



Mahidol University Regulation
on Flexible Education and Credit Bank System
B.E. 2563 (2020)

Mahidol University realizes the importance of economic, social and environmental changes as well as the rapid development, which has caused different systems to change especially the education system. It is therefore necessary to develop an education management system in line with the advancement of technology that facilitates a wide range of knowledge in order to increase the opportunity for lifelong learning by which learners can develop themselves. In addition, they will be able to adapt their skills to the current situation through different courses as well as short-term and long-term programs that learners can use their grades and learning outcomes for credit accumulation.

The National Education Act, B.E. 2552 (2009), section 8 states that provision of education adheres to the principles of lifelong education for people. Moreover, section 15 stipulates three types of education including formal, non-formal and informal education, and learners are allowed to accumulate grades in the same or different formats. Thus, it is appropriate to set guidelines for flexible education and the credit bank system for higher education that competencies and abilities are emphasized. This enables the connection of formal, non-formal and informal education in order to promote lifelong learning.

By virtue of section 24(2) of the Mahidol University Act, B.E.2550 (2007), Mahidol University Council, at its 556th meeting, on 20th May 2020, agreed to enact the following regulations.

Clause 1 This regulation is referred to as “Mahidol University Regulation on Flexible Education and Credit Bank System, B.E. 2563 (2020).”

Clause 2 The regulation shall come into force from the following day after the announcement date onwards.

Clause 3 According to regulation,

“University” means Mahidol University

“Working Unit” means a faculty, a campus, an institute, a center, or other working units called otherwise, as well as the establishment program by which teaching and learning of all programs are provided.

“ Course” means the courses offered in both undergraduate and graduate programs of Mahidol University.

“Flexible Education” means a form of teaching and learning management allowing learners to manage their own learning according to their potential, attitudes, and interests in order to achieve their learning goals.

“ Credit Bank System” means the system and mechanisms for the transfer of credits derived from the measurement of knowledge and/or competencies obtained from formal, non-formal and informal education, then accumulated in the credit bank.

“ Credit Bank” means the system for accumulating credits for learners who have enrolled in the courses provided by Mahidol University and that obtained from the credit transfer in the credit bank system. The evidence of credit accumulation, such as credit accumulation books, online electronic portfolios shall be deposited in the credit bank of Mahidol University.

“Formal Education” means an education form of which its objectives, methods, curricula, duration of study, measurement and evaluation of study results must be set up. These are absolute conditions of graduation prior to awarding a certificate, an advanced certificate, a diploma, a bachelor’s degree or other qualifications recognized by Mahidol University.

“Non-Formal Education” means a form of study with flexibility in setting objectives, patterns, methods of education management, study duration, measurement and evaluation of learning outcomes, which are included in the graduation conditions. Its content and curricula must be appropriate and consistent with existing problems as well as the needs of each individual group.

“ Informal Education” means a form of education that allows learners to learn by themselves based on their interests, potential, availability and opportunities. The learners may learn from people, experiences, society, environments, media and other sources of knowledge.

“Study Result” means the knowledge, skills and attitudes derived from formal education. This can be shown in terms of score symbols or grade points used to figure out study results or calculate the cumulative grade points average.

“Learning Outcome” means the knowledge, skills and attitudes derived from formal, non-formal and informal education. The outcomes shall be equivalent to the standards of each qualification under the national qualifications framework for higher education, professional qualification standards or other relevant standards that can be measured and assessed by various means.

Clause 4 The persons who are able to accumulate credits in Mahidol University credit bank are as follows:

- (1) The persons with the status of Mahidol University students
- (2) General persons who are not Mahidol University students

Clause 5 The student enrollment, study duration, course transfer and credit transfer shall comply with the specifications of each particular course, program or training program in compliance with the criteria of the university or its working units.

Clause 6 The tuition fee and other payments shall comply with the university announcement.

Clause 7 The persons who register for a course, a program or a training program of the university shall pass the process of teaching and learning management, the process of education measurement and evaluation in accordance with the criteria of the university or its working units.

Clause 8 The study results or learning outcomes can be accumulated in the credit bank system within the time specified by the program, starting from the end of the semester.

Clause 9 Providing that the persons registering for courses in the credit bank system want to enroll in the formal education system, they shall submit their requests to the university, and this shall comply with the criteria of the university or its working units.

Clause 10 Providing that the persons registering for courses in the credit bank system complete the course registration as specified by the program, they can submit their requests for graduation, and this shall comply with the criteria of the university or its working units.

Clause 11 The transfer of courses or credits into the credit bank system of the university from the non-formal and/or informal education in the credit bank system shall comply with the criteria of the university or its working units.

Clause 12 The President shall be in charge of executing this regulation.

In the case of compliance problems, the President shall have the power to judge and give orders as he deems appropriate, and this shall be regarded as final.

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