Thai Studies Program  
Pridi Banomyong International College  
Thammasat University  
Course Syllabus  
PD353 “Buddhism in Thailand”

Course Description

An investigation of the role of Buddhist institutions in Thailand today such as sects, organizations of Buddhism, practices as well as the functioning and roles of the various Thai religious institutions.

Course Schedule

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Required Readings


Recommended Reading


Assignment

A term-paper of 6-10 pages is required for each student enrolled in this course. The topic of term-paper has to be related to the course and created by each of the students. The approach of the paper should be analytical and critical from social scientific approach, with an academic format, including:

1. Front page (Topic, student’s name, and student’s ID number)
2. Preface
3. Contents
4. Footnotes (or Endnotes)
5. Bibliography (or Reference)

The term-paper is due on 29 July 2014.
Study Trips
Organized by PBIC

2 July 2014
Grand Palace
5 – 6 July 2014

9 July 2014
Old Bangkok Tour
18 – 20 July 2014
Chiang Mai
23 July 2014
Ayutthaya led by Ajarn Payab Pakdeelao.

Grading

Percent of total grade (100%)

1. Class Attendance and Participation 15%
2. Assignment 35%
3. Final Exam 50%
(Students are required to attend at least 70% of the total class time in order to earn credits for the course.)

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