa

- South Africa

Asia

- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Vietnam

Europe

- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Italy
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Russia
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

Oceania

- Australia

Exchange Program Requirements:

- Must hold Bangkok University undergraduate student status with a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Must have a good record of conduct and good health
- Must be able to cover living expenses while studying abroad
- Must have English proficiency at B2 level or higher, or submit TOEFL, IELTS, or JLPT scores (if applicable)

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Student's Responsibilities:

Passport and visa fees, travel and living expenses, insurance coverage, and tuition and fees at Bangkok University.

Conditions:

- Study for one or two semesters at affiliated overseas institutions
- Application and tuition fees at overseas institutions are waived
- Tuition and other fees are paid at the regular Bangkok University rate for the equivalent number of enrolled credits
- Credits earned at overseas institutions are transferable to Bangkok University
- Appropriate English proficiency test scores are required

How to Contact Study Abroad Team:

- Send an email to studyabroad@bu.ac.th
- Explore the website at <https://internationalcenter.bu.ac.th/>
- Stay updated by following us on social media





LIVING IN THAILAND

Things to Know about Thailand

Weather in Thailand

Thailand is located between vast areas of land and water, making it affected by both the summer and winter monsoons. As a result, Thailand experiences six months of rainfall during the wet season, three months of dry and cool breezes during the winter, and three months of heat during the summer. The average temperature in Thailand ranges from 18 to 38°C.

Thai Culture

Thai culture is a rich and unique mix shaped by history, religion, and local traditions. You'll notice the influence of Buddhism in daily life, along with customs passed down through generations and regional practices that vary across the country. This blend creates what we call "Thainess" — the warm, respectful, and friendly way of life that defines Thailand.

We hope that international students will have the chance to experience this culture firsthand — through festivals, food, language, and the kindness of the people. It's more than just a cultural experience; it's a meaningful part of your journey here at BU and in Thailand.

Thai Cuisine

When you sit down to eat in Thailand, the smell of delicious food rises from your plate and makes your mouth water. You'll see a colorful mix of ingredients, and with the first bite, you'll taste a perfect blend of salty, sweet, sour, spicy--and sometimes even bitter--flavors.

Thai food is more than just tasty; it's a big part of why Thailand is known around the world. You'll often see Thai cities on top travel lists, and the food is a major reason why. Some dishes highlight one strong flavor, while others are carefully balanced for that rich umami taste.

One great thing about Thai cuisine is how flexible it is. No matter your diet or food preferences, there's something for everyone. Many Thai ingredients are also healthy and full of natural benefits.



But Thai food is more than just a meal. Each bite is filled with stories, culture, and tradition that have developed over hundreds of years. It's a delicious way to experience Thai life and history!



🍀 LIVING IN THAILAND

Things to Know about Thailand

Thai Baht

Thailand's currency is the Baht, which is made up of 100 Satang. While Satang coins (25 and 50 Satang) still exist, they're mostly used in large supermarkets where exact prices aren't rounded to the nearest Baht.

You'll find a variety of coins in everyday use, including 1, 2, 5, and 10 Baht. The 2 Baht coin can be easily mistaken for the 1 Baht coin due to their similar size, though the 2 Baht coin has a gold color to help distinguish it.

Paper bills come in different colors and sizes for easy recognition:

- 20 Baht (green)
- 50 Baht (blue)
- 100 Baht (red)
- 500 Baht (purple)
- 1,000 Baht (beige)

Daily Costs

Budget: (up to) 1,000 Baht

Market/Street Stall Meal: 50-100 Baht

Public Transport around Town: 40-100 Baht

Textbook/ Uniform/ Supplies: 5,000 Baht per Semester





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Things to Know about Thailand

Basic Thai Words and Phrases

Thai language uses long and short tones, high tones and low tones in pronunciation to describe a word. For example, a word such as "kao" has many meanings, depending on the tone with which it is spoken. "Kao" can mean: nine, knee, rice, come in, or news, depending on the tone used when it is spoken.

The words listed below have been written as you would pronounce them in English. Because the Thai alphabet is different than that in English, it requires learning the different letters and how to pronounce them in order to read Thai. Let's take a look at some common Thai words, using Latin alphabets so that you can pronounce the words more easily.

English Word/Phrase

Pronunciation of Thai Word

Hello	Sawad dee
Goodbye	La kon
Thank you	Kob khun krap (man says)
Thank you	Kob khun ka (woman says)
Sorry	Kor toad krap/ka
How are you?	Khun sabai di mai?
I am fine, thanks	Pom sabai di krap
I am fine, thanks	Chan sabai di ka
You're welcome	Yin dee krap/ka
I	Pom (man)/Chan (woman)
We	Rao
You	Khun
To come from	Ma jak
I come from Japan	Pom ma jak pratet Yee Poon krab (man)
	Chan ma jak pratet Yee Poon ka (woman)
I love Thailand	Pom/Chan rak Meuang Thai
I love you	Pom/Chan rak khun
Room	Hong
Electricity	Fai fah
Toilet	Hong nam
Where is the toilet?	Hong nam yoo nai?
To enter	Kao
Heart	Hua jai
To understand	Kao jai (literally: "to enter the heart")
Don't understand	Mai kao jai
Have	Mee
I have	Pom/Chan mee
I don't have	Pom/Chan mai mee
You have	Khun mee
You don't have	Khun mai mee
Cannot hear you	Mai dai yin khun
I can hear you	Pom/Chan dai yin khun



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Things to Know about Thailand

Eating and Drinking

Following are some commonly used Thai words and phrases pertaining to eating and drinking.

