

## **KMUTT STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

As you are browsing through this brochure, you must have already thought about traveling to Thailand to study as part of your degree. Here at KMUTT, we have exchange students joining us every year, and we now invite you to step out of your world to explore a culture that you have never experienced before and to enjoy the excitement of becoming an exchange student at KMUTT.

Choosing Thailand as your destination means that you will get to live in a country known for its friendly people, unique culture and delicious food. You will get to learn some Thai language which is always fun, even if you only know a few words. Being enthusiastic about acquiring a new language will facilitate your communication with the locals, which will make your experience even more enjoyable.

### **BECOMING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Many of our exchange students have told us that their experience in Thailand has broadened their perspectives and given them the knowledge and self-confidence needed to succeed in life. They have also become more culturally sensitive towards co-workers, friends, or anyone they interact with who come from different backgrounds.

In addition, as the world becomes more interconnected, a greater emphasis has been placed on individuals to become “global”. This means that possessing knowledge in your area of expertise is no longer enough in securing employment. It is now important for you to have an understanding of other cultures (and people), learn another language and be capable of living in an unfamiliar environment.

Aside from the reasons above, becoming an exchange student means that you will have plenty of fun and make new friends!

### **KMUTT AT GLANCE**

King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) was founded in 1960 as a research and teaching university serving educational and industrial needs. Our primary objective is to create graduates who possess the skills and knowledge to succeed in their chosen profession and to contribute to the betterment of the country. Not only is the university committed to improving the economy and quality of life in Thailand through its national level research projects, but also aims to maintain excellent standards in teaching.

KMUTT is ranked by the Ministry of Education, Thailand as being in the top five for research and top ten for teaching. KMUTT is also considered to be one of the Nine National Research Universities with world-class capabilities.

Currently, the university enrolls more than 18,000 students and has over 70 partner-universities in 47 countries.

As internationalization is a key strategy of KMUTT, the university now offers 37 English based programs, taught by highly qualified foreign and English-speaking Thai professors. A wide range of programs is as follows:

Programs	Faculty	Level	Website
Architecture	SoA+D	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.arch.kmutt.ac.th">www.arch.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Industrial Design	SoA+D	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.arch.kmutt.ac.th">www.arch.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Interior Architecture	SoA+D	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.arch.kmutt.ac.th">www.arch.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Communication Design	SoA+D	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.arch.kmutt.ac.th">www.arch.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Chemical Engineering	FoE	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.eng.kmutt.ac.th">www.eng.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Civil Engineering	FoE	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.itce.kmutt.ac.th">www.itce.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Computer Engineering	FoE	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.cpe.kmutt.ac.th">www.cpe.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Automation Engineering	FoE	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.eng.kmutt.ac.th">www.eng.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Electrical Communication and Electronic Engineering	FoE	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.eng.kmutt.ac.th">www.eng.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Environmental Engineering	FoE	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.eng.kmutt.ac.th">www.eng.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Computer Science	SIT	Bachelor	<a href="http://www.sit.kmutt.ac.th">www.sit.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Applied Linguistics (English Language Teaching)	SoLA	Master	<a href="http://www.arts.kmutt.ac.th">www.arts.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Applied Linguistics (English Language Teaching) Weekend Program	SoLA	Master	<a href="http://www.arts.kmutt.ac.th">www.arts.kmutt.ac.th</a>
English for Professional and International Communication	SoLA	Master	<a href="http://www.arts.kmutt.ac.th">www.arts.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Bioinformatics and Systems Biology	SBT+SIT	Master	<a href="http://www.bioinformatics.kmutt.ac.th">www.bioinformatics.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Biotechnology	SBT	Master	<a href="http://www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources">www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources</a>
Postharvest Technology	SBT	Master	<a href="http://www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources">www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources</a>
Automotive Engineering	FoE	Master	<a href="http://www.eng.kmutt.ac.th">www.eng.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Chemical Engineering Practice School (ChEPS)	FoE	Master	<a href="http://www.che.eng.kmutt.ac.th">www.che.eng.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Computer Engineering (Evening Program)	FoE	Master	<a href="http://www.cpe.kmutt.ac.th">www.cpe.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Electrical and Information Engineering (Evening Program)	FoE	Master	<a href="http://www.kmutt.ac.th/eie">www.kmutt.ac.th/eie</a>
Food Engineering Practice School (FEPS)	FoE	Master	<a href="http://www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/Engineering/Food">www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/Engineering/Food</a>
Design and Planning	SoA+D	Master	<a href="http://www.arch.kmutt.ac.th">www.arch.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Energy Technology	JGSEE	Master	<a href="http://www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th">www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Energy Technology and Management	JGSEE	Master	<a href="http://www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th">www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Environmental Technology	JGSEE	Master	<a href="http://www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th">www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Environmental Technology and Management	JGSEE	Master	<a href="http://www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th">www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th</a>

Applied Linguistics	SoLA	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.arts.kmutt.ac.th">www.arts.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Biotechnology	SBT	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources">www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources</a>
Postharvest Technology	SBT	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources">www.kmutt.ac.th/organization/bioresources</a>
Computer Science	SIT	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.sit.kmutt.ac.th">www.sit.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Information Technology	SIT	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.sit.kmutt.ac.th">www.sit.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Electrical and Computer Engineering	FoE	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.cpe.kmutt.ac.th">www.cpe.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Energy Technology	JGSEE	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th">www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Environmental Technology	JGSEE	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th">www.jgsee.kmutt.ac.th</a>
Polymer Science and Technology	SC	Doctoral	<a href="http://www.science.kmutt.ac.th/chm">www.science.kmutt.ac.th/chm</a>

