

“UNDERSTANDING THAILAND”

An Intensive Summer Course

(March 9 to March 27, 2026)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for persons interested in Southeast Asia and more specifically in Thailand. In context of growing India- Southeast Asia relations and in context of understanding of India's Look East policy, the proposed course is appropriately designed to know Thailand- one of the important countries of Southeast Asia. Kolkata, being the gateway to Southeast Asia and in context of India's age old relations with the region, it is pertinent for Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies and University of Calcutta to introduce an intensive course to understand Thailand within a broader parameter of South East Asia.

The Course will cover the historical and contemporary developments in Thailand with specific reference to status of Thailand in India's foreign policy framework. The course will also refer to India- Thailand interactions given their dramatically similar historical, cultural and economic experiences.

The Intensive course entitled *Understanding Thailand* is the foundation of a two-part learning format designed to (1) give students a unique opportunity to develop their research interests through scholarship and practical experience about Thailand and (2) to give proper insights about Thailand to business community persons, administrative professionals and simple tourists taking interest about Thailand. The course will consist of intensive 3 weeks (60 Hours) classes. Classes will be held five days (20 Hours) a week. The day, time and schedule may be changed as and when required but the usual timing will be 3pm to 7 pm

Classes will be held with audio- video appliances, well attractive for the participants of the course.

Course Objectives:

1. To understand Thailand as well India- Thailand interactions comprehensively and concretely;
2. To close our gaps in knowledge about Southeast Asia/ Thailand through direct interactions and investigations;
3. To improve teaching of and learning about Thailand; and
4. To support a group of young scholars interested in expanding existing scholarship on India- Thailand interactions.

Organisers: Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies (www.iaaps.org.in), Department of South and South East Asian Studies and Department of History, University of Calcutta

Venue- Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Alipuir Campus

Intake capacity - 20 students only (on **first come and first serve** basis)

Tuition Fees & Payment Method

Fees- Rs 3000/- (Three Thousand only) for Calcutta University students with proper identity
Rs 5000/- (Five Thousand only) for outsiders. Adhar card is mandatory for outsiders

Only netbanking payment is acceptable and under no circumstances money can be refunded

Admission will be open on 16th February, 2026. Only Twenty students will be admitted on first cum first serve basis.

For Bank Account Details, please send Whatsapp to Prof Lipi Ghosh 9831134870 with copy of proper Calcutta University student identity.

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