



Mahidol University  
Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies

# Master of Arts in Human Rights – MAHR (International Program)

2019 Prospectus

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## About Mahidol University

### History

Mahidol University has its origins in the establishment of Siriraj Hospital in 1888 by His Majesty King Chulalongkorn (Rama V), and the hospital's medical school is the oldest institution of higher learning in Thailand, granting its first medical degree in 1893. Later becoming the University of Medical Sciences in 1943, Mahidol University was renamed with great honor in 1969 by H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, after his Royal Father, H.R.H Prince Mahidol of Songkla, who is widely known as the 'Father of Modern Medicine and Public Health in Thailand'.

Mahidol University has since developed into one of the most prestigious universities in Thailand, internationally known and recognized for the high caliber of research and teaching by its faculty, and its outstanding achievements in teaching, research, international academic collaboration and professional services. This diversified institution now offers top quality programs in numerous social and cultural disciplines, including the greatest number of doctoral programs of any institution in Thailand, yet has maintained its traditional excellence in medicine and the sciences.

### Location

Located in the cosmopolitan city of Bangkok, Mahidol University can draw on a wide range of educational, cultural and social activities to augment and complement its modern academic resources and diverse research activities. The university has three campuses in the Bangkok metropolitan area: the large suburban campus at **Salaya** in nearby Nakhon Pathom province, and two inner city campuses, in **Bangkok Noi** on the Chao Phraya River, and in **Phayathai** near the Victory Monument. In addition, the College of Management has an office tower in central Bangkok. There are also new provincial campuses in **Kanchanaburi** and **Nakorn Sawan**, although they are limited to Thai students at present.

Our modern computer network and the Mahidol University Library and Information Center network provide computing and library services, and electronically link all the campuses. Each campus also has a full range of academic, research, accommodation, cafeteria, sport and recreation facilities, as well as a lively academic calendar, ensuring a well-rounded experience for both staff and students.

### About Salaya Campus

Salaya Campus, opened in 1982, is located just a few hundred meters from Bangkok's city limits in Phuttamonthon District, Nakhon Pathom Province, on 520 acres (210 hectares) of natural beauty, landscaped gardens and tropical foliage. The relaxing semi-rural setting, within easy reach of central Bangkok, makes it ideal for studying or working in tranquility without losing out on the myriad opportunities available in the city proper.

Salaya is also home to many foreign staff members, including lecturers and administrative personnel at MUIC and other academic, research and administrative divisions. Salaya Campus houses the largest number and widest variety of Mahidol University's academic and research facilities, including **17 Faculties, 7 Institutes, 9 Centers and 6 Colleges**. Numerous other sub-faculty level Research Centers and Laboratories are also located on campus, along with:



- the **Central Library** and 6 branch libraries of the **Mahidol University Library and Information Center**, as well as some independent faculty libraries;
- the **Student Union**, home to many student services, clubs and activities, and the main cafeteria;
- the **Office of the President**, the University administration building;
- numerous stores, eating establishments, sports facilities, student and staff dormitories and condominiums, and a comprehensive range of facilities for attending to the academic, professional and personal needs of staff and students.

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## The Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP)

### Vision

The Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies plays a leading role in academic inquiry and the evolution of practical wisdom in human rights and peace building.

### Mission

Promoting learning excellence in human rights and peace and engaging communities in transformations towards just peace.

### History

The Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP) was formed in 2011 through a merger of Mahidol University's Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development and the Research Center for Peacebuilding.

Founded in 1998, the Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development (CHRSD) established a record of accomplishment in providing postgraduate education and professional training to students, human rights workers, human rights defenders, members of civil society organizations, and government officials. The MA in Human Rights started by the CHRSD and continuing at the IHRP is the longest running graduate degree program in human rights in Southeast Asia.

The Research Center for Peacebuilding was launched in November 2004 to contribute to the peaceful solution of conflicts in Thailand. The work of the center focused on the conflict in the countries three southernmost provinces (Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat). The Center developed and implemented considerable action and participatory research projects. These projects concentrated on facilitating cooperative efforts to open spaces for dialogue at all levels, to reduce violence, and to identify the needs of communities and society. The projects also provided inputs for new public policies to contribute to the transformation of conflicts and to a just and peaceful society.

The IHRP combines the experience and perspectives of its two predecessors. The institute remains committed to the advancement of human rights and peace through education and professional training, through outreach programs, and through cutting-edge research on social and political issues at the community, national, and international levels. With its uniquely interdisciplinary environment, IHRP is helping to shape the fields of peace, conflict, justice and human rights studies in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

### Teaching

#### Degree Programs

Human rights in Asia face great challenges, but have at the same time an exciting potential for improving lives and for helping to shape the future of the region. The establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights in 2009 and the adoption of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration in 2012 illustrate that the central role of human rights receives increasing recognition in Asia. There is an evident need for trained human rights academics and professionals with regional expertise enabling them to contribute to and help implement effective and evidence-based policy. With its location in Bangkok, Mahidol University's IHRP is in a unique position to respond to this demand by



offering graduate programs in human rights and peace studies to international students. All degree programs at the institute focus on Asia and combine a commitment to quality with a progressive and open-minded outlook and a stimulating and supportive academic environment.