Remarks:

- FoE = Faculty of Engineering
- JGSEE = The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment
- SBT= School of Bioresources and Technology
- SC = School of Science
- SIT = School of Information Technology
- SoA+D = School of Architecture and Design
- SoLA = School of Liberal Arts

## SEMESTER TERMS

The Thai academic calendar does not follow that of North American or Europe. As April and May are the hottest months of the year, it is summertime in Thailand. Therefore, the academic calendar is as follows:

- First Semester: June – October
- Second Semester: November – March
- Summer Session: April - May

## ORIENTATION

Before the beginning of each semester, the Orientation for New International Student is held to welcome all new exchange students to prepare them for a life at KMUTT and in Thailand. The orientation provides basic introduction to the university, life in Thailand, immigration regulations, basic Thai language and much more. You will also meet with your advisor in order to select courses that are of interest to you.

## LENGTH OF STUDY

Our exchange students are required to enroll at KMUTT for a minimum of one semester. They are welcome to stay for up to one academic year.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

Thanks to the agreement between KMUTT and your university, exchange students will not be required to pay for tuition and fees while studying at KMUTT.

## **ACADEMIC RECORD/TRANSCRIPTS**

As per the Memorandum of Understanding between KMUTT and your university, upon completion of your exchange program, we will issue your transcript (free of charge) and send it to your university as proof of your enrollment.

## **ELIGIBILITIES**

If you are interested in being a member of our KMUTT community, you should;

- Be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at one of KMUTT's partner universities.
- Have successfully completed at least one year of academic study at your university.
- Be proficient in English.
- Have a strong interest in living in Thailand and are ready to accept cultural differences.

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- An official letter issued by your university.
- One copy of KMUTT Application Form, with photograph (size: 1")
- Official transcript of academic records.
- A copy of passport.
- English language proficiency test results (if any and waive for English native speakers)
- A medical certificate
- Additional relevant materials if required by the program you are applying to.

## **APPLICATION STEPS**

1. Discuss your options with the officer in charge of exchange programs at your university.
2. Review the courses you may like to study during your time at KMUTT.
3. Consult your advisor about course registration. This is to make sure that the courses taken at KMUTT can be accepted and transferred back to your university.
4. Submit KMUTT Application Form, along with other required documents to your university.
5. Your university will then submit the application package to KMUTT.
6. If accepted, we will send your acceptance letter to your university.
7. Use your acceptance letter to apply for the Non-Immigrant Education Visa at the nearest Thai Embassy or consulate.
8. Fly to Bangkok. Welcome to KMUTT!

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

We ask that you submit your application materials to the staff in charge of exchange programs at your university not less than three months before the semester begins. This will allow our faculty members to fully review your application and for our staff to process all your paperwork. In addition, getting details sorted out early will be beneficial to you as you will not have to rush to obtain your student visa and this will allow you to book a plane ticket ahead of time.

- Deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> semester: February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester: August 1<sup>st</sup>

## **LIFE AT KMUTT**

KMUTT consists of three campuses, housing different faculties and research centers. Our main campus is only 25 minutes drive from downtown Bangkok (depending on traffic jams!) and offers our students the tranquility of a green environment. KMUTT is an example of a campus that has it all: a positive and encouraging learning environment and a comfortable surrounding for students to relax and enjoy their collegiate experience.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

KMUTT organizes activities for exchange students, as well as regular international students, every year. These activities include study visits, cultural tour, New Year and Christmas party and various sports events. In addition, other activities are also organized by different schools and departments.

## **FACILITIES & SERVICES**

KMUTT aims to maintain and enhance its high quality learning, living and working environment for all students. All facilities are regularly upgraded to achieve high-quality standards that allow students to successfully conduct their research and to facilitate their learning experience on campus.

As an exchange student, you will have full access to the university's facilities. Some of these include the computer center, wireless network, newly-renovated state-of-the-art library, health service and sports complex (gymnasium, basketball court, football field, table tennis court, tennis court, etc.) In addition, the Graduates and International Office is conveniently located in the central campus to offer services to all exchange students.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

As a medium-size campus, it is very convenient for our student to walk from one building to another. However, we do provide a free bus service to and from our Bangkhuntien Campus, which houses the School of Architecture and Design and the School of Bioresources and Technology.

Travelling around Bangkok is easy with many means of transportation to choose from: buses, vans, taxis, motorcycles, tuk-tuks (the famous three-wheelers), taxi boats, BTS Sky Train and MRT Metro. The cost for public transportation varies depending on your destination and the type of transportation you choose to use. In addition, KMUTT's main campus is only 45 minutes from the Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

On-campus accommodation is available for exchange students should you make such request. Students can choose to stay in a two-person sharing room or four-person sharing room. The cost of the room depends on your preference (fan or air-conditioned).

However, most of our exchange students choose to live off-campus. The low cost of living in Thailand allows for a good-quality affordable apartment although the cost may be slightly higher than living on

campus. The cost ranges from 2,500-10,000 baht per month depending on housing conditions and locations.

## **FOOD**

On-campus cafeterias and canteens offer food at a reasonable price. The price ranges from 25 baht to 50 baht per meal. Convenient stores are located around campus making it possible for students to grab a bite before going to class. You can also purchase snacks from our newly-renovated library Coffee Shop.

Although many restaurants around KMUTT only offer Thai food, you can visit shopping malls not too far away from campus, where there is a variety of food such as American, Japanese, Chinese and Korean available for you to order.

*If you have any questions, please contact*

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