



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE



Mae Fah Luang University

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"Mae Fah Luang"





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About MFU

Mae Fah Luang University (MFU) was established as an autonomous public institution under the Royal Charter in 1998, with financial support from the Royal Thai Government. It was created to meet the needs of the people in the north of Thailand, and to commemorate the gracious contribution of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, the late Princess Mother, lovingly known to her subjects as “Mae Fah Luang.” From its inaugural class of 62 students in 1998 to now, MFU has become Thailand’s fastest growing tertiary institution with an enrolment of over 12,000 students. After little over a decade of operation, it is already well-known for the high quality of its teaching, research, and service to the people of the North of Thailand, and the region as a whole.



The campus is located in a spectacular setting of mountains and trees. It has a clean, inviting environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. It spans an area of more than 800 hectares and consists of a number of state-of-the-art buildings, sports stadiums, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, tennis court, modern gymnasium equipped with fitness facilities, and an outdoor sports field. Established to serve as both a national and regional university, MFU has become an educational hub providing equality educational services and resources to the neighbouring countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) (Lao PDR, Myanmar, Cambodia, China, and Vietnam) and reaches out to all of Southeast Asia and the rest of the world.

The university's philosophy is embodied in the intention of the Princess Mother to foster the quality of the environment and human resource development. In this regard, promotion of a healthy environment throughout the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) is a primary focus for the university, as well as improvement of the quality of life for the disadvantaged through higher education. In addition to a healthy environment, MFU has gained increasing recognition for its healthcare and medical developments, especially the "MFU Medical Hub" project. The MFU Medical Hub will provide modern medicine and traditional treatments to care for the entire ASEAN region, in addition to helping develop human resources and medical education. As an institution of higher learning that meets international standards, the university aims to excel in selected academic services to society, such as technology and the adaptation and promotion of Thai arts and culture. The university is focused on building human capacity in an on-going search for knowledge.

MFU is proud to offer living and learning in an ideal atmosphere and environment. It is simply the best place to be!





International Affairs Division



Vision

Our vision is to provide high-quality service and establish international cooperation with partners around the world, with the aim of fostering academic opportunities for students and staff.

As the primary unit for supporting international activities within the university, the International Affairs Division (IAD) is committed to providing students with the opportunity to attain a global education.

Responsibilities

The Division is comprised of five separate sections, each with their own particular functions and responsibilities:

1. General Affairs
2. International Student Affairs
3. Scholarships and Student Exchange
4. Public Relations and Information
5. International Collaborations



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Registration

The registration date for each academic year is officially announced on the University website (www.mfu.ac.th)

Step 1: Registration

1. Fill out a registration form and prepare the documents listed below:

- 1.1 Two 1-inch colour photographs with **proper student uniform**.
- 1.2 Two copies of passport.
- 1.3 Two copies of name change certificate (if applicable).
- 1.4 Two copies of high school or diploma certificate (English version).
- 1.5 Two copies of transcripts (English version).

* All copies of documents must be verified with student signature.

- 2. Present documents and tuition fees to the Registrar Division during the registration period.
- 3. Receive a tuition fee receipt.
- 4. Receive your password to access the Online Course Registration Website.

Note: The tuition fees and all the registration fees must be paid in cash (THB).



Step 2: Student ID Card

Upon registration, the Registrar Division will help students to obtain a Student ID card. The ID card, which is issued by the Bangkok Bank, can also be used as an ATM card. Please allow 3 weeks for it to be processed. Students may have to inquire at the Bangkok Bank (Ground floor of D1 Building) as to when it is ready.

Note: Recieve in person.

Step 3: Open a Bank Account

Complete a request form at the Registrar Division and prepare the documents listed below:

1. A copy of passport.
2. A copy of visa.
3. A 1-inch colour photograph with proper student uniform.
4. A copy of MFU acceptance letter.
5. The minimum of 200 THB deposit needed to open an account.

* All copies of documents must be verified with student signature.

Note: Please wear your student uniform every time you visit a university office.



Online Course Registration Guide

1. Go to the website reg.mfu.ac.th
2. Click on "English version" on the left-hand side of the menu.
3. Click on "Log In" on the left-hand side of the menu.
4. Enter your student ID and password and follow the instructions.
5. Click "confirm" after you have inserted the list of all the courses.
6. Print out your tuition bill before paying your account balance at the bank or the Finance and Accounting Division.

Note: The registration period begins one week before classes start. The late registration period ends 2 weeks after classes start during the first and second semesters, and one week after classes open during the summer semester.

