



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Syllabus

Semester S/2017

EE391 Thai Rural Studies 6 credits

Lecture Time: 12 hours of orientation lecture, 6 weeks stay in rural community

Prerequisites: EE390 or Lecturer's consent

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Course Description:

Objective of the course is to let students learn and understand present situations of Thai rural community through an extensive field study (6 weeks). The course requires enrolled students to live and work with chosen rural families for a certain period. The students are also required to collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data on physical, economic, social, political, and natural resource aspects as well as potential of the communities.

Evaluation: Evaluation of this course is of 2 levels, Satisfactory (S) and Unsatisfactory (U)
At least 65% of total scores would be considered 'S'.

Activities

1. Joining EE391 Preparation workshop
2. Travel by train or bus to the province
3. Meet the governor of the province to introduce the course and the students
4. Students will be assigned to communities in the area studied, one student per community.
5. Stay and adapt to rural life
6. Help the host family with their daily routine
7. Get to know and learn about the community you are assigned to stay using the tools you get from the workshop
8. Write a diary (detailed to be specified)
9. Write a report and prepare a presentation.

Rules of Conduct for Field Study

1. Student must observe and strictly follow Thammasat University's rules of regulations concerning student's conduct.
2. Students must stay in the assigned rural area the whole period of field study.
3. Students are allowed to be absent from the assigned area *only* in necessary case (which would be considered case by case; and the absence must not exceed 3 days successively).
4. Students must inform *the host family* and *the instructor* every time that the students have to leave the assigned area and/or stay overnight elsewhere.

In case that the students violate or do not follow the above rules of conduct, it will affect the evaluation of students' performance, that is, the students will get "U" (Unsatisfactory) for the course enrolled.

Venue

Dan Sai district, Loei Province

The selection of this area is based on its interesting community development issues and the fact that there is a Community-Based Research team of Thailand Research Fund (TRF) in the area. Therefore, during the students' stay, they are not only supervised by the lecturer of the course but also by the local research team. In addition, with the help of the local research team, the selection of host family will be more thorough. The lecturer will be visiting the host families at their houses before send the students to stay with them to make sure of the students' safety.

Time Schedule (18 June – 27 July)

Date	Activity
June 11 th – 13 th , 2018	Workshop - Introduction, basic information and preparation - Data collection, working techniques with the community - Workshop "Community Analysis Tools"
June 17 th , 2018	- Departure to Loei province
June 18 th , 2018	- Meet Loei Governor and the host families at the Governor office
July 6 th – 9 th , 2018	- First field supervision
July 25 th – 27 th , 2018	- Second field supervision
July 27 st , 2018	- Thank-you party
July 28 nd , 2018	- Leaving for Bangkok
August 3 rd , 2018	- Presentation and submission of field study reports

