

Chiang Mai University Fact Sheet For Exchange Students

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Part I : General Information

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About CMU:

Chiang Mai University is the first provincial university founded in January 1964 as the first institution of higher education in Northern Thailand, and as the first provincial university in Thailand.

Ever since its founding, CMU is focused on comprehensive institution of higher learning while providing a broad range of academic programs. In the field of research, CMU has been launching innovative initiatives and development projects, the results of which are utilized to further advance the standards of teaching, learning and technology transfer, supporting the social and economic development of the region and the country as a whole.

This university is a place for knowledge collection, studies research and knowledge transfer according to academic freedom based on morality and academic excellence, application and transfer, and arts and culture development.

Graduates from Chiang Mai University will emphasis self-training in order to become knowledgeable, thoughtful and practical persons, as well as being able to manage themselves and other people, and work with ethics and social awareness.

Key Academic Services:

Chiang Mai University provides academic services through:

- Academic degree and non-degree programs for undergraduates and graduates (both international and Thai programs);
- Training programs; and
- Research centers/institutes.
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International Programs at Chiang Mai University:

More information of CMU's international program, please visit:

- Undergraduate Programs: <http://www.cmuic.cmu.ac.th/>
- Graduate Programs: <http://www.grad.cmu.ac.th/>

No.	Name of Faculty/College/School	International Program
1	Faculty of Agriculture	• Master of Science Program in Agricultural Systems Management

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral of Philosophy Program in Agricultural Systems Management
2	Faculty of Agro Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science Program in Food Science and Technology • Doctoral of Philosophy Program in Food Science and Technology
3	Faculty of Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science Program in Integrated Design Emerging Architecture • Master of Architecture Program (Joint program with Kyoto Institute of Technology)
4	Faculty of Associated Medical Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science Program in Medical Technology • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Biomedical Science
5	Faculty of Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Economics program • Master of Economics program • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Economics • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Sufficiency Economy
6	Faculty of Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering • Bachelor of Engineering Program in Information Systems and Network Engineering • Master of Engineering Program in Biomedical Engineering • Master of Engineering Program in Mining Engineering • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Biomedical Engineering
7	Faculty of Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts Program in Thai as a Foreign Language (for non – Thai only)
8	Faculty of Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science Program in Parasitology • Master of Science Program in Obstetrics and Gynecology • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Biochemistry • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Parasitology • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Physiology • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Obstetrics and Gynecology
9	Faculty of Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Nursing Science Program • Master of Nursing Science Program • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Nursing Science
10	Faculty of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Public Health Program in One Health
11	Faculty of Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science Program in Environmental Science • Master of Science Program in Petroleum Geophysics • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Biodiversity and Ethnobiology • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Industrial Chemistry • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Physics

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Chemistry • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Biology • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
12	Faculty of Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts Program in Social Science • Master of Arts Program in Social Science • Master of Arts Program in Women's and Gender Studies • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Social Science
13	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science Program in Veterinary Science • Master of Science Program in Veterinary Public Health • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Veterinary Science
14	College of Media Arts and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science Program in Software Engineering • Bachelor of Science Program in Modern Management and Information Technology (Bilingual Program) • Bachelor of Science Program in Animation and Games (Bilingual Program) • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Knowledge and Innovation Management
15	International College of Digital Innovation (International program)	<p>Bachelor & Master & Doctoral degree programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science Program in Digital Innovation • Master of Science Program in Digital Innovation and Financial Technology • Doctor of Philosophy Program Digital Innovation and Financial Technology
16	School of Public Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Philosophy Program in Public Policy

Part II : Academic Calendar

CMU Calendar at a Glance:

Chiang Mai University's academic year is divided into two regular semesters

- **First Semester:** June to October
- **Second Semester:** November to March

Important Timeframe for Exchange Students:

For exchange students, the important periods to be aware of are scheduled as follows.

	First Semester (June to October)	Second Semester (November to March)
Deadline of Nomination/Application Submission for Exchange Students	28 th February	30 th June
Orientation	To be advised	To be advised
Class Begins	22 nd June	Beginning of November
Class Ends	End of October	End of March
Suggested Date of Arrival	Prior to the beginning of class.	

Part III: Requirements for Exchange Students

Number of Exchange Students:

As agreed in the Agreement

Degree Level of Exchange Student:

Undergraduate and/or postgraduate, as agreed in the Agreement.

GPA Requirement:

Candidates should, in principle, have the equivalent of a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 or 2.3 out of 3.0 (for undergraduate level) and 3.25 out of 4.0 (for graduate level)

Remarks: The GPA criteria is flexible for the exchange student(s) depending on the Agreement or the consideration of the host faculty/program of the exchange student(s).

English Language Proficiency Requirement:

In general, CMU requires our regular international students to have the equivalent of English proficiency assessment of at least:

- TOEFL score: 500 (paper based) or 173 (computer based) or 61 (iBT); or
- IELTS score: 5
- TOEIC score: 600

Remarks: The abovementioned minimum scores are flexible for the exchange student(s) under Agreement (unless it is specially required in the Agreement). However, the students are still advised to provide any of the abovementioned English proficiency assessment report or an equivalent internationally recognized English language test as a proof of their adequate English language skills to Chiang Mai University.

Credits Requirement:

Minimum of credits at 9 credits (3 courses) is required ONLY for the exchange students in undergraduate program.

Available Courses for Exchange Students (Bachelor Degree):

Available courses and course description can be found at <https://www3.reg.cmu.ac.th/regist/public/search.php?act=search>

*To identify courses for Bachelor Degree students, please check the fourth digit of the course number, which should be a number from 1 to 6. For example, if the course number is 701x00, x must be number from 1 to 6. If the fourth digit of the course number is 7 or 8, these courses are for graduate students.