Note: 2nd year students and above will be required to pay a late fee of 50 THB per day of late registration.

Note: For assistance with registration, see your academic advisor.

GPAX Requirements

Students are required to maintain a GPAX of 2.00 while enrolled at MFU. If you fall under the GPAX requirement, and have a GPAX of 1.50 to 1.99 for 4 semesters, you will be withdrawn from the University. If your GPAX falls under 1.50 for 2 semesters, you will be withdrawn from the University.



Caution!

1. Students should not have a GPAX lower than 1.5
2. If you are put on probation for 2 semesters, you will be withdrawn from the university.

Note: If your GPAX falls below 2.00, contact your advisor immediately; you may be in danger of withdrawal from the University.

Changing Major/Programme of Study

To change your programme of study, you must have studied at least 2 semesters. First-year students are not allowed to change their programme of study.

If you have studied at least 2 semesters, you may submit a change of major form to the Registrar Division at least one week before the registration period begins. This form may be downloaded at reg.mfu.ac.th

All the courses that you have registered for will be transferred into your new major. Courses not in your new major structure will be classified as elective courses.

Checking Your Exam Schedule

Go to reg.mfu.ac.th to check your exam schedule. Click on the “Student Timetable” link on the left side of the home page. Once directed to a new page, input your student ID where it asks for your student code. You will be directed to your exam schedule.

Note: For assistance with any academic issues, please see your academic advisor.





Campus Life

Student Dormitories

The University has increased its accommodation capacity and offers up to 5,000 beds in 16 dormitory buildings for students. Students' residences are just a ten-minute walk from the main university buildings. Students have privacy within a safe, friendly, and lively learning environment.

First year students are recommended to stay in the dormitories with the intention of encouraging students to develop their social skills through living together, learning together and helping one another. The student dormitories, which are supervised by University staff and guarded round the clock by security officers, provide desks, beds and mattresses, internet corners, TV rooms and study rooms.





Dormitory Services

- 24-hour dormitory guardians.
- 24-hour security officers.
- 24-hour laundry.
- Wi-Fi Internet access.



Dormitory Rules and Regulations

All students who reside in the dormitory shall strictly observe the following rules and regulations:

1. Entering and leaving the dormitory.
 - 1.1 The dormitory is open from 06.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs.
 - 1.2 If the student returns to the dormitory later than 22.00 hrs, the dormitory supervisor will deliver a warning or punishment in accordance with Student Regulations, unless the student has received prior permission.
 - 1.3 Students must present their student ID card to the dormitory security officer before entering the dormitory, which will be returned when the student exits the dormitory. Students must carry their student ID card with them at all times when outside of the dormitory.
 - 1.4 The common room television will be turned off at 23.00 hrs on weekdays and at 24.00 hrs on weekends.
2. Visitors are allowed only in the authorized visiting areas, and are not allowed to enter the dormitory.
3. Students are strictly forbidden to cause any disturbance or alarm to others in the vicinity:
 - 3.1 Gambling of all types is forbidden.
 - 3.2 Alcoholic and narcotic substances are strictly forbidden.



- 3.3 Weapons, explosives, and dangerous items of all types are forbidden.
- 3.4 Pets may not be kept in the dormitory.
- 3.5 Excessive noise and disruptive behavior is forbidden.
- 4. Unauthorized electronic devices and appliances may not be brought into the dormitory, such as: televisions, electric kettles, electric stoves, rice steamers, microwaves, refrigerators, and toasters.
- 5. Authorized electronic devices/appliances that may be brought into the dormitory include: radios (not stereos), hairdryers, electronic fans, and computers. Other items must be authorized by the Student Dormitory Office. If unauthorized items are found, they will be seized immediately.
- 6. Dormitory appliances for shared use must not be moved or taken into rooms for personal use.
- 7. Cooking is forbidden in the dormitory.
- 8. All dormitory property and items must not be removed or modified in any way.
- 9. Shoes must be removed before entering the dormitory.
- 10. If a student receives consent to stay overnight elsewhere or to enter the dormitory after hours, such as in the case that a student returns home or has an extracurricular predicament, the student must return to the dormitory at the time and date specified.
- 11. Parties and social meetings of all types are forbidden without permission from the university and dormitory supervisor.
- 12. Students that do not follow dormitory rules and regulations be punished in accordance with the MFU Student Regulations.



Punishments

Students residing in the dormitory who violate the above rules and regulations will be punished as follows:

1. Written warning.
2. Put on probation.
3. Suspended from all courses for a minimum of one academic year.
4. Forced withdrawal from the university.
5. Any other sanction according to MFU Regulations.

