Assumption University
Theodore Maria School of Arts
Department of General Education
Course Outline 2/2026

Course : GE 1405 Thai Language and Culture (For non-Thai students)
GE 1409 Thai Language for Intercultural Communication (For non-Thai students)

Credit : 3

Status : General Education Requirement and/or free elective course for international students (non-Thai students only)

Prerequisite : None

Lecturer : Dr. Jaruwan Puangmalee

Course Description : Thai language for basic communication, basic knowledge in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Thai cultural and traditional patterns, ways of life, festivals and local culture in different parts of Thailand.

Objectives : By the end of the course student should be able to

1. communicate in basic Thai in daily life;
2. understand Thai culture and tradition;
3. apply the knowledge of Thai language culture and tradition in real-life Thai setting;
4. respect mutually of different culture, languages and religions.

Teaching-Learning Activities: Online teaching and learning

1. Lectures
2. Discussions
3. Presentations
4. Thai cultural excursion
5. Intercultural Project

CONTENT STRUCTURE

LANGUAGE	CULTURE
Unit 1: - Greetings and self-introduction - Campus life * Speaking test 1 “Campus life”	**Unit 1**: Thai ways of life - Thai “Wai” gesture - Do and Don’t in Thai society
Unit 2: - Action words and command	**Unit 2**: Elements influencing the characteristics of Thai people - Thai National Identity - Thai National Symbol - Thai National Flag - Geography of Thailand
Unit 3: Day / Month / Time - Holiday in Thailand - Time - Day - Month - Class sechedule / Daily activity * Speaking test 2 “ Class schedule / daily activity”	**Unit 3**: Elements influencing the characteristics of Thai people - Buddhism influenced on Thai society - Buddhist ceremony
Unit 4: Thai language unit 4: At the restaurant - Taste - Drink - Dish - Conversation “At the restaurant” * Speaking test 3 “At the restaurant”	**Unit 4: Thai cuisine and eating habits** - Thai culture of cooking - Thai culture of eating - Regional food - Taste and ingredient
Unit 5: Asking and giving directions - Important location in daily life - Directions Conversation – Giving the directions * Speaking test 4 “Traveling around”	**Unit 4: Thai ceremony** - Royal ceremony - Social ceremony - Family ceremony - Buddhist cerermony
Unit 6: Shopping - Conversation - Shopping at the department store	**Unit 5: Thai art** - Principle of Thai art - Thai craft

- Shopping at fresh market * Speaking test5: “Shopping at the department store / “Shopping at fresh market”	- Thai costume - Thai temple - Thai house - Thai boxing
Unit 7: Part of body and go to see a doctor	

LESSON PLAN

Week	Period	Content
1	1	Course orientation
	2	**Thai language unit 1: Greeting and self-introduction** - Greeting and Self introduction - Thank you - Apology - Farewell
2	3	**Thai language unit 1: Campus life** - Campus life
	4	Basic Knowledge of Thai Language - Partner pairing *** Speaking test Unit 1 Campus life (5%)**
3	5	**Thai culture unit 1: Thai ways of life** - Do and Don’t in Thai society - Thai National Identity - Thai National Symbol
	6	- Thai National flag - Thai National anthem - Geography of Thailand
4	7	**Thai language unit 2: Action verb and command** - Action verb and command
	8	**Thai language unit 2: Action verb and command** - Action verb and command
5	9	**Thai culture unit 2: Elements influencing the characteristics of Thai people** - Buddhist influenced on Thai society
	10	**Thai culture unit 2: Elements influencing the characteristics of Thai people** - Buddhist influenced on Thai society
6	11	**Unit 4: Day / Month / Time**