**Please be noted that the available courses are subject to change. The student might have to choose the subject again before the begin of semester.

Part IV: Application Package

Required Documents for Application Package:

1. Application Form (F1)
2. Statement of purpose (0.5 – 1 page)
3. Official transcript
4. Evidence of English language proficiency
5. Certificate of enrollment from the home university
6. Copy of passport
7. Three Identical Photos (formal photo: polite dress, light background, and neutral facial expression).
8. Medical Certificate as issued within 6 months up to the date of application submission (F2)
9. Letter(s) of Recommendation (1 – 3 referees)

Part V : Practical Information for Exchange Students/Researcher

Non-Immigrant (ED) Visa:

A foreign citizen who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General. However, nationals of certain countries do not require a visa if they meet visa exemption requirements. Details of visa exemption and application of visa upon arrival can be obtained at <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/contents/files/services-20150120-100712-551809.pdf>.

However, for the exchange students/researcher who supposed to spend time more than 30 days, they are **REQUIRED** to obtain the **Non-Immigrant (ED) visa** from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering to Thailand. Chiang Mai University will provide the successful exchange students/researcher the visa supportive package.

Insurance:

The exchange students/researchers are **highly recommended** to purchase an insurance at the home country **BEFORE** traveling Chiang Mai.

Accommodation:

As the host university, Chiang Mai University is pleased to offer an assistance in finding budget and suitable off-campus accommodation for the exchange students/researchers.

Average cost of accommodation for the short term stay (1-6 months) is varied between 5,000 – 18,000 THB/month.

Service apartments in Chiang Mai will require the guest to pay in cash in each month for:

- (1) Room rental at the fixed rate
- (2) Water supply at the lump sum payment
- (3) Electricity cost upon the actual usage
- (4) Damage insurance

CMU Hostel:

Chiang Mai University has our own Hostel, called “**Green Nimman Residence**” (formally known as CMU-UNISERV Hostel), where offers standard full- serviced room for monthly stay. The location is very convenient for transportation as it is located on the new famous shopping street: Nimmanhemin Road. Below, please find its information.

Hostel Name: Green Nimman Residence

Location: 239 Nimmanhemin Road, Tambon Suthep, Mueang District, Chiang Mai (Opposite to CMU Auditorium)

Website: <http://www.uniserv.cmu.ac.th>

Email: uniserve@cmu.ac.th

Accommodation Rooms: Standard room (twin bed) with ensuit bathroom, air-condition, hot shower, cabinets, study desks and bed lamps.

Facilities:

- Security system: Keycard / Pin code at the entrances
- Elevator
- Common Area (2nd – 5th floors): Tables and chairs for group talks, microwave, digital TV, tank with hot/cool drinking water
- Washing machine & drying room (1st floor)
- Restaurant (1st floor)
- Fitness and coffee shops (in nearby area)

Services:

- Wireless network.
- Room cleaning service once a week
- Water supplies and electricity are included in the room rate.

Price: 12000 – 18000 THB/month (with key room deposit at 500 THB/room)

Remarks: The price is subject to change. However, if the exchange students/the researcher prefer to stay here, Chiang Mai University will assist to book a room and send out the request for special room rate.

Transportation:

Airport Transfer – there are taxis and van shuttle services available upon arrival at Chiang Mai International Airport, of which the price varies according to the distance. If the destination is not far from Chiang Mai University, the taxi from the airport should cost around 160-250 THB.

Local Transportation in Chiang Mai – there are several ways to call for taxi / city transportation in Chiang Mai:

- ‘Red Truck’ or *Songteaw*: - serves as the informal commuter of the city. It costs around 20 baht/trip for the inner-city route. Taxis are also found but limit themselves to the airport run and private calls.
- Tuk Tuks - usually gathered in tourist areas.
- Local taxi – on call only
- Bus

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Help No. 191

Medical Emergency No. 1669

Office Hours:

Government Offices in Chiang Mai, including Chiang Mai University are open from 8:30am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

International Calls:

There are choices of international call providers. Normally, dial 001 + country code + area code + phone number. Using VOIP, 008 or 009 are available.

Time Zone:

All regions in Thailand including Chiang Mai is at GMT+7.

Language:

Many Thai people speak English well, but many more (and especially people you meet in the streets, like your taxi driver, your market merchant etc.) do understand some English, mostly enough to communicate with you).

Electricity:

220 volts AC, 50 Hz, flat or round two-pin plugs are standard.

Currency and Money Exchange:

The Thai unit of currency is the BAHT. Most banks are open daily from 9.00-15.30 in weekdays. Small bank branches in Department Stores are open daily during the store time. USD 1 is approximately 34-36 baht excluding the exchange charge.

Eating:

Chiang Mai features many foods that are parts of its own distinctive cuisine, including both those handed down over the generations from the Lanna kingdom and those influenced by its neighbors, especially Myanmar (Burma).

Chiang Mai specialties include spicy sausage, khao soy (a type of noodle soup), and the ultimate in northern cuisine, a khan toke dinner; khan toke dinners usually consist of several small dishes, such as curries, crispy fried pork skin, and northern style chili sauces, served with sticky rice on a small round table, usually in front of a traditional dancing show.

In campus, most faculty has its own canteen and coffee shops, where students and university staff can enjoy cheap food and beverage.

Average expense for food & beverage: 4,000-5,000 THB/month