

Educational System Update: Thailand AACRAO Annual Conference 2009

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Education in Thailand

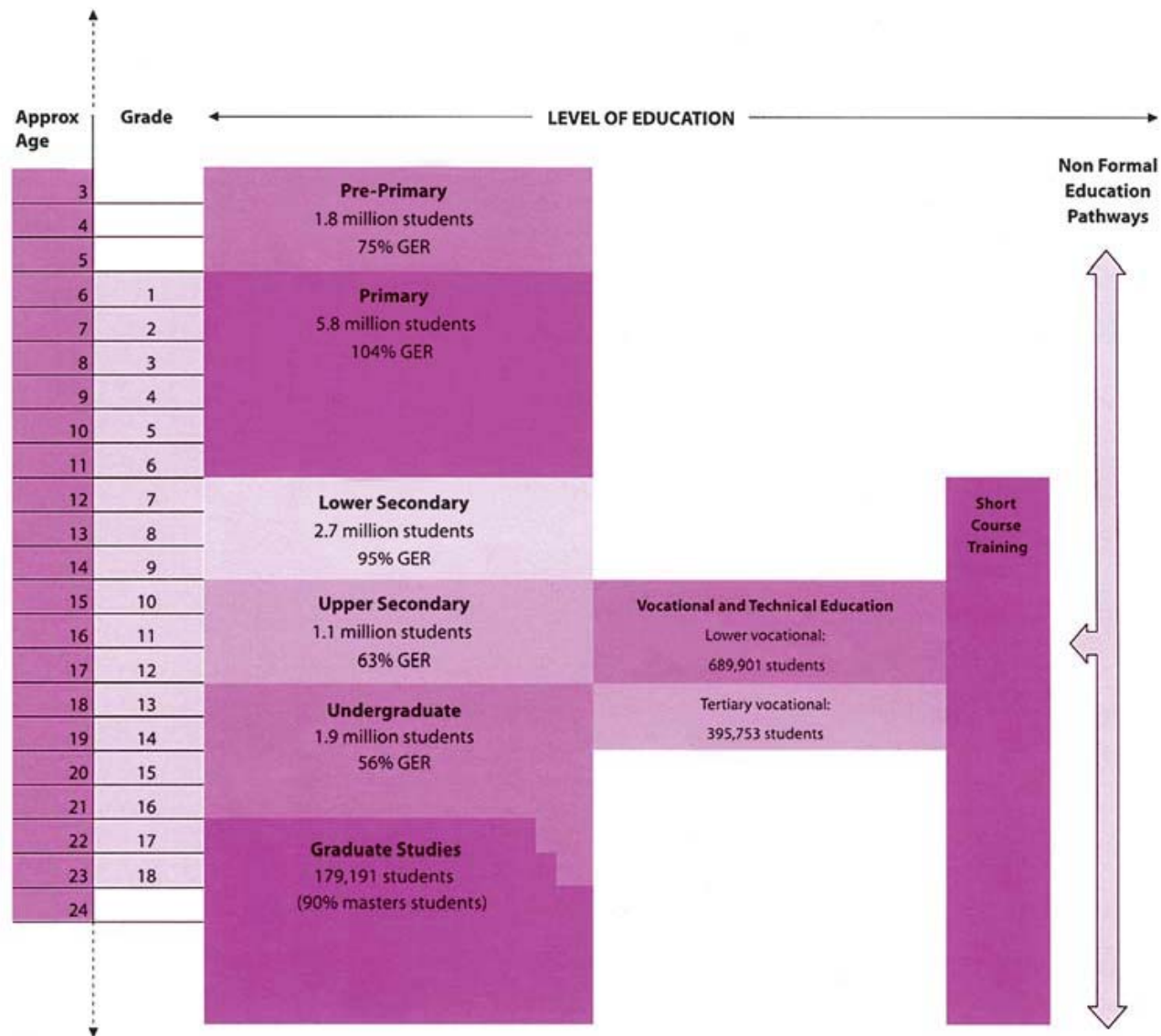
- Buddhist view of education which believes in learning for learning-sake – there is no teaching, it is the student's mind which is most important.
- Literacy Rate: 95.7%
- 2005 – 1,973,335 students graduated from high school; 1,669,993 went onto some form of higher education

Education in Thailand

- Framework of the Second 15-Year Long Range Plan on Higher Education of Thailand (2008-2022). To lead to the production and development of graduates of quality, capable of life long work and adjustment which is critical to the country's global competitiveness and supportive of sustainable development. Plan prepared by the Office of the Commission of Higher Education, under the supervision of the Commission of Higher Education Board

Ministry of Education

- Education under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. This was restructured in 1999 (effective 2003) Four main divisions:
- 1. National Council of Education
- 2. Commission on Basic Education
- 3. Commission on Higher education
- 4. commission on Vocational Education



GER: Gross Enrolment Rate as measured by percentage of students in age group in education

Structure of Education

- 12 year elementary / secondary (academic and vocational) - 3 years elementary; 3 years lower secondary; 3 year upper secondary. Compulsory through grade 9.
- 1997 Constitution – Students have a ‘right’ to 12 years of education.

