

Courses and Description

Courses

Remedial Courses (non-credits)

LC 4003	Advanced Integrated English Language Skills Development
LC 6000	Advanced Reading and Writing in English for Graduate Studies
SD 4000	Fundamentals of Social Development Administration

Core Courses

SD 8001	Social Development Theories and Discourses
SD 8002	Advanced Social Development Administration

Research Methodology Courses

SD 8101	Philosophy of Social Science
SD 8102	Quantitative Research Methodology
SD 8103	Qualitative Research Methodology

Elective Courses

SD 8201	State, Civil Society and Social Development
SD 8202	Seminar on Social Development Policies
SD 8203	Seminar on Regional and Local Development
SD 8204	Analysis of Social Organization and Institution
SD 8205	Seminar on Social Entrepreneurship
SD 8206	Seminar on Leadership and Change Management
SD 8207	Social Organization Culture
SD 8208	Advanced Statistical Analysis for Social Science Research
SD 8209	Qualitative Data Analysis
SD 8210	Research and Development of At-Risk People
SD 8211	Political Economy of Development
SD 8212	Alternative Development
SD 8213	Social Institutions and Development
SD 8214	Social Policy Analysis and Evaluation
SD 8215	Morals, Ethics and Development
SD 8216	Social Development Strategy
SD 8217	Seminar on Interaction of Population and Social Changes
SD 8218	Directed Studies

Dissertation

SD 9900	Dissertation (Track 1 (1.1))
SD 9901	Dissertation (Track 2 (2.1))

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LC 4003 Advanced Integrated English Language Skills Development

Course contents and teaching activities focus on the integrated skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing with a particular emphasis on academic writing. Students will also work in small groups, practicing paper presentation techniques, precis writing and research writing.

LC 6000 Advanced Reading and Writing in English for Graduate Studies

Review of essential reading and writing strategies required to read and write academic English. Course contents include work on sentence structures, vocabulary and recognition of major thought relationships in paragraphs, as well as practice in reading and writing academic English.

SD 4000 Fundamentals of Social Development Administration

Concepts of social system, paradigm and the development of social theories as a foundation to schools of thought and the groups of social theories; evolution of development, theories of social development and social development administration, interdisciplinary approach to social development administration, the space of individuals, groups and communities in social development administration.

Core Courses

SD 8001 Social Development Theories and Discourses

Origin and evolution of development theories and discourses, social development and the complexity of politics, mainstream social development theories, current social issues, alternative development and holism, development pluralism, and popular social development approaches.

SD 8002 Advanced Social Development Administration

Examination of major theoretical approaches to social development administration, administrative techniques and strategies in social development policy-making and planning, achievements and failures of public and non-profit organizations in their implementation of social development policies and programs.

Research Methodology Courses

SD 8101 Philosophy of Social Science

Paradigms, definitions and components of social science philosophy; discussion on related topics including naturalism, interpretivism, pluralism, critical social science, causal reasoning in social science, rationality, structural and functional explanation; reductionism, individualism and holism debates; objective and values; relationship between philosophy of social science and research programs.

SD 8102 Quantitative Research Methodology

Principles, processes, techniques and methods for social science relating to correlational comparative study and experimental evaluative study starting from research conceptual framework, objectives, literature reviews, hypotheses, sample and sampling methods, scale development, data gathering, statistical analyses, interpretation and writing report/article for publication.

SD 8103 Qualitative Research Methodology

Philosophy, concept and evolution of the qualitative research; qualitative research design; process, methods and steps in the operation of qualitative research; data collection and techniques; data analysis and interpretation; and reporting qualitative research findings.

Elective Courses

SD 8201 State, Civil Society and Social Development

Concepts and forms of state including democratic state, Welfare state, Socialist state, Development state and other forms of state, new public governance, Postmodernism, and Post-structuralism; concepts of civil society, public sphere, social capital, strong society, and partnerships between variety of groups; positive and negative civil society, the relationship between the state and civil society in social development; an approach and reality of global civil society.

SD 8202 Seminar on Social Development Policies

Analysis of social development policies using case studies; discussions emphasizing concepts and theories of social policy processes, content of social policy and factors affecting social policy implementation; socio-political and economic forces influencing social development policies. 23

SD 8203 Seminar on Regional and Local Development

Theories, concepts, policies, strategies, plans, forms and mechanisms for governing and managing regional and local development; distinctive relationships between units dealing with governance and administration; roles of the private sector and civil society in cooperating with government agencies; comparison between cases in Thailand with cases from other countries.

