

M.A. PR MASTER OF ART PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

2-YEAR PROGRAM
THESIS & NON-THESIS OPTIONS

SKILLS AND ABILITIES ACQUIRED BY STUDENTS OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

- Identifying Problems
- Learning How to Learn
- Clarity in Communication
- Using IT Resources
- Evaluating Consequences
- Flexibility of Thinking
- Self-motivation
- Crossing Traditional Subject Boundaries
- Vision / Imagination / Creativity
- Attentive Listening / Concentration
- Interpretation / Sensitivity
- Cooperation and Compromise
- Sound-argument Construction
- Identifying Logical Inconsistencies
- Considering Unfamiliar Ideas
- Evaluating Opposing Arguments
- Problem Analysis
- Independent Thinking
- Careful Reading
- Logical Thinking
- Independence in Working
- Self-criticism

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A completed application form
2. Official transcript of the previous university attended (1copy)
3. Bachelor's degree certificate (1 copy)
4. Citizen identification card and house registration (1copy) - for Thai applicants
5. Passport (1 copy) - for Non-Thai applicants
6. One (1x1.5 inches) photograph (formal attire, not in graduation gown)

Note : All documents must be endorsed with signature and submitted in person within the last day of application period, otherwise the application will not be considered.

Applicants who are graduates from overseas universities will be required to provide at the time of applying and not later, certified, attested, or notarized by competent notaries, all academic documents with the seal or stamp by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education or related department.

ADMISSIONS FEE 1,000 THB (Non-refundable)

STUDY SYSTEM:

1st semester | 2nd semester
June - October | November - March

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

- AU English Proficiency Test
- Interview Entrance Examination

EXEMPTION

The AU English Proficiency Test can be exempted depending on which of the following conditions you satisfy.

- a TOEFL score of (iBT) 90 or an IELTS (Academic) score of at least 6.5 (Validation: Two years)
- a Bachelor's degree from native English speaking countries (USA, Canada, UK, New Zealand and Australia)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Have completed all the courses of the curriculum.
2. Have obtained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
3. Have written a thesis and passed the final oral thesis defense evaluated by a committee appointed by the School. The final oral defense is open to the public./Have passed the oral and written comprehensive exam and have written a research paper and passed the final oral research paper defense evaluated by a committee appointed by the School. The final oral defense is open to the public (Plan B).
4. Have published the thesis/part of the thesis or have obtained an acceptance of its publication in a national or international journal in accordance with OHEC regulations on Criteria for the Selection of Academic Journals for Publishing Academic Works B.E. 2562 or have presented the thesis at a conference which has published the full paper in the proceedings./Have published the research paper/part of the research paper in any form (Plan B).
5. Have obtained library and financial clearance from the university.
6. Have demonstrated good conduct and discipline.

DURATION: 2 YEARS

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ADMISSION SCHEDULE 2025 - 2026

| | Semester 1/2025 (June – October 2025) | | Semester 2/2025 (November 2025 – March 2026) | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | 1st Round | 2nd Round | 1st Round | 2nd Round |
| Application deadline | From now – 27 May 2025 | From now – 31 July 2025 | From now – 28 October 2025 | From now – 23 December 2025 |
| AU English Proficiency Test and Interview | Online | Online | Online | Online |
| Entrance results | To be announced by the faculty | To be announced by the faculty | To be announced by the faculty | To be announced by the faculty |
| Instruction begins | 2 June 2025 | Mid August 2025 | 3 November 2025 | Mid January 2026 |

CAREER OPTIONS
FOR DEGREE
HOLDERS IN PHILOSOPHY
AND RELIGION

- Research
 - Teaching
 - NGO's
 - Government
 - Diplomacy
 - Foreign Service
 - Lobby Work
 - Publishing
- Media
 - Information Technology
 - Environmental Protection
 - Human Rights
 - Analysis Sector
 - Interpretation Sector
 - Military / Police
 - Intelligence
- Self-employment
 - Museums
 - Foundations
 - Consulting
 - Counseling
 - Bio-medical Ethics
 - Business and Applied Ethics