Structure of Education

- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate Diplomas (specialized fields)
- Master's degree
- Doctorate

96 Public Higher Education Institutions

- 20 ‘limited’ admissions universities
- 4 Autonomous Universities – Suranaree University of Technology; Walailak University; King Mongku’ts University of Technology, Thonburi (formerly King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi); Mae Fah Luang University.
- 2 Open Universities (Ramkhamhaeng University and Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University)
- 2 Buddhist Universities
- 40 Rajhabat Universities
- 9 Rajamangala Universities
- 18 Community Colleges (Bureau of Community College Administration)
- 1 Pathumwan Institute of Technology

67 Private higher education
institutions

Asian Institute of Technology

Vocational Education

- Commission on Vocational Education is responsible for ALL three levels:
 - Upper secondary leading to the Lower Certificate of Vocational Education
 - Post-Secondary – leading to a Diploma or Higher Certificate of Vocational Education
 - Higher Education - leading to the bachelor's degree.

Education in Thailand

- Non-Formal Education:
- Equivalency Program (Non-Formal Education Basic Curriculum). Over 15 years of age. May have withdrawn or missed formal education.
- There is an upper secondary curriculum. Two semesters (20 weeks each). Time 'put in' varies depending on how far completed formal school.



BANGKOK METROPOLIS NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CENTRE 1
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
BANGKOK, THAILAND

TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD, THE UPPER SECONDARY LEVEL OF NON-FORMAL

Name MISS NINA

Student No. 3361 -

Birth Date 1, 1975

Nationality THAI

Father's Name MR

Mother's Name MRS

Date of Admission Registration June 1, 1993

Previous School Attended JOHN OF ARC SCHOOL

Previous Certificate Grade 9

Academic

Term/

Academic

Required Courses

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Acquired

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Academic

Term/

Academic

Elective Course

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Secondary School Grading

- 4 Excellent 80-100
- 3 Good 70- 79
- 2 Fair 60- 69
- 1 Pass 50 – 59
- 0 Fail 0 - 49

Grading

- Transcripts will provide a grading scale
- A – F / 0 – 4.00
- Minimum of 2.00 for award of a bachelor's degree
- Minimum of 3.00 for award of a master's degree
- Open Universities and some Faculties have their own grading scales

Undergraduate Program

1. Grading System

A	=	Excellent	=	4.0 Points
B+	=	Very good	=	3.5 Points
B	=	Good	=	3.0 Points
C+	=	Fairly good	=	2.5 Points
C	=	Fair	=	2.0 Points
D+	=	Poor	=	1.5 Points
D	=	Very Poor	=	1.0 Point
F	=	Failure	=	0.0 Point
W	=	Withdrawal With Permission		
I	=	Incomplete		
S	=	Satisfactory		
U	=	Unsatisfactory		

2. Graduation Requirement

- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 is required for Graduation of Bachelor Degree Programs

Graduate Program

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F	=	Failure	=	0.0 Point
S	=	Satisfactory		
U	=	Unsatisfactory		

2. Graduation Requirement

- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 is required for Graduation of Graduate Programs

3. Code of Course Status

AU = Auditing	PR = Prerequisite
EL = Elective	RP = Repeated
EX = Exemption	SB = Substitution
I = Incomplete	SS = Special Student
IP = Incomplete Proposal	T = Transfer
NC = Non-Credit Course	TH = Thesis/Research
NR = Non-Credit Required Course	W = Withdrawn

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Record of
School of
Major
Minor
Degree
Distinction

Mr.
Business Administration
Marketing
Hotel and Tourism Management
Bachelor of Business Administration
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Student No.
Date of Birth
Date of Admission
Date of Graduation
Date of Leaving

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June 7, 2004
March 4, 20
March 4, 20

Ref.no 2008084303

COURSE No.	TITLE OF COURSE	CREDITS & GRADE	COURSE No.	TITLE OF COURSE
BA101	1st. Semester 2004 Business Management	3 C+	BA031	Direct Marketing
HG002	English for Communication I	3 B+		Cum.
HG010	Social Issues	3 C		1st. Semester 2007
HG020	Contemporary Psychology	3 B	AC913	Managerial Accounting
HG030	Quality of Life	3 C	BA402	Strategic Management
SG001	Science, Technology and The Environment	3 D+	BK406	Sales Management and Selling To
	G.P.A 2.42		BK409	Marketing Management
	Cum.G.P.A ----		BT427	Airline Business
	2nd. Semester 2004			Cum.
AC911	Principles of Accounting I	3 F		2nd. Semester 2007
EC911	Introduction to Economics	3 C	BA401	Business Ethics
HG001	Thai Language for Communication	3 C+	BK407	Marketing Research
HG003	English for Communication II	3 B+	BK410	Seminar in Integrated Marketing S
SG002	Mathematics and Statistics in Everyday Life	3 C	BK411	International Marketing
	G.P.A 2.00		BT429	Tourism Business Management
	Cum.G.P.A 2.45			Cum.C
	Summer Session 2004			*** TRANSCRIPT CLO
SC911	Business Statistics	3 C		
	G.P.A 2.00			

Study Abroad

- In 2007, both Thai public and private universities offered a total of 844 international programs using English as the medium of instruction both at undergraduate and graduate levels, i.e. 277 undergraduate programs; 327 master degree programs; and 220 doctoral degree programs and 20 other degree programs. Foreign and Thai students can take courses for credits from such programs.

Undergraduate Recruiting

- **Thailand International Schools' Websites**
<http://www.thaichicago.net/clate/interschl.html>
- 57 secondary schools listed
- 2005 – ranked 10th in sending students to the U.S. (Business most popular major)

On-line resources

- http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/documents/third_countries/Thailand.pdf
- http://www.inter.mua.go.th/main/files/file/publications/book_higher_education/book_higher.pdf
- Commission on Higher Education -
<http://www.inter.mua.go.th/main/index.php>