In addition to the MA in Human Rights (International Program), the IHRP currently offers the following degree programs:

- MA in Human Rights and Peace Studies (Thai Program),
- MA in Human Rights and Democratization – APMA (Asia Pacific Regional Program),
- PhD in Human Rights and Peace Studies (International Program).

#### Professional Development

The IHRP also provides professional training courses for academics, activists and government officers to promote human rights, peace and just development in the region. For the past several years, the IHRP has gained a reputation for annual training courses, including the South East Asian Advanced Program on Human Rights and the Annual Thematic Human Rights Training Program.

The IHRP is part of the internationalized community at Mahidol University. Our degree programs and training courses draw students, participants, and lecturers from many countries in Asia and beyond.

#### Research and Outreach

The activities of the institute are structured loosely into seven clusters, respectively focusing on:

- migration (coordinated by [Dr. Naparat Kranrattanasuit](#)),
- human rights education (coordinated by [Dr. Vachararutai \[Jan\] Boontinand](#)),
- Thailand's Deep South (coordinated by [Aj. Ngamsuk Rattanasatian](#)),
- environmental issues (coordinated by [Dr. Bencharat Sae Chua](#)),
- political rights (coordinated by [Dr. Eakpant Pindavanija](#))
- the ASEAN Human Rights Network (coordinated by [Dr. Sriprapha Petcharamesree](#))
- ethnic minorities (coordinated by [Dr. Suphatmet Yunyasit](#)).

The cluster coordinators are happy to answer inquiries by prospective students.

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## The Master of Arts in Human Rights – MAHR (International Program)

Launched in 1999, Mahidol's Master of Arts in Human Rights is the first program in empirical human rights studies in Southeast Asia. The program fosters an interdisciplinary social scientific approach to human rights problems. We take pride in our twenty-year record of graduating highly qualified human rights professionals, who are now found in non-governmental organizations, international organizations, and government agencies throughout and beyond the region.

The Master of Arts in Human Rights offers a well-rounded and varied set of courses that gives students a solid grounding in human rights studies as an interdisciplinary field. However, it is its research-intensive character that distinguishes the program. The curriculum affords students enough time to develop an exciting empirical project idea while they are immersing themselves into human rights studies during the coursework of the first two semesters. Students develop their initial concept into a research proposal in the following summer. The second year of the program focuses on thesis research with abundant opportunity for fieldwork and adequate time for data analysis, the discussion and interpretation of results, and the drafting and revising of the thesis. Candidates complete the program with an oral defense of their theses and with a conference presentation or the publication of their research results.

From elaborating their proposals through the completion of their degrees, students test their ideas and share their research with one another and with faculty members. Regular work-in-progress colloquia help to keep projects on track and contribute to the supportive environment at the institute. In their work, students have access to the substantial resources of the library system at Mahidol University and to the excellent professional network of the institute and its members.

The faculty at the IHRP are passionate about their work and committed equally to research, teaching, and advising. Faculty members believe that advising plays a crucial role for success in graduate studies and strive to provide support for thesis research that is second to none. The institute promotes advising

- that is accessible,
- that balances necessary guidance with respect for the candidate's autonomy,
- and that is caring and understanding.

### Expected Program Outcomes

The program aims to foster in its graduates

- (1) professional ethos and leadership,
- (2) a thorough theoretical and methodological knowledge and understanding of human rights studies,
- (3) expertise in an area of specialization,
- (4) transferrable research skills,
- (5) autonomous learning,
- (6) advanced information literacy,
- (7) professional communication skills.

[Appendix 1](#) (p. 14) provides more detailed descriptions of these expected learning outcomes.



## Degree Structure and Courses

The degree requires successful completion of 36 graduate credits divided into 24 credits for coursework and 12 credits for the mandatory master's thesis. Each course contributes three credits.

Consult [Appendix 2](#) (p. 15) for official course descriptions.

**The degree must be completed within two years.**

### Required Courses

- HPHR 519: Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms
- HPHR 520: Seminar in Human Rights
- HPHR 504: Human Rights in Asia
- HPHR 505: Research Methods in Human Rights
- HPHR 506: Human Rights Theory

### Elective Courses

- HPHR 510: Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection
- HPHR 521: Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights
- HPHR 512: Human Rights in International Relations
- HPHR 518: Applied Research in Human Rights
- HPHR 522: Independent Study
- HPHR 523: Internship

### Thesis

- HPHR 698: Thesis

Prerequisites: (1) A successfully presented thesis proposal

(2) Ethics approval by one of Mahidol's Institutional Review Boards, prepared by participation in a research ethics workshop.

Credits are awarded following a successful oral defense of the completed thesis and a conference presentation or publication reporting the research results as approved by Mahidol's Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The thesis project requires a minimum of 90 days of research following the approval of the proposal. Students are required to consult their advisors regularly and to file monthly report on their work.

**Students must defend their theses at the IHRP.** The Faculty of Graduate Studies authorizes defenses via video link in exceptional cases only, imposing strict conditions.

