

PEACEBUILDING PROGRAMS

“แหล่งเรียนรู้สากล พัฒนาคณิสต์พลเมืองโลก”



Since 2010, the Department of Peacebuilding at Payap University has offered an international Ph.D. Program in Peacebuilding to train visionary peacemakers for the world. It is an interdisciplinary program of study with an emphasis on interfaith engagement and field-based scholarship. The Department is part of the Faculty of Humanities and Communication Arts, and is located at the Institute of Religion, Culture, and Peace, Mae Khao campus of Payap University.

Over the past ten years of operation, the program has attracted students from 18 countries: Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Greece, United States, South Africa, Vietnam, The Slovak Republic, Singapore, Myanmar, Germany, The Netherlands, South Korea, Philippines, Tanzania, and Brazil. Most of the students are in their mid-career and from various professional backgrounds such as government educators, university lecturers, refugee camp leaders, religious INGO leaders, counsellor, theologians, journalists, medical doctor, and lawyer. Since 2020, the Department of Peacebuilding has offered three academic programs in order to meet different needs of students who are interested in studying peace as follows:

I) Four-Year Ph.D. Program in Peacebuilding (Study Plan 2.1)

The four-year Ph.D. Program in Peacebuilding is designed for students whose master's degree is not in peace studies but other fields. The program includes three semesters of coursework, one semester of examination and dissertation proposal preparation, and four semesters of dissertation.

Structure of the Curriculum:

- 1) Theories in Peacebuilding = 24 credits
 - 2) Individual Research = 3 credits
 - 3) Dissertation = 36 credits
- Total = 63 credits**

Year	Semester I (Aug – Dec)	Credits	Semester II (Jan – May)	Credits
1	PB 804 Foundation of Peace Studies	3(3-0-9)	PB 811 Cultural Dimensions of Peacebuilding	3(3-0-9)
	PB 821 Religion and Peacebuilding	3(3-0-9)	PB 812 Peacebuilding as a Philosophical Enterprise	3(3-0-9)
	PB 839 Human Rights and Peacebuilding	3(3-0-9)	PB 837 Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Peacebuilding	3(3-0-9)
	Total	9	Total	9
2	PB 834 Research Methodology in Peacebuilding	3(3-0-9)	PB 852 Individual Research	3(0-6-12)
	PB 838 Selected Reading in Peace Studies	3(0-6-12)	(Note: Students will have a qualifying examination at the end of this semester)	
	Total	3	Total	3
3	PB 992 Dissertation	9	PB 992 Dissertation	9
	(Note: Students will have a proposal of dissertation defense at the end of this semester)			
	Total	9	Total	9
4	PB 992 Dissertation	9	PB 992 Dissertation	9

	Total	9	Total	9
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II) Two-Year Ph.D. Program in Peacebuilding (Study Plan 1.1)

This program is for students who have already completed a two-year Master's program in Peace Studies.

Structure of the Curriculum

Dissertation = 48 credits

Year	Semester 1 (Aug – Dec)		Semester 2 (Jan – May)	
1	PB 991 Dissertation (Note: 1. Students take qualification exam in the beginning of the semester. 2. Students must have completed their proposal defense by the end of this semester.	12 credits	PB 991 Dissertation	12 credits
	Total	12 credits	Total	12 credits
2	PB 991 Dissertation	12 credits	PB 991 Dissertation	12 credits
	Total	12 credits	Total	12 credits

Minimum Qualifications for Application

- (1) Master's Degree (for two-year PhD study plan, the student is required to have a master's degree in Peace Studies or related area)
- (2) 3 years of work experience
- (3) 550 TOEFL score (or equivalent) and English certificate. This is normally waived for students who have written their Master's Thesis in English.

Method of Selection

Selection will be based on:

1. Completed application form
2. All official post-secondary transcripts
3. Statement of purpose (750-1,000 words)
4. A dissertation proposal (for two-year Ph.D. program only)
5. List of writings/publications (if any)
6. Letters of recommendation (two from former college/university instructors, and one from work colleague/supervisor)
7. Personal/telephone interview

III. Certificate Program in Peacebuilding

Certificate Program in Peacebuilding aims to open the opportunities for a larger community to receive training in conflict and peace studies. Participants in this Certificate Program will take the same courses and study together with students of the PhD Program in Peacebuilding. This will create opportunities for students from both programs to interact and learn from each other. There are 3 courses offered each semester, and participants can take from one to 3 courses. The Certificate Program is a credit program. If a student has completed all 6 courses in both semesters, that student will be awarded with a Certificate in Peacebuilding and official transcripts. If a student completes fewer than 6 courses, the student will receive only the transcripts for the courses taken.

Qualifications for application:

- (1) Demonstration of fluency in English via a 500 TOEFL score (or equivalent).
 - (2) Bachelor's degree and/or understanding field or academic background in Peace Studies
- Selection will be based on the above evidence and personal interview.

Structure of Curriculum

Semester I (Aug - Dec)

Semester II (Jan – May)

PB 804 Foundation of Peace Studies

PB 821 Religion and Peacebuilding

PB 839 Human Rights and Peacebuilding

PB 811 Cultural Dimension of Peacebuilding

PB 812 Peacebuilding as a Philosophical Enterprise

PB 837 Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Peacebuilding

Tuition

The tuition fee is 17,100 Baht per seminar/course. A full semester's load of courses (three seminars) is 51,300 Baht. For international students who need visa to Thailand, they have to register for all 3 courses each semester.

Core Faculty Members



Dr. Le Ngoc Bich Ly

Instructor

Ph.D. in Interreligious Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia, 2017.
Master of Divinity, Payap University, Thailand, 2011.

Research interests: gender issues in peacebuilding, interfaith dialogue; religious peacebuilding



Assoc. Prof. Mark Tamthai

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Ph.D. in Logic and Philosophy of Science, Indiana University, USA.

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Dr. Rey Ty

Instructor

Doctorate in Human Rights and Peace Education, Northern Illinois University, U.S.A.

M.A. Asian Studies (Political Science), University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

M.A. Political Science, Northern Illinois University, U.S.A.

Research Interests: Climate Crisis, Education, Gender, Human Rights, Human Trafficking, International Political Economy, Interreligious Youth Peacebuilding, Migrant Workers, Philosophy, Politics, Refugees, Social Justice, Statelessness



Prof. Anthony E. Waters

Instructor

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, USA.

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Research interests: Social Theory; Refugees and Refugee camps; Theories of Peace and War; Southeast Asia; East Africa; Social Change; NGOs and Development

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