Week	Period	Content
		- Holiday in Thailand - Time - Day - Month
	12	**Unit 4: Day / Month / Time** - Day - Month - Conversation – Class schedule / Daily activity * **Speaking test Unit 2 Class schedule / Daily activity (5%)**
7	13	**Unit 3: Thai language unit 4: At the restaurant** - Taste - Drink - Dish - Conversation
	14	**Unit 3: Thai language unit 4: At the restaurant** - Taste - Drink - Dish
8	15	* **Project preparation**
	16	* **Speaking test Unit 3 At the restaurang (5%)**
9	17	**Unit 4: Thai ceremony** - Royal ceremony - Buddhist ceremony
	18	**Unit 4: Thai ceremony** - Family ceremony - Social ceremony
10	19	**Unit 5: Shopping** - Number - Cloth - Color

Week	Period	Content
		- Personal items - Bathroom items - Household items - School supplies
	20	* **Speaking test Unit 4 Shopping at the restaurant / fresh market (5%)**
11	21	**Unit 4: Thai ceremony** - Social ceremony - Royal ceremony
	22	**Unit 4: Thai ceremony** - Buddhist ceremony - Family ceremony
12	23	**Unit 5: Thai art** Principle of Thai art
	24	**Unit 5: Thai art** - Thai craft - Thai costume
13	25	**Thai culture unit 2: Thai arts** - Thai temple - Thai house - Thai boxing
	26	**Field trip assignment (15%)**
14	27	**Thai language unit 7: Part of body and go to see a doctor** - Body parts - Go to see a doctor - Conversation - Go to sea a doctor
	28	*** Speaking test 5 - Unit 7: Part of body and go to see a doctor**
15	29	**Presentation**
	30	**Presentation**

----------FINAL EXAMINATION----------

Date : March 10, 2027 Time : 9.00 – 12.00 (3 Hours)

Mark Allocation	**:**	Attendance	10 %
		Presentation	10 %
		Field Trip	15 %
		Intercultural project	15%
		Speaking test	25 %
		Final examination	25 %
		Total	**100 %**

Students are encouraged to regularly check their marks and attendance in MS Teams. Once the Final exam is completed, there will be no adjustments made to the grades if students raise any concerns.

Communication with teacher through message:
When students wish to contact the teacher for any reason, they are kindly requested to clearly state the course, section and student id they are enrolled in. If that information is not provided, the issues mentioned in the message cannot be verified or further clarified.

Example:
My name is [Your Name] and I am a student in your [Course Name] class, section [Section Number].

I am writing to [ask a question / seek clarification / discuss a topic / request a meeting / etc.].

1. Attendance (10 %)

When students have completed a total of 24 classes, they will receive full Attendance points. If there are periods when they are unable to attend, certification is not required, but students are encouraged to keep up with the course content and assignments.

2. Presentation: Current Event in Thailand

1. Select Current Events
    1) Choose 15 recent and relevant events occurring in Thailand.
    2) Ensure that the selected events focus on one category such as politics, economy, culture, health, sport, entertainment, and environment.
2. Research Each Event
    1) Gather information from reliable sources such as news articles, government reports, and scholarly publications.
    2) Focus on understanding the context, significance, and impact of each event.
3. Organize Information

    Create a clear outline for your presentation.
    - Title of the event.
    - Date and location.
    - Key details (who, what, when, where, why).

- Impact or implications of the event to Thailand and nationwide.

4. Creating Visual Aids
   - Prepare slides or visual aids to accompany your presentation.
   - Use images or charts where applicable.
5. Engage the Audience
   - During your presentation, encourage audience interaction. Ask questions or invite comments to keep the audience engaged. This can enhance the learning experience for everyone.
6. Time Management

   Plan the duration of your presentation, ensuring you allocate enough time to cover all 15 events without rushing.
7. Provide a Summary
   - At the end of your presentation, briefly summarize the key points covered.
   - Highlight the broader trends or themes observed across the events to reinforce understanding.

3. Field Trip and workshop (15 %)

The field trip assignment will be in the first period after the field trip.

4. Speaking test (25 %)

Speaking test schedule

	Schedule	Topic
1.	Week 2	Unit 1: Greetings and Campus life
2.	Week 6	Unit 2/3: Action verbs & Command / Go for shopping
3.	Week 8	Unit 4: Day / Month / Time
4.	Week 13	Unit 5: At the restaurant
5.	Week 15	Unit 7: Body and go to see a doctor

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