### Internship Option

The program encourages students without prior experience in human rights work to take advantage of the internship elective. The program will facilitate contacts with suitable hosts. As an elective course carrying graduate credit, the internship requires graded academic work under the supervision of a faculty member in addition to the tasks assigned by the internship host.

**Please note that almost all internships are unpaid.**



### Soft Skills Requirement

In addition to regular courses, students are required to demonstrate professional and personal skills development in the following areas:

- language and communication skills,
- leaderships and management skills,
- information technology skills,
- creative and innovative skills.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies offers courses and workshops in these areas, which the IHRP supplements from time to time by special offers. Further information on soft skills development is available on the [website of the Faculty of Graduate Studies](#). Offers include Thai language courses. Fees may apply.

### Study Plan

The curriculum allows students two years for the completion of their degrees. The following study plan illustrates a realistic schedule that takes students in 21 months from the start of the coursework to the completion of all thesis requirements. Highly efficient students with excellent study, research, and language skills may be able to earn their master's in a somewhat shorter period, but it is safer to base planning on the regular program duration. The estimated overall cost of the program in [Appendix 3](#) (p. 18) therefore assumes a time-to-degree of 21 months.

**Regular consultations with the thesis advisor, participation in work-in-progress colloquia, and access to library resources play an essential role for keeping thesis projects on track.**

**The program therefore strongly advises all students to maintain residence within commuting distance to the IHRP for the entire duration of the program, from the start of the coursework through the completion of the thesis.**

**Scholarships students are required to remain in residence.**



|        |   |  |
|--------|---|--|
| Year 1 | Semester 1<br>Mid-August through mid December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course work               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required – HPHR 506: Human Rights Theory</li> <li>○ Required – HPHR 519: Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms</li> <li>○ Required – HPHR 504: Human Rights in Asia</li> <li>○ Elective – HPHR 510: Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
|        | Semester 2<br>Early January through early May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course work               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required – HPHR 505: Research Methods in Human Rights</li> <li>○ Required – HPHR 520: Seminar in Human Rights</li> <li>○ Elective – HPHR 521: Peace, Conflict Management &amp; Human Rights</li> <li>○ Elective – HPHR 512: Human Rights in International Relations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Research ethics workshop</li> <li>• Development of thesis topic               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drafting of a concept note</li> <li>○ Discussion of concept note with potential thesis advisors</li> <li>○ Establishment of an understanding with the prospective advisor</li> <li>○ Drafting of an empirical and legal background note and initial work on extant scholarship in consultation with the prospective advisor</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
|        | May-June                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing and submission of thesis proposal</li> <li>• Preparation of ethics review</li> </ul>  |
|        | Late June                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal defense*</li> <li>• Submission of project to one of MU’s Institutional Review Boards for ethics approval</li> </ul>  |
|        | July  | Reading period<br>— <i>Break</i> —   |
| Year 2 | Semester 1                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis research and writing in consultation with thesis advisor</li> </ul>  |
|        | Semester 2                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis defense</li> <li>• Academic conference presentation or academic publication of report on thesis research</li> </ul>  |

### Costs of Study

The costs of a graduate degree at Mahidol University are relatively low by international standards. The program can reduce tuition for most self-funded students, who will typically pay less than THB 190,000 in tuition and fees over the course of the program. For foreign students, this amount includes the premium of the mandatory health insurance. Living expenses will vary considerably with lifestyle and background. A recent survey of graduate students at the IHRP shows THB 15,500 per month to be a realistic estimate.

**Please note that foreign nationals staying in Thailand on student visas are not allowed to take up any work outside of their studies.**

See [Appendix 3](#) (p. 18) for a detail breakdown and a [timeline of estimated monthly expenses](#).



## Scholarships\*

On occasion of its twentieth anniversary, the program offers a range of merit-based scholarships for highly qualified applicants. [Admission requirements](#) vary with type of scholarship.

Scholarships are subject to the following conditions:

1. Continuance of all scholarships is contingent upon regular class attendance, satisfactory performance in coursework, and adequate research progress.
2. Scholarship holders are required to prepare for their studies before the start of the first term following the instructions of the program. Preparations may include the reading of several books and language exercises and are compatible with full-time employment.
3. Scholarship holders must remain in residence for the entire duration of the program.

### Mahidol-Norway Capacity Building Initiative for Myanmar, Phase 2

- **Up to two full scholarships** that cover all costs typically related to the completion of the degree, including tuition and fees, living expenses, and visa and travel costs. Please note that foreign nationals staying in Thailand on student visas are not allowed to take up any work outside of their studies.
- **Open to highly qualified applicants from Myanmar belonging to one of the following groups:**
  - faculty members of public universities and government officials of national institutions;
  - staff members of non-governmental or private institutions that play an important role for the development of the country;
  - female applicants;
  - candidates with indigenous backgrounds;
  - persons with disability.

