

## Exchange Questionnaire

A) *Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.*

My program of study here at Thammasat (Thailand) is BBA. BBA is the business and accounting facility. If you come to Thammasat all of your classes will be in BBA, unless you take a third language course. I am taking 5 courses, each 3 Credits worth. All the classes are 3 hours long, and only once a week. Below is my schedule for any given week.

	Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thu 18	
all-day		Discovery...				G
10 AM						
11 AM						
Noon						
1 PM		1 PM Small Business Consulting	1 PM Social entrepreneu rship	1 PM Organization al Performance measurem...	1 PM Product and Brand Managemen t	
2 PM						
3 PM						
4 PM						
5 PM			5 PM End User			
6 PM						
7 PM						
8 PM						

I have all 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year courses and the majority of my courses are all group projects and group assignments. Here is an example of the breakdown of my Small business Consulting Course

**Grading:**

Private Sector Case Presentation (Operations)	Module 2.1	20%
Private Sector Case Presentation (Strategy)	Module 2.2	20%
Public Sector Case Presentation	Module 2.3	10%
Real Client Presentation	Module 3.1	20%
Mock Job Interview	Module 3.2	30%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

Obviously some courses have midterms and finals but the majority of the courses I have selected are similar to the example above. In BBA you are required to wear a uniform, and there is attendance for every class. You are allowed to miss up to 13 hours of class. If you miss more than 13 hours, then you will not be able to take the final and will subsequently fail the course.

*B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the **precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.***

**Important Dates**

International Orientation- **August 9-11**

First Semester Begins- **August 15**

Period to Withdraw W/O Record- **August 22-26**

These two weeks you are able to pick up and drop courses with no repercussions- **August 15-26**

Period of Midterm Examination- **September 26 –October 2**

Thammasat Undergraduate Business Challenge- **October 3-8<sup>th</sup>**

Period of Withdraw with “W”- **October 17-24<sup>th</sup>**

King Chulalongkorn’s Day- **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Drop “W” with petition request -**November 18, 2016**

Last Day of Classes- **December 3**

H.M. The King’s Birthday-**December 5**

Period of Final Examination- **December 6-20**

Constitution Day- **December 10<sup>th</sup>**

*C) Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.*

If you attend the International Orientation, they will provide you with a student card, maps, information about campus life, where to purchase your uniform and what social activities they offer for you. If you don’t attend orientation, go to the International Office and pick up all the information from them. You also have to go to the International Office to pick all your courses. The first two weeks of classes you can add or drop courses, but you have to do that with the office,

it isn't done online. Your courses should have been picked before you came (through emails, and google docs) but you find that you don't like the course, or that you've already done it back in Ottawa, or that they put you in the wrong class. Go to the International Office to get clarification on the courses you're in and which ones you want to participate in.

There will be social activities hosted by the International Office one or two times a month. They will range from cooking classes, yoga classes, field trips to go plant trees, elephant sanctuaries etc. etc. Make sure you join the Facebook group that they have set up for exchange students, as they will update you regularly.

The international office is there to answer any of your questions or direct you to someone who has the answer.

*D) Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).*

### **Budget:**

**Flight:** 1400\$ (August 14-January 13)

**Housing:** 300\$ month

**Meals:** 10-12\$ a day- 30-35\$ a month

#### **Daily Travel Costs-(average ride)**

- Taxi- 4-8\$,
- Motorcab- 6-12\$,
- Bus- 30 Cents
- Ferry-9 Cents

**Textbooks- N.A**

**Vacation/Trips-400\$ month**

**Miscellaneous:** 300\$ month (activities, going out, shopping, etc)

**Overall- 1300\$ month average**

*E) Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).*

**EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO REGARDING THAMMASAT AND HOUSING IS DONE ELECTRONICALLY (THROUGH EMAIL)**

**Visa Deadlines:** Thai Visas are probably the easiest to receive. I would recommend getting all

your forms and everything filled out by late may/early June. My Visa only took one week. It is still smart to give yourself month of breathing room just in case something goes wrong.