Dormitory Checkout Procedure

Before leaving MFU at the end of the semester, students must:

1. Inform the dormitory staff of the exact date of leaving, returning and home contact number seven days before the final examination.
2. Collect all valuables, such as computers and money, which are not to be left in the dormitory.
3. If the student wants to live in the dormitory the next semester, pack up belongings in the cupboard and lock it.
4. If students wish to stay in the dormitory during summer, they have to contact the Student Development Affairs Division and place a booking seven days in advance.
5. Drop off the room keys to dormitory staff; dormitory staff will check the room and the student will have to sign a confirmation saying that they have left the room.

6. Students who stay in the dormitory after the last day of examinations must pay dormitory fees of 50 THB per night per person for F dormitories and 80 THB for all other dormitories. Students must inform the dormitory staff and contact the Student Development Affairs Division to complete the process.
7. Students have to return their ID cards and keys back to the dormitory officer, otherwise, they will incur a fee of 50 THB per person.

Note: For more information, please go to the university dormitory website at dormitory.mfu.ac.th





Uniforms

International students who are registered at undergraduate level (regular or international programmes) are required to wear University uniforms in accordance with the University policy. The uniform requirements are specified below:



Female

A short-sleeved white standard female uniform blouse with a fold line at the back and engraved MFU buttons; the blouse must be tucked into a standard female university black skirt, which must be long enough to cover the knees. Both the skirt and the blouse must not be too tight. The skirt must be worn with a suede brown university belt with an engraved MFU belt buckle. First years must wear plain white sports shoes with white ankle-length socks; second year students and above must wear standard black leather uniform shoes. The university pin must be clasped on the right hand side of the shirt at chest level.

Note: Muslim students are required to wear a long pleated skirt with a long sleeve shirt and white veil without accessories.



Male

A white long-sleeved shirt, navy/black trousers; a black leather belt with MFU buckle; black leather shoes; a blue necktie with the university pin.

Note: Belts, pins and neckties are all available at the MFU Book Centre.

Riding and Driving on Campus

The general rules and regulations of Thailand will be listed later in this handbook; however, there are a few rules particular to MFU:

1. First-year students are strongly encouraged not to ride a motorcycle or drive a car.
2. Everyone, including passengers, must be wearing a helmet in order to enter or depart from the campus while riding a motorcycle.
3. Motorcycles must park in the designated parking areas.

Note: In case of emergency or accident on campus, please contact 0 5391 6999.

Medical Insurance

International students are required to purchase medical insurance, organised by the IAD.

In the case that medical insurance is already possessed, please provide your details to the IAD.

Individual policies are subject to change.

For more information, contact the IAD: +66 (0) 5391 6024



Facilities and Resource Centres



MFU Hospital

This on-campus hospital provides students, staff, and community members with medical treatment from a physician, dermatology services, dental services, Chinese medicine, child clinic and holistic health services. The hospital aims to combine Thai traditional medicine with western medicine.

Tel: +66 (0) 5391 7563



The Living and Learning Support Centre

This support centre is on the first floor of D1 Building, Room number 127 (open 08.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.) it provides assistance to students to advance their personal, academic and psychological development. The centre provides students with many different aids, from reading techniques and memorisation strategies to improve their study skills, to consultation and counselling services to improve their personal and social lives. Tel: +66 (0) 5391 6666



The Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Centre

A centre for Chinese language instruction, development and standardisation, this centre offers both Chinese language and Chinese teaching courses to ensure community and national level human resources development.

Tel: +66 (0) 5391 7097



Learning Resources and Educational Media Centre

This modern library and learning centre located on the second floor of D1 Building. It utilises internationally recognised information technology systems in its services. Tel: +66 (0) 5391 6330-31



The Mekong Basin Civilisation Museum

A research centre and museum for the study of the culture and arts of the Mekong Subregion, at D2 Building.

Tel: +66 (0) 5391 7042



Computer Laboratory

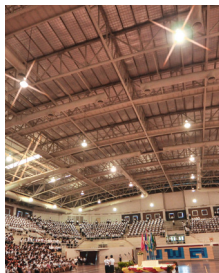
This computer laboratory is a centre filled with electronic educational tools to supplement students' learning and training activities. This computer laboratory is at S1 Building. Tel: +66 (0) 5391 6404



Self-Access Language Learning Centre

This aims to foster the language learning of students by providing excellent service through well-trained staff, in an elaborate facility.