### 60th Year Supreme Reign of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Scholarships

- **Up to two scholarships** offering a substantial reduction in tuition and fees (but no living allowance or support for travel).
- **Open to highly qualified Thai applicants only.**

### Mahidol Postgraduate Scholarships for International Students

- **Up to four scholarships** offering a living allowance and a full tuition and fee waiver (but no support for travel).
- **Up to two scholarships** offering a substantial reduction in tuition and fees (but no living allowance or support for travel).
- **Open to highly qualified non-Thai applicants.**

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\* Number and conditions of scholarships subject to change without notice.



### Emerging Scholar Program of the M.A. in Human Rights

- **Up to two scholarships** offering a substantial reduction in tuition and fees and a small allowance for the purchase of books each semester (but no living allowance or support for travel).
- Scholarship holders will have the opportunity to assist with activities and programs of the Institute and will be able to work closely with affiliated faculty members on human rights-related research and other academic activities.
- **Open to highly qualified applicants who show exceptional promise as researchers.** Applicants of all backgrounds are welcome. Among equally qualified candidates, priority is given to residents or citizens of low-income and lower middle-income countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate above all commitment to human rights, tolerance for diverse views, open-mindedness, and curiosity. Experience in human rights work or a related field is an advantage, but not required. The program will consider applications both by recent college graduates and by professionals with work experience.

The program requires the following academic and English proficiency scores. In exceptional cases, non-scholarship students not fully meeting all admission requirements may be allowed to enroll.

|   | Undergraduate<br>CumGPA | English Test Scores |   |     |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|-----|
| <b>Non-scholarship applicants</b>   | 2.50                    |                     |   |     |
| <b>Applicants for the 60th Year Supreme Reign of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Scholarships</b>         | 3.25                    | IELTS:              | ≥ | 6.0 |
| <b>Applicants for scholarships under the Mahidol-Norway Capacity Building Initiative for Myanmar, Phase 2</b> | 3.25                    | TOEFL-ITP:          | ≥ | 550 |
| <b>Applicants for Mahidol Postgraduate Scholarships for International Students</b>                            | 3.25                    | TOEFL-iBT:          | ≥ | 75  |
|   |                         | MU GRAD TEST:       | ≥ | 80  |
| <b>Applicants for the Emerging Scholar Program of the M.A. in Human Rights</b>                                | 3.50                    | IELTS:              | ≥ | 6.5 |
|   |                         | TOEFL-ITP:          | ≥ | 600 |
|   |                         | TOEFL-iBT:          | ≥ | 90  |
|   |                         | MU GRAD TEST:       | ≥ | 95  |

The following applicants are exempt from the submission of English test scores:

- native speakers of English;
- applicants who earned an English-medium undergraduate degree in a country where English is an official language.



### Application Procedure

Applicants must submit their documents in person, by postal service, or **via email to [ihrpma@mahidol.ac.th](mailto:ihrpma@mahidol.ac.th)**. Successful candidates will need to file their documents online with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. This online submission incurs a fee of THB 500.

**All applicants** must submit the following documents:

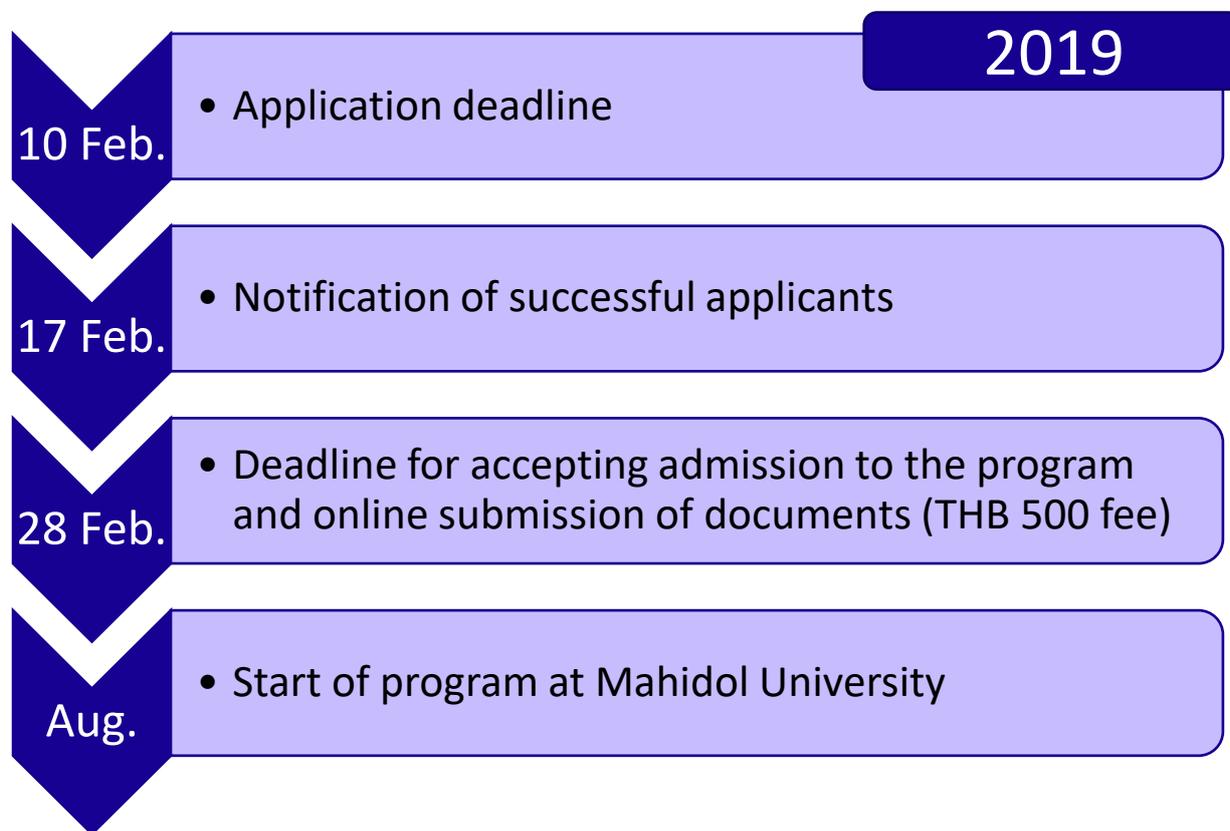
- the completed application form ([available online](#));
- a personal statement
  - detailing their motivation for pursuing a master's in human rights,
  - discussing their area(s) of interest within the broader field of human rights,
  - outlining ideas for their thesis research,
  - explaining how the completion of the program will contribute to their career goals;
- the degree certificate(s) and academic transcript(s), including an official explanation of the grading system;
- an English language test certificate (IELTS, TOEFL-ITP, TOEFL-IBT, or MU GRAD TEST);
- a curriculum vitae;
- two references (to be sent by the referees in institutional envelopes or using institutional email accounts).
- a recent sample of academic writing. with their application (**scholarship applicants only**).