English Word/Phrase	Pronunciation of Thai Word
To eat	Gin
To drink	Deum
Food	A-han
Breakfast	A-han chao
Lunch	A-han klang wan
Dinner	A-han yen
Snack	A-han wang
Rice	Kao
Bread	Kanom pang
Dessert	Kanom
Water	Nam
I am thirsty	Pom/Chan hew nam
I am hungry	Pom/Chan hew
Are you hungry?	Khun hew mai?
Tasty	A-roy
I've eaten already, thank you	Pom/Chan gin laew, kob khun krap/ka,
I am full, thank you	Pom/Chan im laew, krap/ka

How to Ask a Question or Make a Negative Phrase

To ask a question in Thai, just add **MAI** at the end of the phrase or sentence. To make the statement negative, just add **MAI** at the beginning of the phrase or sentence.

English Word/Phrase	Pronunciation of Thai Word
Are you happy?	Khun mee kwam sook mai?
Do you have a boyfriend?	Khun mee fan mai?
I don't know	Mai ru krap/ka
I don't like it	Mai chob krap/ka
I'm not hungry	Mai hew krap/ka
No, thank you	Mai ao krap/ka
It doesn't matter	Mai pen rai krap/ka

TIPS & GUIDES:

Basically, "Krap" is used by male speakers and "Ka" is used by female speakers. "Krap" and "Ka" are polite particles.

CONTACTS AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION

BU Admissions Information

- BU Admission Office : <https://www.bu.ac.th/en/admission-info>
- BU International Program: <https://www.bu.ac.th/en/international-programs>
- Email: admission@bu.ac.th
- Admission Period
 - Semester 1: August - December
 - Semester 2: January - August

Inbound and Outbound Exchange Program

- Website: <https://internationalcenter.bu.ac.th/>
- Email: studyabroad@bu.ac.th

Visa and International Services

- Email: visa@bu.ac.th

Dual Degree

- Website: <https://www.bu.ac.th/en/international-programs/double-degree>
- Email: bui@bu.ac.th

Other services

- BU LINKS: <https://bulinks.bu.ac.th/en/home-en/>
- International Center: internationalcenter@bu.ac.th
- Letter of Recommendation: buiao@bu.ac.th

Academic Semesters

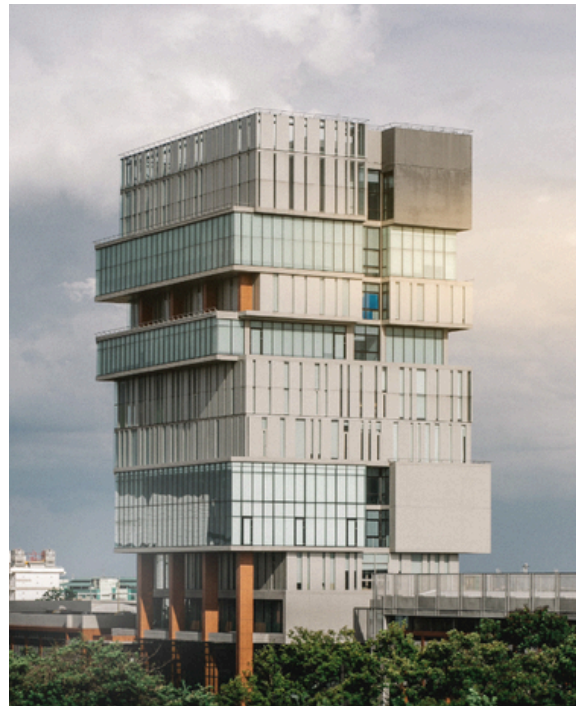
Semester 1: August - December

Semester 2: January - May

Summer Session: June - July

Semester Breaks

- Summer Break in June-July
- Winter Break in December





CAMPUS MAP

BANGKOK UNIVERSITY

ZONE A

- 1 อาคาร A1
Building A1
- 2 อาคาร A2
Building A2
- 3 อาคาร A3
Building A3
- 4 อาคาร A4
Building A4
- 5 อาคาร A5
Building A5 (Tourism Tower)
- 6 อาคาร A6
Building A6
- 7 อาคาร A7
Building A7
- 8 อาคาร A8
Building A8 (Imagine Village)
ศูนย์รับสมัครและบริการข้อมูล
Admissions & Information Center
- 9 พระพุทธรัตนบุปผี
Buddha Shrine
- 10 เรือนไทย
Thai House

