



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

Admissions Requirements

Qualifications of Prospective Students

Research Only Track

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.

Coursework and Research Track

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 **3)** may be considered by the discretion of the Program Administrative Committee and the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Required documents

1. Application form (online application):

Apply online at:

<https://graduate.mahidol.ac.th/inter/prospective-students/?p=curriculum&id=7704D03G>

(Non-Thai applicant)

http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/Admission/online/Admission2019_PhD/index.php?page_name=sign-up

(Thai applicant)

[Download Application form](#)

2. Academic transcript

3. Academic certificate

4. Statement of Purpose

5. Research Statement/Research proposal

6. Curriculum Vitae

7. Certificate of employment (if any)

8. References (if any)

- 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/>**English proficiency score**

Exam	Entrance requirement			Graduation requirement		
	Total	Speaking	Writing	Total	Speaking	Writing
IELTS	3	-	-	6	6	6
TOEFL-iBT	42	-	-	79	19	23
MU GRAD PLUS (MU GRAD TEST + SPEAKING)	40	-	-	90	12	12

Cost for the Entire Course

Tuition Fee	300,000 Thai baht
Research Supplies Fee	150,000 Thai baht
Health Insurance Fee	3,500 Thai baht/academic year
Field Trip Fee	20,000 Thai baht
Research Supplies Fee reduction available.	

Scholarships

- Partial Research Support Fee Reduction for all self-funded students
- Living Allowance Scholarship for Foreign Graduate Students at Mahidol University

Eligibility

- Being a Mahidol University student with an ASEAN nationality (excluding Singaporean and Bruneian) or nationality of any developing countries in South Asia, Central Asia or Africa. (Please visit the International Relations website for a list of countries.)
- Not being a recipient of a full scholarship elsewhere.

Application period

- Application will be closed by the end of April or until the budget reaches the limit

More information

<https://op.mahidol.ac.th/ir/scholarship-for-living-allowance/>

More scholarships

International Relations Division <https://op.mahidol.ac.th/ir/mu-scholarships/>

Faculty of Graduate Studies <https://graduate.mahidol.ac.th/inter/current-students/?p=scholarship>