**Applicants for the emerging scholar program** must demonstrate their potential as empirical researchers.

**The program will only consider complete submissions.**



## Application and Admission Timeline



## Second-Semester Admissions

The program does not call for mid-year applications, but may admit students at the start of the second semester on a case-by-case basis. Please address inquiries to [ihrpma@mahidol.ac.th](mailto:ihrpma@mahidol.ac.th).



## Appendixes

### Appendix 1: Expected Learning Outcomes

#### **(1) Professional Ethos and Leadership**

Acts in accordance with internationally recognized human rights principles; takes initiative in highlighting and addressing human-rights related deficiencies in existing norms and practices for possible review and amendment. Actively encourages others to apply internationally recognized human rights principles in the work environment and the wider community.

Applies human rights principles in cooperating with others, in exercising formal and informal leadership, and in enhancing the effectiveness of collaborative work as a group member. Accepts responsibility for own work.

#### **(2) Theoretical and Methodological Knowledge and Understanding of Human Rights Studies**

Has thorough knowledge and critical understanding of human rights studies as a field of interdisciplinary study and professional practice. Understands how new knowledge on human rights is developed and applied. Is familiar with human rights norms and institutions in international, regional, and selected national contexts.

#### **(3) Expertise in an Area of Specialization**

Has detailed understanding of one area of specialization in human rights at the forefront of theory, research or professional practice. Is aware of recent normative and policy developments relevant to human rights in selected area.

#### **(4) Transferrable Research Skills**

Consistently applies practical and theoretical knowledge and demonstrates creativity in addressing a wide variety of human rights issues in novel and unpredictable professional contexts. Recognizes gaps or inconsistencies in available information, draws appropriately qualified conclusions, and takes responsible and transparent decisions accounting for uncertainty.

Synthesizes and critiques extant knowledge from disciplines and fields relevant to human rights studies; identifies gaps, inconsistencies, biases, and silences in extant knowledge and recognizes opportunities for gaining new insights. Applies methods of qualitative social research in the creative analysis of complex human rights issues.

Independently plans and executes a major project in basic, applied, evaluation, or action research on human rights; applies practical and theoretical knowledge and research techniques to produce sound conclusions, summative or formative assessments, or feasible action plans that contribute significantly to expanding extant knowledge or to addressing practical challenges.

#### **(5) Autonomous Learning**

Shows initiative and is proactive in addressing professional challenges. Acquires skills and knowledge as needed.



### **(6) Information Literacy**

Obtains, critically evaluates, and makes effective use of a wide range of information relevant to human rights, incl. legal norms as well as qualitative and quantitative data. Makes effective use of communications technology in investigating human rights issues, in communicating conclusions and recommendations, and in advocating human rights.

### **(7) Professional Communication Skills**

Communicates effectively and at appropriate levels with academic and professional audiences and the wider community through. Produces a major research report and makes its results available to the public through a conference presentation or professional publications.

## Appendix 2: Course Descriptions

### Required Courses

#### **HPHR 519: Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms**

Development of international and regional human rights treaties and other legal and political documents on human rights. Contents of human rights standards including: civil and political rights; social, economic and cultural rights; and rights to development and self-determination. Interpretation and applicability of rights stated in different human rights standards. International systems for the promotion and protection of human rights. Legal, political, and social mechanisms necessary for the realization of human rights at the international level. Roles of the United Nations, other inter-state bodies and institutions, non-governmental agencies, the media, and civil society with respect to human rights. Critical assessment of the mechanisms studied.

