



**Announcement for Admissions  
Chiang Mai University's  
Master of Arts in Sustainable Development  
Academic Year 2010**

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Chiang Mai University is inviting qualified candidates to apply for the International Graduate Program for the academic year 2010.

**Program:** Master of Arts in Sustainable Development, Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University.

**Plan and Type of the Degree program:** Plan A Type A(2) - course work and thesis

Requirements for Degree	Credits
Course Work	24
Thesis	12
Total Credits	36

**Period of Study:** 2 academic years, starting in May 2010. The first semester runs from June to September 2010, and the second semester runs from November 2010 to February 2011.

**Total number of students to be admitted:** 15

**Program Aims**

The MA in Sustainable Development Program encourages students to critically examine recent development activity in the Southeast Asia region, one which has recently undergone rapid economic growth, and to offer alternatives by learning from local experience and promoting local participation in these activities. In examining the complexities and problems of the development process, an integration of disciplines from the natural sciences and social sciences is encouraged, in order to provide a holistic approach.

We encourage our students to search for alternative policies and for the promotion of sustainable development based on ecological sustainability and security of local livelihoods, through the participation of local people. Research topics focus on resource management, local knowledge, sustainable development, ethnicity, gender, trans-border issues, health and cross-border migration.

We expect the graduates from the Program to have the following attributes:

- A holistic understanding of concepts and methods in both science and social science disciplines, which will enable them to study the development process from many perspectives, drawing upon an understanding of the wider context of social and ecological changes
- A better understanding of the complexity of development, so as to have an ability to analyze the problems and impacts of development in the past and at present
- Have the potential to offer alternatives for sustainable development direction, based on their field-research, and
- The ability to synthesize their academic knowledge with local knowledge and to apply it to practical issues in their respective areas of interest.

## Qualifications

Applicants with a bachelor's degree in any discipline are eligible to apply for the MA in Sustainable Development Program. Applicants must also have passed TOEFL with a score of at least 500 (paper-based), or IELTS with a score of 5.5.

## Application Procedure

There are three consecutive stages to the application process: (a) a written application, (b) an interview, and (c) admission. Applications are accepted all year round. To apply for a particular academic year, applications must be submitted by December of the previous year. The second stage of the selection process, the interview, will be conducted in January. Notification of admission and of the award of financial assistance, will be sent to applicants in February.

Applicants are required to submit:

- A completed copy of the application form for the MA in Sustainable Development.
- An official subject transcript in English.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A TOEFL certificate showing a score of at least 500, or an IELTS certificate showing a score of at least 5.5. Certification must be valid for the application period.
- The applicant's research outline.
- The application fee (US\$20), either as a bank order or a bank draft made payable to the Dean of the Graduate School.

The application form for admission in 2010 must be submitted **by the end of January 2010** and the interview will take place during February if necessary. Those students selected are required to attend at the **beginning of May 2010** (to attend pre-course lectures), before the start of the new semester in June. Application forms should be submitted to: the Dean, The Graduate School, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai 50200, Thailand.

## Costs and Fees

Fees, including tuition and university service fees, are approximately Bt. 115,000 per year for Thai residents and USD 4500 per year for non-Thai residents. Fees may be periodically revised. Approved changes will be effective for all payments made on or after the dates stipulated in the announcement.

Normally, the costs of the two-year program, including tuition fees, field research, thesis, accommodation, meals and transportation, are approximately US\$ 16,000. Students are recommended to budget Bt. 6000-10,000 per month for their daily expenses. (Prices calculated at US \$1= Bt. 35 Thai).

## Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available from RCSD annually, for those students who demonstrate excellent academic performance. Applicants are urged to seek their own financial support from private as well as government sources in their own countries.

For the current admission there will be **scholarships available for Thai students**. The requirement for the scholarship holder is that they must have conducted research in the region, outside Thailand, or have completed a comparative study.

For **Vietnamese and Burmese students, at least two scholarships are available** for those who pass the requirements.

### For Further Information Contact:

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