Tel: +66 (0) 5391 6110-1



Indoor Stadium and Sports Complex (Chalmprakiat Building)

The sports complex offers various indoor sports facilities including fitness rooms and an outdoor olympic sized swimming pool open to exercises.



Wanaphirom Park and MFU Botanical Garden

An arboretum-like park where arboriculture attractions can be appreciated, displaying thousands of plant and traditional medicinal herb varieties.



Post Office

A licensed on-campus post office offers all postal services. The office opens Monday to Friday from 08.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs., it is located on the first floor of the D1 Building. **Tel: +66 (0) 5391 6170**



Banks

The Bangkok Bank is located on the first floor of D1 Building. **Tel: +66 (0) 5391 2209-13**

The Government Savings Bank is located next to the MFU Book Centre on University Avenue. **Tel: +66 (0) 5391 2441**



Culture shock

Every culture has a unique understanding of the range of behaviours that are acceptable. Difficulties and frustrations may arise when people integrate into a new culture. Culture shock may occur when a one feels excessively homesick, lonely, or bored. When first arriving in a new place, many people feel culture shock and even with adequate preparation, it may be impossible to prevent. It takes time to overcome it, but it will ultimately broaden your perspective and help you grow as a person.

MFU is the first public university to provide a Living and Learning Support Centre equipped with professional staff and teachers who are on duty to assist students with any issues, be they academic or personal.

Important Behavioural Tips

1. Show reverence to all Buddhist objects and places. Women must never touch a monk or his robes.
2. Thais greet each other with a Wai (a prayer-like gesture where the palms of the hands are pressed together and raised to chest level) as a general rule it is polite to Wai when meeting someone older or in a senior position.
3. Always remove your shoes before entering a temple or someone's home.



Visas

Obtaining a visa

Once your application to study at MFU has been approved, you will need to obtain a non-immigrant ED visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate to enter Thailand. This visa will be extended once your study commences. In any case, DO NOT enter Thailand on a tourist or transit visa, as they cannot be extended to cover your period of study.

Required Documents:

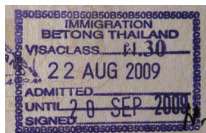
1. Copy of the official acceptance letter, academic calendar, and a letter for your visa request from MFU.
2. Four recent 3x4 cm. photographs (less than 6 months old).
3. Copy of your passport-information page(s).
4. Medical certificate (less than 6 months old).
5. Visa fees.

Note: Foreign nationals on a student visa are not eligible to work in Thailand.

Visa extension

Required Documents:

1. Certificate of student status.
2. Transcript (except for first year students).
3. Your real passport and a copy of the page showing your details (including photo).
4. Copy of your passport visa page (showing the visa expiration date)
5. Visa extension request.
6. Recent 3x4 cm photograph.





Procedure:

1. Three weeks before your visa expires, request a copy of your transcript and certificate of student status from the Registrar Division, which will cost 50 THB for each copy of each document.
2. After 3 days processing, return to the Registrar Division to receive your documents.
3. Contact the IAD, bringing your passport and the listed documents with you.
4. Wait 3 days for the IAD to issue your visa extension request.
Contact the Immigration Office with all listed documents and the
5. 1,900 THB fee.

Note: You will be fined an overstay charge consisting of 500 THB per day if you do not extend your visa on time.
The maximum charge is 20,000 THB.

Re-Entry Permit

Students wishing to leave Thailand for any purpose must apply for Re-Entry at the Immigration Office. If they fail to do so, when re-entering Thailand, their visa will be cancelled automatically.

Required Documents:

1. Completed re-entry form (can be obtained from the Immigration Office front desk).
2. Passport.
3. Recent 2-inch photograph.

Note: Fees for Single Re-entry	1,000 THB
Fees for Multiple Re-entry	3,800 THB



90 Day Report

The Thai Immigration Office requires all foreigners staying in Thailand longer than 90 days to report their current address every 90 days, and must be done between 15 days before the due date to 7 days after.

Required Documents:

1. Copy of passport detail pages.
2. Copy of current visa page.
3. Copy of last entry stamp.
4. Copy of last visa extension.
5. Previous notifications of staying over 90 days.
6. Complete and signed notification form TM.47
7. Empty envelope with 10 THB stamp affixed with your postal address.

Note: The 90 Day Report is NOT a visa extension!
The process can be done by person at the Immigration Office or by post 15 days before the due date.

Note: If you are late reporting to immigration, you may be prosecuted and/or fined 2,000 – 4,000 THB.