SD 8204 Analysis of Social Organization and Institution

Concepts and theories of social organization and institution including positivism, hermeneutics, critical theory and postmodernism; design of organization and institution; creation and development of institutionalization of organization, legitimacy and crisis of social organization and institution; learning organization and institution.

SD 8205 Seminar on Social Entrepreneurship

Seminar on concepts and theories related to social enterprise; comparison of similarities and differences between social enterprise and other types of enterprise; types of social enterprise; creating and developing social enterprise; social enterprise management including business plan making and fundraising; and roles of state, private and civil society sectors in the development of social entrepreneurship; case studies of social enterprises in Thailand and overseas.

SD 8206 Seminar on Leadership and Change Management

Seminar on concepts and theories of leaderships and change management; leaderships' roles in motivation, cooperation, and organizational effectiveness; roles of strategic leaderships in change management; case study of public, private and civic organizations.

SD 8207 Social Organization Culture

Concepts and theories of social organization culture; relationship among organization culture, innovation and social development; analysis and diagnosis of organization culture; strategy formation and administration for changing social organization culture.

SD 8208 Advanced Statistical Analysis for Social Science Research

Advanced Statistical Analysis for Social Science, Multivariate analyses including Logistic Regression, Cluster Analysis, Factor Analysis, Structural Equation Model (SEM), Multilevel Analysis and statistical report writing.

SD 8209 Qualitative Data Analysis

Principles, methods and techniques in qualitative data analysis; process and steps in qualitative data analysis including coding for data categorization, linking and integrating data for making conceptual and theoretical proposition or explanation of phenomena.

SD 8210 Research and Development of At-Risk People

Reviewing bodies of knowledge and research findings related to indicating groups of at-risk people in their thinking and their behavior; application of advanced research findings on indicating protective or supporting factors which are important for alleviate problems of individuals, work groups and society, for example, the study of work failure, low morality, crimes and low quality of life etc.

SD 8211 Political Economy of Development

Theories of political economy on development including Classical Economics, Neo-classical Economics, Marxism, Neo-Marxism, Institutionalism, Critical Theory, Post-structuralism, Postmodernism; positive and negative experiences and impacts of development through utilizing models of liberal economy, welfare state, socialism, Keynesianism, Neoliberalism, Post-neoliberalism, etc.

SD 8212 Alternative Development

Alternative development approaches and theories including community culture, moral socialism, Buddhism economy, sufficiency economy, natural agriculture, integrated farming, agricultural collectivism, and the third way, etc.; sustainable management of pooled resources; feasibilities, experiences, and impacts of applications of these approaches.

SD 8213 Social Institutions and Development

Structure and function of social institutions including family, kinship, community, religion, and education; roles of institutions in social development; impacts of globalization on social institutions; problems and adaptations; tendencies of social institutions to improve and develop themselves in order to function effectively under the new environment in the globalization era.

SD 8214 Social Policy Analysis and Evaluation

Methods of policy study and analysis; policy formulation procedures and models; process and methods of policy implementation; factors affecting success or failure of policy implementation; policy evaluation focusing on input, process, output, outcome and impact of policy on social development.

SD 8215 Morals, Ethics and Development

Morality approaches and theories including cultural relativism, subjectivism, intuitionism, Kantianism, the golden rule, utilitarianism, social contract, natural law; the concept of good governance and its components; development, perspectives and methods of the social responsibility; roles of the public and private organizations in social responsibility for sustainable development.

SD 8216 Social Development Strategy

Concepts, theories and approaches of strategy formation, administration and evaluation; relationship among social, economic, political and cultural aspects of development; seminar on development strategy paradigms including mainstream, sufficiency economy, sustainable development and other alternative development approaches.

SD 8217 Seminar on Interaction of Population and Social Changes

Seminar on interaction of concepts of population, population structure and composition, population changes, fertility and family, mortality, migration and social, economic, political, technological and innovative changes in the 21st century.

SD 8218 Directed Studies

An individual study on a specific topic which is useful for conducting dissertation of the student, guided by an assigned lecturer and approved by the doctoral degree committee.

Dissertation

SD 9900 Dissertation (Track 1(1.1)) 48 credits

Reviewing and conducting research on interesting topics related to social development and social development administration under close supervision of assigned supervisor(s); every student is required to present research topic, report the progress and defend the dissertation.

SD 9901 Dissertation (Track 2(2.1)) 36 credits

Reviewing and conducting research on an interesting topic related to social development and social development administration under close supervision of assigned supervisor(s), including the study of some theoretical courses as suggested by the supervisor(s).