



PHD IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE STUDIES (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM)

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1. Program Structure

Students are required to complete two semesters of coursework (taking one year) followed by three to five semesters of research to finish their PhD thesis. The coursework is seminar based, for which students will work closely with noted academics and practitioners of human rights and peace from Asia and other regions.

PLAN 1: Research Only

Required Courses	-	credits
Dissertation	48	credits
Total	48	credits

PLAN 2: Course Work & Dissertation

Required Courses	12	credits
Dissertation	36	credits
Total	48	credits

2. Study Plan

Plan One: Research Only (Starting in January)

Year	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	<i>Qualifying Examination</i>	HPHP 898 Dissertation 10 (0-48-0) Total 10 credits
2	HPHP 898 Dissertation 10 (0-48-0) Total 10 credits	HPHP 898 Dissertation 10 (0-48-0) Total 10 credits
3	HPHP 898 Dissertation 10 (0-48-0) Total 10 credits	HPHP 898 Dissertation 10 (0-48-0) Total 8 credits

Plan Two: Course Work & Dissertation (Starting in August)

Year	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	HPHP 601 Human Rights Theory 2 (2-0-4) HPHP 602 Peace & Conflict Theory 2 (2-0-4) HPHP 609 Research Seminar in Human Rights and Peace Studies 2 (2-0-4) Total 6 credits	HPHP 611 Human Rights Standards and Mechanisms 2 (2-0-4) HPHP 605 Critical perspectives for Human Rights and Peace 2 (2-0-4) HPHP 608 Research Methods in Human Rights and Peace Studies 2 (2-0-4) Total 6 credits
2	<i>Qualifying Examination</i> HPHP 699 Dissertation 9 (0-36-0) Total 9 credits	HPHP 699 Dissertation 9 (0-36-0) Total 9 credits
3	HPHP 699 Dissertation 9 (0-36-0) Total 9 credits	HPHP 699 Dissertation 9 (0-36-0) Total 9 credits

3. Course Descriptions

1) Required Courses

Credits (lecture – practice – self-study)

HPHP 601 Human Rights Theory 2 (2-0-4)

Historical development of human rights concepts and contemporary debates in social scientific approaches to human rights; philosophical, legal and political considerations of human rights ideas; perspectives from and contributions to human rights studies within the Global South.

HPHP 602 Peace & Conflict Theory 2 (2-0-4)

Historical and philosophical development of key peace and conflict theories and schools of thought; sociological and anthropological perspectives on peace, conflict, violence, nonviolence, conflict transformation and peacebuilding; emerging political trends and discourses on peace, conflict, development, security and human rights at regional and international levels.

HPHP 605 Critical Perspectives for Human Rights and Peace 2 (2-0-4)

Concepts and theories of justice as related to human rights and peace; critiques of human rights from cultural relativist, post-modern and feminist perspectives; gender, conflicts and non-violence. Power dynamics, conflicts and human rights; links between development, human rights and peace.

HPHP 609 Research Seminar in Human Rights and Peace Studies 2 (2-0-4)

Epistemology and ontology of human rights and peace research; constructivism, critical theory and legal positivism as major research paradigms; critical analysis of cross-cutting human rights and peace themes including citizenship, gender, identity as applied in research; analysis of human rights and peace research from a multidisciplinary perspective.

HPHP 608 Research Methods in Human Rights and Peace Studies 2 (2-0-4)

Practical skills in peace and human rights studies; human rights and peace research design. Mixed methods research; formulation of research objectives and questions. Research tools, protocols and ethics for peace and human rights research; participatory methods for human rights-based research.

HPHP 611 Human Rights Standards and Mechanisms 2 (2-0-4)

Basic concepts of international law. Politics behind development of international human rights standards and mechanisms. Critical examination of international and regional human rights regimes. National implementation of international and regional human rights standards. Human rights and armed conflicts; International accountability for mass human rights crimes; International human rights law and law of war; State and non-state actors and obligations.