#### **HPHR 520: Seminar in Human Rights**

Most relevant and recent issues in the field of human rights and in students' common areas of interests. Current issues may focus on globalization, democratization and good governance, promotion of global free trade, development, poverty eradication, environmental conservation, forced migration, peace and conflict management, different forms of armed conflicts, business and human rights, etc. Impacts of these issues on violations or protection of human rights.

#### **HPHR 504: Human Rights in Asia**

Overview of human rights in Asia in their political, economic, social and cultural contexts. Major developments since World War II impacting on and influenced by human rights; in particular, colonial legacies and new forms of domination in Asian societies from the perspectives of human rights theory and practice. Human rights legislation and institutionalization of human rights in Asian countries. Establishment of a regional human rights mechanism.

#### **HPHR 505: Research Methods in Human Rights**

Overview of legal and empirical research methods in the field of human rights. Preparation of students for empirical master's theses. In particular, development of the ability to define research objectives, to ask research questions and to design research projects; training in sampling, data collection, and data analysis with a focus on qualitative research; evaluation of research proposals and research reports using common quality standards.



### **HPHR 506: Human Rights Theory**

Introduction to major disciplinary approaches to human rights, in particular philosophical, social scientific and legal approaches. Discussion of the development of theories and concepts of human rights from western and non-western perspectives. Critical analysis of contemporary debates on human rights.

#### Elective Courses

### **HPHR 510: Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection**

Introduction to and training in practical skills for the protection of human rights, including human rights monitoring, fact-finding, report writing, campaigning, and advocacy. Engagement with human rights bodies and platforms. Other skills relevant to human rights activities, negotiating, and lobbying. Introduction to peace and conflict management skills. Pragmatic skills in human rights project development, management and evaluation.

### **HPHR 521: Peace, Conflict Management, and Human Rights**

Concepts of peace and conflict studies with emphases on conflicts in regional, national, and sub-national context, between state and non-state actors, between conservative and emancipatory political movements, over social development, over resources for public use at community and national level. International and domestic dimensions of conflicts. Understanding and applicability of conflict prevention, transformation, and resolution. Implications of conflict management for human rights protection.

### **HPHR 512: Human Rights in International Relations**

Emergence and significance of human rights in international relations. Importance of international human rights norms in relation to state sovereignty. Ethical traditions in international relation based on morality, law and politics. Exploration of the interrelationship between human rights, international principles, and foreign policy. The use of human rights for economic and political purposes.

### **HPHR 522: Independent Study**

Individual study of specific topics in human rights according to student's interests under the supervision of a faculty member. Research conduct of human rights from international, regional and national sources.

### **HPHR 523: Internship**

Negotiation. Recommendation; development of attitude on human rights; finding the best solution to resolve human rights issues.

### **HPHR 518: Applied Research in Human Rights**

Research of relevance to current understanding of human rights promotion and protection. Research through cooperation with human rights organizations. Practical and immediate concerns in human rights promotion and protection. Applying researching to address immediate human rights concerns. Human rights analysis of national policy and/or practice, and evaluation of programs and activities in human rights



## Thesis

### **HPHR 698: Thesis**

Requires prior development and successful defense of a research proposal. Conduct of a research project including literature review, data collection, data analysis, and the interpretation of results in the context of the extant scholarship. Submission and oral defense of a thesis reporting research results. Publication of research results in a scholarly journal article or in another academic format; alternatively, presentation at an academic conference. Implementation of the principles of research ethics, including monitoring for and response to ethical problems, throughout the course of the project, from the preparation of the research proposal through the conduct of the research and the dissemination of the research results.



### Appendix 3: Tuition and Fees, Estimated Living Expenses, and Total Costs

#### Important Note

This estimate is based on the reduced course tuition of THB 4,200 per credit and the waiver of the research supply fee that we can offer, in many cases, to self-funded students and students with partial scholarships.

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#### Tuition and Fees

|                               |            | Year 1        |               |               | Year 2       |              | Total          |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|                               |            | Semester 1    | Semester 2    | Summer        | Semester 1   | Semester 2   |                |
| <b>Application Fee</b>        |            | 500           | -             | -             | -            | -            | 500            |
| <b>Tuition Fee*</b>           | THB        | 50,400        | 50,400        | 50,400        | -            | -            | 151,200        |
| <b>Research Supply Fee</b>    | THB        | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | 0              |
| <b>Education Services Fee</b> | THB        | 6,300         | 5,600         | -             | 6,300        | 5,600        | 11,900         |
| <b>Graduate Studies Fee</b>   | THB        | 750           | 750           | -             | 750          | 750          | 1500           |
| <b>Student Activities Fee</b> | THB        | 250           | 250           | -             | 250          | 250          | 500            |
| <b>Internet Fee</b>           | THB        | 300           | 300           | -             | 300          | 300          | 600            |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>THB</b> | <b>58,000</b> | <b>57,300</b> | <b>50,400</b> | <b>7,600</b> | <b>6,900</b> | <b>180,700</b> |