Immigration Offices

Chiang Rai Immigration Office (Mae Sai)

117 Moo 1, Wang Phang Kham, Mae Sai, Chiang Rai 57130

Tel: +66 (0) 5373 1008 Ext. 23 Fax: +66 (0) 5373 1009

Office Hours: 08.30 hrs. to 16.30 hrs. Monday-Friday

Chiang Rai Immigration Office (Visa Section)

One Stop Service, Chiang Rai Provincial Administrative Organization

Near Mae Fah Luang - Chiang Rai International Airport

Tel: +66 (0) 5317 5376 Fax: +66 (0) 5317 5377

Office Hours: 08.30 hrs. to 16.30 hrs. Monday-Friday

Chiang Mai Immigration Office

71 Moo 3, Airport Road, Muang, Chiang Mai 50200

Tel: +66 (0) 5320 1755 Ext. 6

Office Hours: 08.30 hrs. to 16.30 hrs. Monday-Friday

Bangkok Immigration Office

507 South Sathon Road, Soi Suan Phlu, Bangkok

Tel. +66 (0) 2287 3101-10

Office hours: 08.30 hrs. to 16.30 hrs. Monday-Friday



Money Matters

Sending and Receiving Money in Thailand

You may need to send money to someone in Thailand, or even to yourself. Due to advanced technology in the banking industry, sending a small amount of money less than 10,000 US dollars, to Thailand is easy. Banks in Thailand do not use an International Bank Account Number (IBAN); instead, they use the SWIFT coding system for bank transactions. Here are some methods used to send money to Thailand:

- **Via Western Union** Many people find this convenient, cheap and fast. This service is very useful in emergency cases; it is a retail money transfer with no bank account required. The fees vary depending on the amount, the country you send from and the country you send to. If you send more than 1,000 US dollars, they will ask for more personal information and the reason for sending it.
- **Bank transfer** This is convenient if both the sender and the recipient have a bank account. The sender requests an international bank transfer at their bank. The money transfer can take up to five days depending on the bank. Not all bank branches do international money transfers and fees will apply.
- **International money order** This is inconvenient because it can be cashed only at certain bank branches, and banks in Thailand charge a high fee for cashing money orders.
- **Sending a debit card to a recipient in Thailand** The sender provides a debit card such as Visa or Master Card to the recipient, with the pin number sent separately. The recipient can withdraw money directly from an ATM machine in Thailand. This way, the sender can control how much money is put into the account and can stop the account access at any time.



- **Online** This is the safer, easier way to make an online payment and can also be used to send money to someone. PayPal lets you send money to anyone with an e-mail address. It is free, and works with your existing credit card and current bank account. There are a few ways to do this. Go to www.paypal.com to learn more about how to sign up and other details.

Exchanging Money in Thailand

It is easy and convenient to exchange money when you first arrive at the airport. You should exchange just enough for a few days because you can get a better rate from bank in town or from money exchange booths.

An easy way to access your money from your home country is to use an ATM card with the PLUS, Cirrus, or STAR logo. You can also use a major credit card to get Thai currency from your account back home. However, be mindful that until you have a Thai bank account, withdrawal fees will be higher.

Fees vary from bank-to-bank. Also, you should alert your bank and credit card company that you will be traveling in Thailand before you leave home. The bank may detect what it may think are unauthorised withdrawals and put a hold on your accounting learning you with no access to your money.

There are always unforeseen problems when you need to get cash right way. Therefore, you should have some extra cash and traveller's checks as backup. Only carry enough cash for your expense for the day, or only an amount that you are comfortable using. Check with your dormitory about leaving your valuables in a safe place.

Thai banks are closed on public holidays. Some branches in town such as Central Plaza and Big C, are opened on weekends. ATM machines are usually accessible 24-hours a day, located outside banks, convenient stores, and other locations popular places.



Riding and Driving in Thailand

Rules of riding a motorcycle and driving a car

1. Traffic moves on the left side of the road.
2. The legal driving age for cars is 18 and for riding a motorcycle up to 110 cc is 15; 18 is the legal age for riding a motorcycle over 110 cc.
3. The legal blood alcohol limit is 0.5 milligrams of alcohol per litre of blood, and 0.2 milligrams of alcohol per litre of blood for those who have held licenses under 5 years.
4. Law requires the driver of any vehicle to hold a valid driver's licence and copy of vehicle registration document.
5. A tax sticker and at least third-party motor insurance are required for all vehicles (including motorcycles), and have to be renewed annually at the local Department of Land Transportation office.
6. The driver and passengers in the front seat of vehicles are required to wear seatbelts fastened.
7. Speeding fines and traffic tickets may be paid at the local police station.
8. Vehicles with red registration plates cannot be ridden at night.
9. Law does not require children's car seats.
10. The speed limit on the highway is usually 90 kilometres per hour, and in some areas 100 or 120 kilometres per hour. In urban areas it is usually 50 or 60 kilometres per hour.
11. Motorcycle riders are required to wear a helmet.