2) Dissertation

HPHP 699 Dissertation 36 (0-108-0)

HPHP 898 Dissertation 48 (0-144-0)

Formation of problem and research proposal; Review literature related; Data collection; Data processing; Data analysis and interpretation; Research report writing or dissertation; Presentation and publication of the research in the international peer-reviewed journals. Conducting research based on research ethics in all research processes

4. Admission Requirements

Plan 1 : Research Only

- 1) Hold a Master's degree in social science and any related major from one of the higher education institutions accredited by the Office of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation
- 2) Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 or equivalent.
- 3) Have at least 3 publications in English in related fields in internationally recognized journal(s)/ publication(s), which are not part of the applicant's graduation requirement.
- 4) Have and English Proficiency Examination score as the requirement of Faculty of Graduate Studies
- 5) Experiences in human rights and peace or related fields are specially considered, as well as demonstrated research and writing skills with evidence of at least 5 years experience working in HR peace and related fields.
- 6) Applicants with other qualifications that are specified with 2) and 4) may be considered by the discretion of the Program Administrative Committee and the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

Plan 2 : Courses and Dissertation

- 1) Hold a Master's degree or equivalent in any relevant field major from one of the higher education institutions accredited by the Office of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation
- 2) Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 or equivalent.
- 3) Have and English Proficiency Examination score as the requirement of Faculty of Graduate Studies
- 4) Experiences in human rights and peace or related fields are especially considered.
- 5) Applicants with other qualifications that are specified with 2) and 4) may be considered by the discretion of the Program Administrative Committee and the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

5. Required Documents

- 1) Application form <https://ihrp.mahidol.ac.th/ph-d-in-human-rights-and-peace-studies/admission-ph-d/>

- 2) Personal Statement

Please give reasons why you wish to undertake the PhD program, and what you hope to achieve by studying a PhD.

This statement should be about one page.

- 3) Research Statement

For a PhD by coursework : The research proposal will provide the background to the research topic; it will also demonstrate an analysis of the topic, and potential research methods to examine this topic. Candidates will further develop and improve their research topic during their study in the program. This proposal should be about 5-8 pages.

For a PhD by research: The research proposal will provide a detailed background to the research topic. It should contain the research problem, research objectives and/or questions, and research methods. The proposal will also have a literature review and details of the theoretical and/or conceptual frame. This proposal should be about 12-15 pages.

- 5) Academic transcript(s) MA and Academic Certificate(s) MA
- 6) English Language Test Certificate(s) (if any)
- 7) Curriculum Vitae
- 8) Internationally recognized journal(s) /publication(s) (required for PhD by Research Only Plan)
- 9) Reference(s) form (at least 2 academic references and 1 professional reference)

The reference form can be downloaded at

<https://ihrp.mahidol.ac.th/ph-d-in-human-rights-and-peace-studies/admission-ph-d/>

Note Interview will be required upon the selection committees' decision

6. Cost of Study

PLAN ONE: Research Only

ITEM	1 st year		2 nd year		3 rd year		4 th year	
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	
Education Service Fee		7,200.00	5,800.00	7,200.00	5,800.00	7,200.00	5,800.00	
Health Insurance (For Non-Thai)		3,500.00		3,500.00		3,500.00	-	
Qualifying Examination Fee		-	4,200.00	-		-	-	
Graduate Tuition*		13,500.00	-	-		-	-	
Thesis registration (48 credits)		-	-	100,800.00	100,800.00	-	-	
Research Support Fee**		-	-	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	-	
Total (Baht)		24,200.00	10,000.00	261,500.00	256,600.00	10,700.00	5,800.00	568,800.00
							1USD= 32 THB	USD17,775

* 4,500 Baht x 2 credits

**Research Support Fee can be partially waived (from 300,000 baht to 100,000 baht) for self-fund students.

PLAN TWO: Course Work & Dissertation

ITEM	1 st year		2 nd year		3 rd year		
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	
Education Service Fee	7,200.00	5,800.00	7,200.00	5,800.00	7,200.00	5,800.00	
Health Insurance (For Non-Thai)	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	-	
Qualifying Examination Fee	-	-	4,200.00	-	-	-	
Graduate Tuition *	36,000.00	31,500.00	-	-	-	-	
Thesis registration (36 credits)	-	-	75,600.00	75,600.00	-	-	
Research Support Fee**	-	-	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	-	
Total (Baht)	46,700.00	37,300.00	240,500.00	231,400.00	10,700.00	5,800.00	572,400.00
						1USD= 32 THB	USD 17,888

* 4,500 Baht x 12 credits

**Research Support Fee can be partially waived (from 300,000 baht to 100,000 baht) for self-fund students.

7. Scholarships

- Partial Research Support Fee Reduction for all self-funded students
- Full and partial scholarships available for Myanmar students
- More scholarship : www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/en/scholarships/ , <https://op.mahidol.ac.th/ir/scholarships/>

8. How to apply

Please submit the application directly first to: Ihrpphd@mahidol.edu

You will be informed about applying via the online system and paying the 500 baht fee in due time

9. Contact

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