\* Tuition: Year 1, Semester 1 = 12 credits (coursework)  
 Semester 2 = 12 credits (coursework)  
 Summer = 12 credits (thesis)  
 (Reduced rate of course tuition: THB 42,00/credit))

#### Mandatory Health Insurance (Foreign Students Only)

|                        |     | Year 1     |            |        | Year 2     |            | Total |
|------------------------|-----|------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|-------|
|                        |     | Semester 1 | Semester 2 | Summer | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |       |
| <b>Application Fee</b> | THB | 3500       | -          | -      | 3500       | -          | 7000  |



### Estimated Living Expenses

Derived from a survey of current graduate students at the IHRP (20 participants, November 2018, median of responses).

| Item   | Estimated Expense |                      |                          |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Accommodation</b>                                   | THB               | 5,000                | per month                |
| <b>Utilities (Phone, Internet, Water, electricity)</b> | THB               | 1,500                | per month                |
| <b>Food/Meals</b>                                      | THB               | 6,000                | per month                |
| <b>Books, Copies, Materials</b>                        | THB               | 1,000                | per month                |
| <b>Local Transportation</b>                            | THB               | 1,000                | per month                |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>                                  | THB               | 1,000                | per month                |
| <b>Total Estimated Living Expenses</b>                 | <b>THB</b>        | <b>15,500</b>        | <b>per month</b>         |
|  |                   |                      |                          |
| <b>ASEAN countries*</b>                                |                   | = ca. BND 660        | ( THB 23.63 / BND )      |
|  |                   | = ca. KHR 19,000     | ( THB 0.81 / KHR )       |
|  |                   | = ca. IDR 7,176,000  | ( THB 2.16 / 1,000 IDR ) |
|  |                   | = ca. LAK 41,000     | ( THB 0.38 / 100 LAK )   |
|  |                   | = ca. MYR 2,000      | ( THB 7.78 / MYR )       |
|  |                   | = ca. MMR 775,000    | ( THB 0.02 / MMR )       |
|  |                   | = ca. PHP 25,500     | ( THB 0.61 / PHP )       |
|  |                   | = ca. SGD 650        | ( THB 23.70 / SGD )      |
|  |                   | = ca. VND 11,071,000 | ( THB 0.14 / 100 VND )   |
|  |                   |                      |                          |
| <b>Asia-Pacific*</b>                                   |                   | = ca. CNY 3,300      | ( THB 4.71 / CNY )       |
|  |                   | = ca. INR 37,000     | ( THB 0.42 / INR )       |
|  |                   | = ca. PKR 67,500     | ( THB 0.23 / PKR )       |
|  |                   | = ca. BDT 39,500     | ( THB 0.39 / BDT )       |
|  |                   | = ca. NPR 53,500     | ( THB 0.29 / NPR )       |
|  |                   | = ca. JPY 54,000     | ( THB 28.72 / 100 JPY )  |
|  |                   | = ca. KRW 517,000    | ( THB 0.03 / KRW )       |
|  |                   | = ca. AUD 660        | ( THB 23.31 / AUD )      |
|  |                   |                      |                          |
| <b>Other World regions*</b>                            |                   | = ca. EUR 420        | ( THB 36.85 / EUR )      |
|  |                   | = ca. USD 480        | ( THB 32.57 / USD )      |
|  |                   | = ca. BRL 1,830      | ( THB 8.46 / BRL )       |

\* Approximate exchange rates: [Bank of Thailand](#) (10 December 2018) and [Google](#) [for THB/BRL], 13 December 2018). Amounts in currencies other than Thai Baht for information only – errors reserved.