Safe Driving Tips

1. In larger cities, heavy traffic usually occurs in weekdays between 07.00 hrs. to 09.30 hrs. and from 04.30 hrs. to 19.30 hrs. In smaller towns, the rush hours are shorter.
2. At the start and end of major holidays, traffic is very heavy. Numerous accidents and fatalities may occur due to drunkenness and recklessness.
3. Pay more attention to your driving than you would back home because directional signs in English are quite small and some road signs are only in Thai.

Traffic Accidents

In case of a traffic accident in which no one is injured:

1. Move all vehicles involved to the side of the road to avoid blocking traffic.
2. Call the emergency number 191, or 1155 for English-speaking police assistance.
3. Exchange information with the other drivers: passport and ID card numbers, driving licence number, vehicle registration, insurance details, the vehicles' registration number, phone numbers and addresses.
4. Know what your insurance company requires. Know if the company has a 24-hour assistance phone number.
5. Inform your insurance company and file the necessary forms.



In case of a traffic accident in which there is an injury:

1. Call the emergency number 191, or 1155 (English-speaking) for police assistance.
2. Uninjured persons should move to the side of the road.
3. Call an ambulance and tend to anyone who is injured. If you are trained, apply emergency first-aid procedures.
4. Do not move the vehicles involved.
5. Exchange information with the other drivers: passport and ID card numbers, driver's licence number, vehicle registration, insurance details, the vehicles' registration number, phone numbers and addresses.
6. Know what your insurance company requires. Know if the company has a 24-hour assistance phone number.
7. Inform your insurance company and file the necessary forms.
A police report will need to be completed at the local police station.

How to Get a Driving Licence

To get a driving licence you have to be in good health with no physical or mental handicaps and be of sound mind. Foreigners with an international driving licence and valid driving license from their home country, along with a Non-Immigrant visa, can apply for Thai licence. With these documents, foreigners do not need to take the driving test or written exam in Thailand. You will be provided with a one – year temporary driving licence for passenger cars (Not for commercial vehicles or motorcycles).



In Thailand, a driving licence is obtained at the Chiang Rai Provincial Land Transport Office. In certain offices, the exam is available in English. If not, the exam will be in Thai, but you may be able to use a Thai interpreter to help you during the process if you receive the permission of the examiner. Foreigners must take the Thai driving licence examination if they do not have an international driving licence and valid licence from their home country.

In order to receive a driving licence, you must contact the Chiang Rai Provincial Land Transport Office and submit the following documents:

1. Student certification (from the Registrar Division).
2. A copy of your transcript (from the Registrar Division).
3. A copy of your passport information (the page with your photo).
4. A copy of your visa (showing the date of expiry).
5. Letter of certification from a doctor (from the Hospital).

Note: If you have your international and home-country driving licence, you will only need to pass these simple tests: colour blindness, reflexes, and depth perception. After you have passed these tests, your documents will be checked. After paying the small fees, you will receive a temporary Thai driving licence.



Thailand and Chiang Rai

Climate

Thailand has a tropical climate, with three distinct seasons: hot from March to June, wet from July to October, and cool from November through February. The temperature in Chiang Rai is 28°C (83°F) on average, ranging from 40°C in April to 15°C in December.

What to Wear

Light, loose cotton clothing is best. Synthetic materials should be avoided. Sweaters are needed in the cool season, especially in the evening or when visiting mountainous areas or national parks. Jackets may be necessary. Polite, modest dress is required entering temples or palaces.

Local Time

GMT+7hours

Business Hours

Most offices open from 08.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs., Monday to Friday, except on public holidays. However, the offices may be closed during the lunch hour. Many stores are open 12 hours a day, seven days a week.



Currency

THB=Thai Baht, there are 100 Satang in 1 THB. Notes are issued in denominations of 1,000 THB (grey), 500 THB (purple), 100 THB (red), 50 THB (blue), and 20 THB (green). There are 10, 5, 2, and 1 THB coins, as well as 50 and 25 Satang coins. Most foreign currencies and traveller's checks are easily changed at banks, hotels, or money changers.

