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ANU Thai Language Program



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Why study Thai?

Thai is the national language of Thailand, a multi-ethnic country of ancient traditions, tropical beaches and spectacular cuisine. With its own unique writing system and script, Thai language and culture encapsulate the linguistic diversity and rich history of the South and Southeast Asian region. Understanding the Thai language paves the way to both traditional and contemporary Thai worldviews including Buddhism, art, literature, grassroots and civil movements, politics, popular cultures and sub-cultures. The rapid rise of Southeast Asian economies means Thai speakers are well-placed to seize growing opportunities in trade, diplomacy, research and cross-cultural collaboration.

“Learning Thai at ANU has helped me stand out from the crowd, ... launch my professional career and feel confident communicating with Thai people”

— INGRID TISCHNER, BACHELOR OF ASIAN STUDIES (THAI LANGUAGE MAJOR)



Study Thai at ANU

The ANU Thai language program is designed to develop students' receptive, productive and interactive skills in a supportive learning environment. Both spoken and written Thai are emphasised alongside cultural knowledge and exploration.

The ANU Thai program is an entirely live, online course. Students are required to attend the classes to take full advantage of the opportunity to practice their skills with teachers and peers in a supportive and interactive learning environment. The learning platform offers a wide range of written and multimedia materials to support learning activities and the live lectures are recorded to assist students with revision.

- ANU Students: Choose to study Thai as an elective, a minor (24 units / 4 courses), or a major (48 units / 8 courses) as part of your ANU degree.
- Open Universities Australia (OUA)/Non-Award: Enrol in individual courses taught completely online for professional development or personal interest without pursuing a full degree.
- Cross-institutional offerings available.
- Advanced Courses: Progress through Thai language levels 1 to 6, and explore subjects in linguistics and South Asian studies.

Students with prior language experience must take a Language Proficiency Assessment (LPA) for proper level placement. For details, see the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) language proficiency assessment site.

Study Thai language and culture at the Australian National University.

Further Information

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