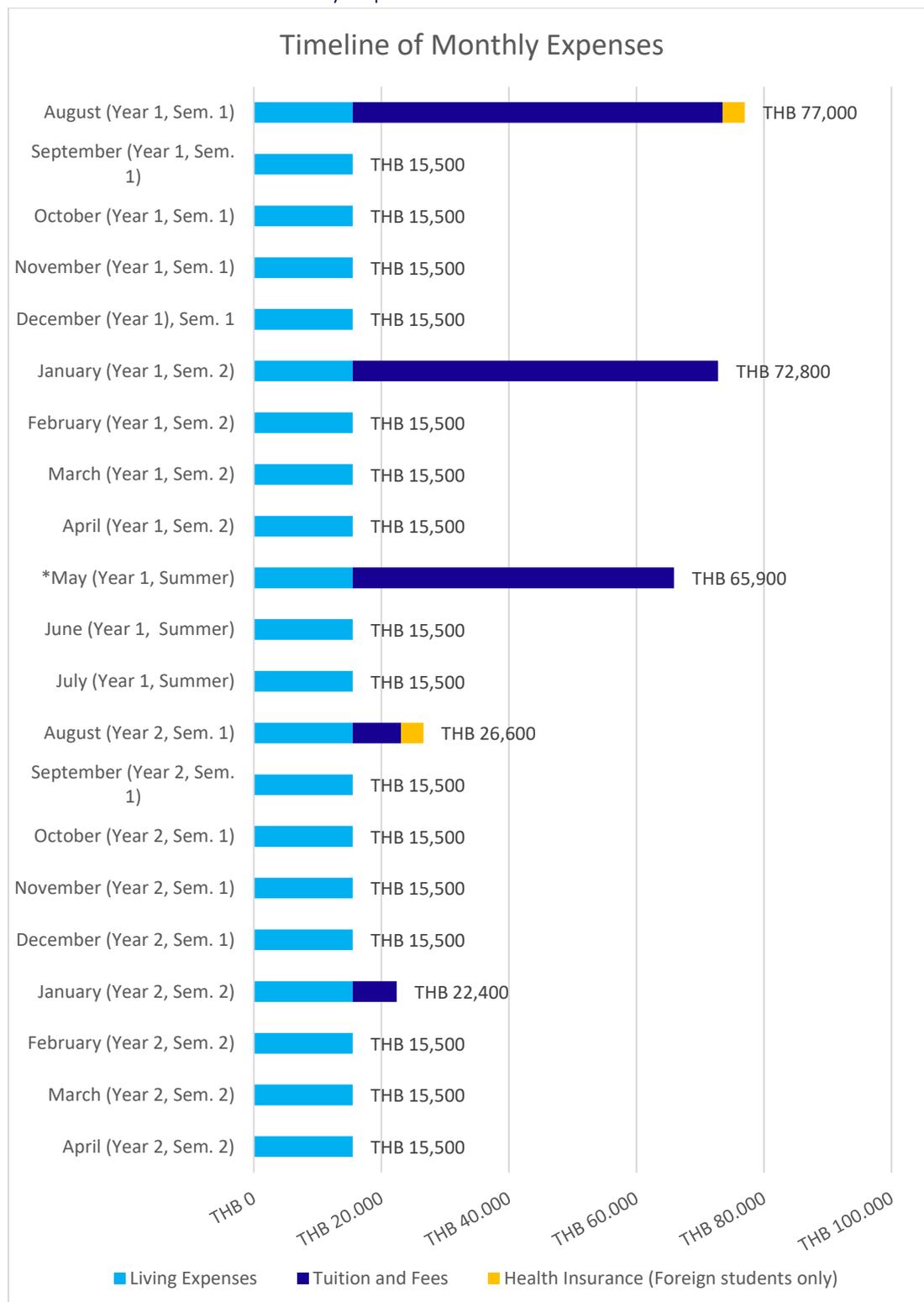
Estimated Total Costs of the Degree Incl. Health Insurance and Living Expenses  
 (1 year, 9 months)

| Item  | Estimated Expense |                       |  |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Tuition and Fees</b>   | THB               | 180,700               | (Fees for 4 semesters, 24 course credits at THB 4,200/credit, thesis registration) |
| <b>Estimated Living Expenses</b>                                | THB               | 325,500               | (21 months)  |
| <b>Mandatory Health Insurance (International Students Only)</b> | THB               | 7,000                 | (2 years)  |
| <b>Total Estimated Costs</b>                                    | <b>THB</b>        | <b>513,200</b>        |  |
|   |                   |                       |  |
| <b>ASEAN countries*</b>   |                   | = ca. BND 21,700      | ( THB 23.63 / BND )  |
|   |                   | = ca. KHR 634,000     | ( THB 0.81 / KHR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. IDR 237,500,000 | ( THB 2.16 / 1,000 IDR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. LAK 1,351,000   | ( THB 0.38 / 100 LAK )   |
|   |                   | = ca. MYR 66,000      | ( THB 7.78 / MYR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. MMR 25,660,000  | ( THB 0.02 / MMR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. PHP 841,000     | ( THB 0.61 / PHP )   |
|   |                   | = ca. SGD 21,700      | ( THB 23.70 / SGD )  |
|   |                   | = ca. VND 366,571,000 | ( THB 0.14 / 100 VND )   |
|   |                   |                       |  |
| <b>Asia-Pacific*</b>  |                   | = ca. CNY 109,000     | ( THB 4.71 / CNY )   |
|   |                   | = ca. INR 1,222,000   | ( THB 0.42 / INR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. PKR 2,231,000   | ( THB 0.23 / PKR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. BDT 1,316,000   | ( THB 0.39 / BDT )   |
|   |                   | = ca. NPR 1,770,000   | ( THB 0.29 / NPR )   |
|   |                   | = ca. JPY 1,787,000   | ( THB 28.72 / 100 JPY )  |
|   |                   | = ca. KRW 17,107,000  | ( THB 0.03 / KRW )   |
|   |                   | = ca. AUD 22,000      | ( THB 23.31 / AUD )  |
|   |                   |                       |  |
| <b>Other world regions*</b>                                     |                   | = ca. EUR 13,900      | ( THB 36.85 / EUR )  |
|   |                   | = ca. USD 15,800      | ( THB 32.57 / USD )  |
|   |                   | = ca. BRL 60,700      | ( THB 8.46 / BRL )   |

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### Timeline of Estimated Monthly Expenses



\* Defense of thesis proposal and registration of thesis credits may be postponed to Year 2, Semester 1. Tuition for thesis then needs to be paid in August (Year 2, Semester 1) only.