- 11 ศูนย์บริการจากสถานที่
Building Services Center
- 12 ศูนย์กิจกรรมนักศึกษา
Student Activities Center (SAC)
- 13 อาคารอเนกประสงค์
Multipurpose Building
- 14 โรงอาหาร 1-2
Cafeteria 1-2
- 15 ร้านสะดวกซื้อ
BU Co-Operative Store
- 16 สวนร่มไม้
Rest Area 2
- 17 ศาลาพักผ่อน
Rest Area 1
- 18 บ้านพักนักกีฬา
Athlete House

ZONE B

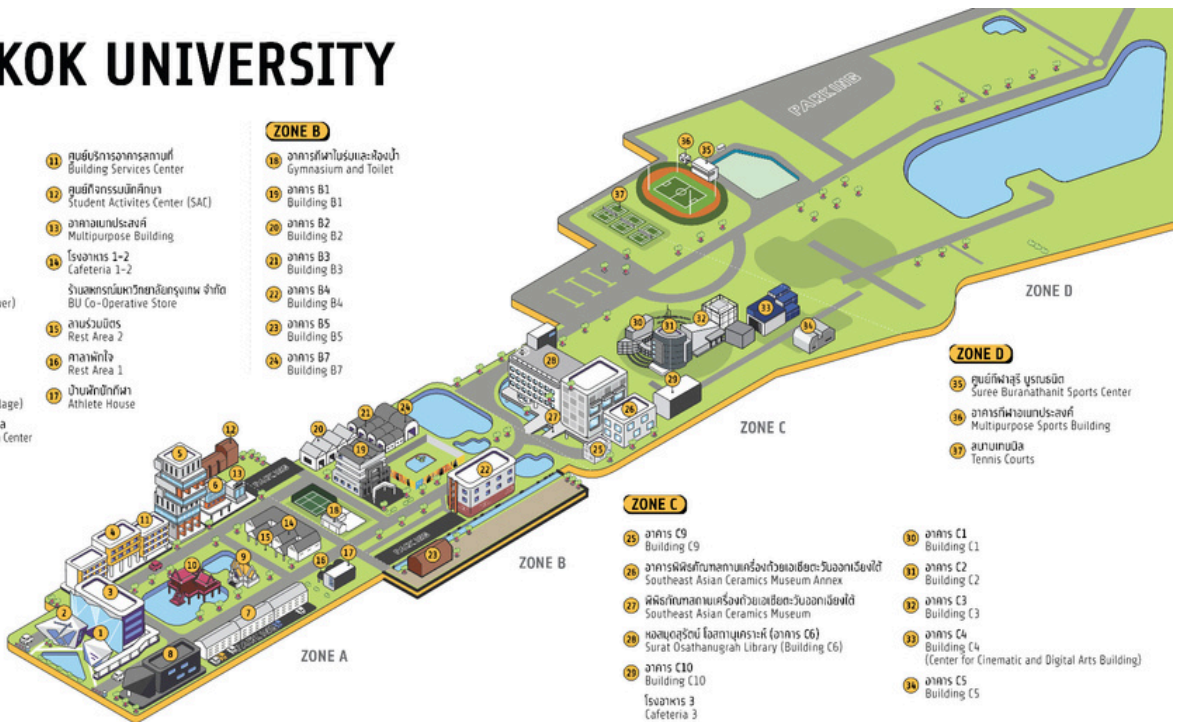
- 19 อาคารกีฬาและสันทนาการ
Gymnasium and Toilet
- 20 อาคาร B1
Building B1
- 21 อาคาร B2
Building B2
- 22 อาคาร B3
Building B3
- 23 อาคาร B4
Building B4
- 24 อาคาร B5
Building B5
- 25 อาคาร B7
Building B7

ZONE C

- 26 อาคาร C9
Building C9
- 27 อาคารพิพิธภัณฑ์เครื่องถ้วยเคลือบสีจากเมืองใต้
Southeast Asian Ceramics Museum Annex
- 28 พิพิธภัณฑ์เครื่องถ้วยเคลือบสีจากเมืองใต้
Southeast Asian Ceramics Museum
- 29 หอสมุดรัตนโกสินทร์ (อาคาร C6)
Surat Osathanugrah Library (Building C6)
- 30 อาคาร C10
Building C10
- 31 โรงอาหาร 3
Cafeteria 3

ZONE D

- 32 ศูนย์กีฬาบุรีรัมย์
Surree Buranathanit Sports Center
- 33 อาคารกีฬาอเนกประสงค์
Multipurpose Sports Building
- 34 สนามเทนนิส
Tennis Courts



Campus Visit

For the general public, please contact the Student Admissions Department to arrange a visit to Bangkok University.

Opening hours: 09.00 hrs - 05.00 hrs (Mondays - Fridays), excluding public holidays.

Campus Visiting Appointment

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