**Documents Required for Visa:** To get your visa, you need a passport, prove of your exchange (Thammasat will send you a letter of acceptance in Mid/Late May), Visa Form filled out (you can find that on the Thai embassy website) money Order (just go to your bank and ask for one), and two passport photos. When you get a visa get a **multiple entry!** It is more expensive but it means you can go in and out of the country without paying every time. Even if you don't think you'll leave Thailand, trust me, you will. When filling out the Visa Form, just put that you want a multiple entry

**Course Registration-** Thammasat will send you an email around late March, early April, and ask you to pick 5 courses from them. You will need to get them approved from Exchange Advisor before you can send the form back to them. They then will send you a google doc a few weeks later for you to put in the same courses again. You should receive an email back saying that they are approved or not. If there is any complications Thammasat will email you and may require you to fill out a few other forms. Although you have to do all of this, you have your first two weeks of classes to fix anything that was messed up with picking courses so don't stress about it too much.

**Housing Deposit-** With Amarin Mansion, you can just send them an email at [Amarinmansion@gmail.com](mailto:Amarinmansion@gmail.com) and reserve your room with no housing deposit until you arrive. Once you arrive its about 500\$ deposit, which you will get back after your stay with them.

*F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.*

**Housing-** Amarin Mansion

**Address-** 10700 Sombun Ruang Alley, Arun Amarin, Bangkok Noi, Bangkok 10700





### Cost of Housing-

Room Type A 9500 Baht with kitchen and big balcony size 34m<sup>2</sup>

Room Type B 8500 Baht with kitchen

Room Type C 7500 Baht corner room with 2 windows. size 28.5m<sup>2</sup>

Room Type D 6500 Baht size 28.5m<sup>2</sup>

This amount above pays for the room, and the furniture. There is an added price for water, electricity, rental of a fridge, and WIFI. The room I picked was 6500 baht which is 240\$ but after all the other add ons, **the true cost per month is about 300\$.** You also have to buy your own coat hangers, toilet paper, sheets, etc.

**Extra Info:** Amarin has laundry services, lobby, and a rooftop. It is a pretty standard living type residence. As you've seen above, there are 4 choices of rooms you can pick from. I picked Room D, which is the cheapest and does not have a kitchen. I wouldn't recommend a kitchen simply because it is cheaper to eat out then it is to cook. My room consists of a bathroom, balcony, double size bed, desk and closet. **The WIFI is absolutely terrible except in the lobby.** What makes Amarin so great is the people that live there. Lots of exchange students live there and it has a real community vibe to it. If you want to live somewhere really spacious with lots of extra features like a pool or gym, I wouldn't recommend it, but if you want a modest place, that you can meet some really great people, I would choose Amarin.

*G) Work term (if applicable).*

N.A

*H) Other comments or recommendations.*

Don't write off Bangkok so fast. It may seem dirty and chaotic, but it has some amazing things within it.

Do your absolute best to connect with Thai people, and their culture. Get out of your comfort Zone.

Even if your terrible at the language, get these words down:

left, right, yes, no, please, thank you, hello, sorry. It will help you so much, you have no idea.

Always smile. Trust me, it works wonders.

7ELEVEN IS THE BEST. It has everything you'll need.

When Thai people ask if you want a little bit of spice and you're not very good with spicy-ness, say no. Work your way up to Thai Spicy-ness.

Get a SIM card- **Go with Tru.** 15\$ for 4GB, but unlimited fb message, Line (Thai message), Facebook, and Instagram. Google maps alone will save you.

*I) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.*

Thailand is a unique and culture filled place that is a both frustrating and exciting experience. It will be an epic time and I highly recommend that If you go to Thailand for you just jump right in without hesitation. There will times that you want to punch a wall, and other times that you will be the happiest you have ever been. You learn what you are capable of, while also having the experience of a lifetime. Embrace the weirdness of things you don't understand and try it all. Try the food, try their beer, try it all. You won't regret it.