Electricity

The electric system is 220 Volt AC (50 cycles). There are many types of plugs, so carrying a plug adapter kit is recommended.

Thai Food

Thai food offers a variety of flavours and tastes, mixing herbs and spices and market-fresh ingredients for a special culinary experience.

Eating ranks high on the Thai scale of pleasure; and meals are informal affairs. The staple is rice, accompanied by a variety of dishes that can be eaten in almost any order and seasoned to individual taste. Several condiments such as fish sauce and chilli peppers are usually present at every meal. Most often, there will also be a soup of some kind, along with curry, a steamed or fried dish, a salad, and one or more basic sauces. Desserts may consist of fresh fruit or one of the many traditional Thai sweets.





Chiang Rai

Chiang Rai is the northernmost province of Thailand with a population of approximately 1,200,000 people; it covers 11,678 square meters elevated approximately 580 metres above sea level. The area is mountainous, and scattered with forests and abundant fields and intersected by gently flowing rivers. The north of Chiang Rai converges to form the “Golden Triangle”: Myanmar is easily accessible to the north, while Lao PDR can be accessed both north and east; Phayao province is adjacent to Chiang Rai to the south, and Chiang Mai province is adjacent to the west. Chiang Rai is 785 km from Bangkok, the capital of Thailand.

Chiang Rai, founded in 1262 by King Meng Rai, was the first capital of the Lanna Thai Kingdom (“The Kingdom of a Million Rice Fields”). Later conquered by Myanmar, it was not until 1786 that Chiang Rai was reclaimed as Thai territory, and was proclaimed a province during the reign of King Rama VI in 1910. However, Chiang Rai culture remains distinctive. Due to its Lanna origins, Chiang Rai has food, music, art, and a language unique to the region.

Today, Chiang Rai is a traveller’s paradise endowed with abundant natural tourist attractions and antiquities. The province itself is evidence of a past civilisation.





Attractions range from the magnificent mountain scenery to ruins of ancient settlements. There are a multitude of Buddhist shrines, historic sites, and ethnic art, as the province is also home to several indigenous groups who maintain fascinating lifestyles. Many minority groups live in the mountains of Chiang Rai, forming their own “hill tribe” communities with their own cuisine, language, and art. Some hill tribe communities have opened their homes and villages to tourists, and trips can be arranged to observe their unique lifestyles, such as the Karen, Akha, and Yao hill tribes. For those interested in the natural side of Chiang Rai, jungle trekking is recommended along various trails. Chiang Rai, which tends to be a little more “laid back” now competes as Chiang Mai as a hub for reaching tourist attractions and is quickly becoming a popular escape.

The Doi Tung Royal Villa was built with the funds of Her Royal Highness the Princess Mother, where she lived for several months while implementing the Doi Tung Development Project, a reforestation project and programme to improve the lives of the people in the area. The Golden Triangle is a popular tourist destination because of the ability to view Myanmar, the Lao PDR, and Thailand all at once. Many people also visit Phu Chi Fah Mountain during the winter, which is known as the “Sea of Mist”.

The food of Northern Thailand is as distinctive as its culture. Sticky rice is preferred, and northern-style curries are generally milder than those of Central and North-Eastern Thai curries. The influence of the neighbouring countries are evident in many dishes, such as Kang Hang Le, which relies on ginger, tamarind, and turmeric for its flavor, and Khao Soy, which is an egg-noodle curry dish with meat, onions, and pickled cabbage.



Religious Sites

Buddhist Temples

- **Huay Plu Temple**

Moo 9, Tha Sud, Muang Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai

- **Phra Kaew Temple**

Trairat Road, Muang Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai

Christian Churches

- **Baan Athitaan Church**

Ban Du, Muang Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai

- **Chiang Rai International Christian Fellowship**

Dendamrongsat Church, Den Ha, Muang Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai

Muslim Mosques

- **Darunaman Mosque**

Isaraparb Road, Muang Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai

- **Masjid Almadinah Maechan Chiangrai**

57 Moo 14, Mae Chan, Chiang Rai



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www.patrolcops191.com

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www.chiangraicity.go.th

Crime Suppression Division 1195
www.csd.go.th

Chiang Rai Tourist Police 0 5371 7796, 0 5374 0249
www.touristchiangrai.com

General Numbers

Tourist Police Division 1155
www.thailandtouristpolice.com

Food and Drug Administration 1156
www.fda.moph.go.th

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Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Centre

