

## Application Information

### Academic Year 2023

The academic calendar primarily consists of two semesters (a two-semester system). A summer session is also scheduled to meet the needs of students.

First semester: August – December

Second Semester: January – May

Summer Semester: June – July

### **Application Fee**

Master's degree applicants are required to pay an application fee of 500.00 THB, while doctorate degree applicants are required to pay 1000.00 THB.

### **Study Periods**

The maximum allowed period for completing a master's degree is five academic years from the date of acceptance for study by the office of graduate studies.

Applicants with a bachelor's degree are allowed a maximum period of eight academic years, and candidates with a master's degree are allowed a maximum period of six academic years, to complete their doctoral degree.

### **Program Structure**

#### **Master's Degree Program**

The Master's Degree program requires a minimum of 36 credits to complete, and it is structured into two plans, as follows:

Plan A is a research-oriented program that is characterized by two subcategories as follows:

Plan A1 is a research-oriented program that requires a minimum of 36 credits for the thesis. In addition to the thesis, the departments or programs may require the students to participate in additional audited classes or other academic activities. The completion of these

additional requirements is subject to the student's attainment of specific achievements, as determined by the Office of Graduate Studies.

Plan A2 requires a minimum of 12 credits for the thesis and a further minimum of 12 credits for coursework.

Plan B is a course work oriented program where students are required to complete a minimum of 36 credits of course work. Independent studies may be conducted for a maximum of 6 credits, but cannot be used to substitute for a thesis.

### **Doctoral Degree Program**

Doctoral degrees are classified into 2 plans: Research Plan for Academic Staff Development and Research Plan for Advanced Professional Development."

Plan 1 is a research-oriented program that aims to produce an innovative thesis. In addition to the thesis work, departments may require students to participate in audited classes or other non-credit academic activities to achieve certain academic goals, as determined by The Graduate School. This plan is characterized by two formats as follows:

Plan 1.1 is designed for students who already have a master's degree. This plan consists of a curriculum with a minimum of 48 credits for the thesis.

Plan 1.2 is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree. This plan consists of a curriculum with a minimum of 72 credits for the thesis.

The theses conducted in both Plan 1.1 and Plan 1.2 must meet the same standard and quality requirements.

Plan 2 is a program focused on research, designed to enable students to produce a high-quality thesis, develop academic skills, and acquire professional expertise. Depending on the requirements, students may need to participate in additional studies. Plan 2 can be classified into two formats:

Plan 2.1 is designed for students with a master's degree. This plan consists of a minimum of 36 credits for the thesis, and minimum 12 credits for the course work.

Plan 2.2 is designed for students with a bachelor's degree. This plan consists of a minimum of 48 credits for the thesis, and minimum 24 credits for the course work.

The theses conducted in both Plan 2.1 and Plan 2.2 must meet the same standard and quality requirements.