STUDY PLAN AND CURRICULUM

Plan A: Thesis Option

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| Foundation Courses | 12 credits |
| Major Required Courses | 12 credits |
| Thesis | 12 credits |
| Total | 36 credits |

Plan B: Non-Thesis Option

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| Foundation Courses | 12 credits |
| Major Required Courses | 6 credits |
| Elective Courses | 6 credits |
| Independent study | 6 credits |
| Total | 36 credits |

CURRICULUM

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| Foundation Courses | 12 Credits |
| PR 5105 History of Western Thought | 3 |
| PR 5106 History of Indian Thought | 3 |
| PR 5107 History of Chinese Thought | 3 |
| PR 5505 Research Methodology | 3 |

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| Major Required Courses | 12 Credits |
| PR 7203 Theories of Reality and Knowledge | 3 |
| PR 7205 Philosophy of Culture and Human Nature | 3 |
| PR 7206 Approaches to the Study of Religion | 3 |
| PR 7403 Seminar in Ethics | 3 |

Elective Courses

Students of Plan B can select at least 6 credits from the following courses.

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| PR 8007 Buddhist Thought | 3 |
| PR 8008 Christian Thought | 3 |
| PR 8009 Islamic Thought | 3 |
| PR 8303 Hermeneutics | 3 |
| PR 8320 Aesthetics | 3 |
| PR 8404 Social/Political Philosophy | 3 |
| PR 8405 Philosophy of Social Science | 3 |
| PR 8406 Seminar in Philosophy of Religion | 3 |
| PR 8426 Philosophy of Education | 3 |
| PR 8433 Selected Religious Text | 3 |
| PR 8434 Selected Religious Topics | 3 |
| PR 8436 Selected Topics in Eastern Thought | 3 |
| PR 8437 Selected Topics in Western Thought | 3 |
| PR 8439 Applied Ethics | 3 |
| PR 8445 Philosophy of Science | |
| and Technology | 3 |
| PR 8503 Interfaith Dialogue | 3 |

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| Thesis | 2 Credits |
| PR 8905 Thesis | 3 |
| PR 8906 Thesis | 3 |
| PR 8907 Thesis | 3 |
| PR 8908 Thesis | 3 |

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| Independent Study | 6 Credits |
| PR 8538 Research Paper | 6 |

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| Comprehensive Examination | |
| PR 8900 Comprehensive Examination | Non-credit |

ESTIMATED FEES: INSTALLMENTS

| Installments | Thai Students | Non-Thai Students | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| | (THB) | (THB) | (US\$) | (CNY) |
| 1 st Installment | 137,500 | 137,500 | 4,583 | 27,500 |
| 2 nd Installment | 137,500 | 137,500 | 4,583 | 27,500 |
| 3 rd Installment | 112,500 | 137,500 | 4,583 | 27,500 |
| 4 th Installment | 112,500 | 137,500 | 4,583 | 27,500 |
| Total | 500,000 | 550,000 | 18,333 | 110,000 |

The fee includes:

- First enrollment fee (matriculation fee, etc.)
- Tuition fee, University fees, Campus network fee
- Comprehensive examinations fee (first attempt only)
- Health insurance (non-Thai students)
- AU Academic Writing Course

The fee doesn't cover the followings:

- Admission fee (non-refundable)
- Textbooks
- Maintaining Student Status (5,300 THB per semester)

Note:

1. In case of failed grade in any course or comprehensive examination, the student should repeat the course or exam with the registration and university fees at the latest rate separately.
2. The fees are subject to change at the university's discretion without prior notice.
3. Currency exchange rate: THB 35 = US\$ 1, THB 4.5 = CNY 1

IMPORTANT

The provisional information statements set forth in this catalog should not be construed as the basis of any contract between a student and this institution. As such Assumption University reserves the right to change any provision listed in this catalog, including, but not limited to academic requirements for graduation. Every effort through the Office of Graduate Studies, will be made to keep students advised of any such changes.

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