MFU Sport Complex

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- AD1 Office of the President 1
- AD2 Office of the President 2
- AS Academic Service Building
- AV Learning Resources and Educational Media Centre
- C1 Lecture Hall Building 1
- C2 Lecture Hall Building 2
- C3 Lecture Hall Building 3
- C4 Main Auditorium
- C5 Police General Pow Sarasin Building
- D1 Student Union and Canteen
- D2 The Project on Establishment of Mekong Basin Civilization Museum
- E1 Academic Office 1
- E2 Academic Office 2
- E3 Academic Office 3
- M3 Pre-Clinic Building
- S1 - S6 Scientific & Technological Instruments Centre
- S7-A Language Learning Centre
- S7-B Research Centre

- 1 H.R.H. Princess Mother Statue
- 2 Lan Thong Chaloom Phra Ki
- 3 MFU Botanical Garden
- 4 Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Centre
- 5 MFU Sport Complex
- 6 MFU Swimming Pool
- 7 MFU Tennis Court
- 8 MFU Football Field
- 9 MFU Health Park
- 10 MFU Book Centre
- 11 Under Construction
- 12 Under Construction
-  Mae Fah Luang University Hospital
-  Wanasom
-  Wanawes



H.R.H. Princess Mother Statue



Lan Thong Chaloem Phra Kiat Vihara



Mae Fah Luang University Hospital

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- A1 - A5 Staff Housing
- F1 - F6 Female Dormitory 1-6
- IB1 Prasert-Tassanee Poongkumarn International Dormitory
- IB2 Boonsong-Piengjai (Harnpanich) Asavabhokin International Dormitory
- IB3 Pol. Gen. Pow Sarasin International Dormitory
- LD1 - LD7 Male Dormitory & Senior Dormitory
- LD8 Medical Staff Housing

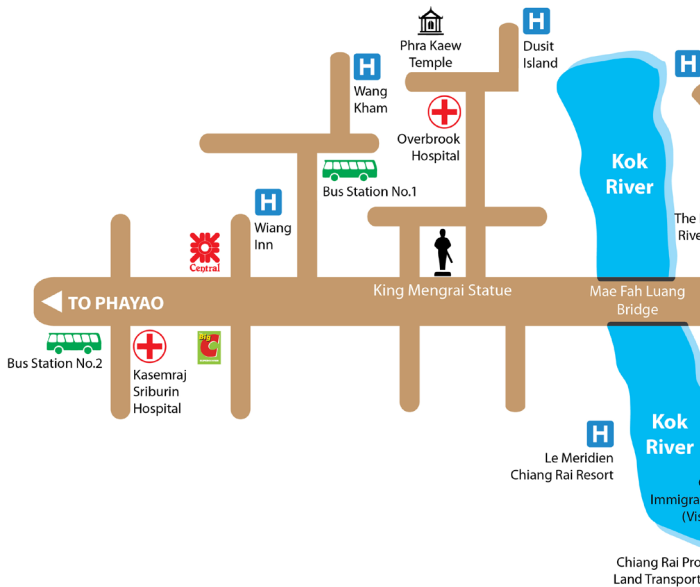


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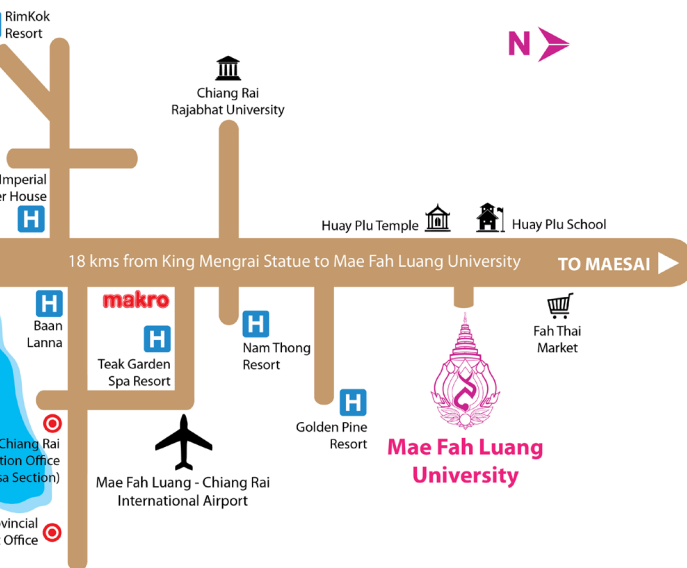
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