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Chiang Mai University Factsheet for Inbound Exchange Student

University Information	
Name of Institute	Chiang Mai University (CMU)
Address	No. 239 Huay Kaew Road, Tambon Suthep, Mueang District, Chiang Mai 50200 THAILAND
CMU website	https://cmu.ac.th/en/
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IRD website	https://ird.oou.cmu.ac.th/
Academic Calendar	
Semester	**Semester period**
First Semester	Late June - Late October
Second Semester	Mid November – End of March
Academic Calendar	https://www.reg.cmu.ac.th/webreg/en/academic-calendar/
Nomination and Application Deadlines	
First Semester	1 - 28 February
Second Semester	1- 30 June
Important Note	All nominations must be submitted on time. Late nominations cannot be accepted.
Course list	
Course List Undergraduate : https://ird.oou.cmu.ac.th/available-courses/ Graduate : https://admission.reg.cmu.ac.th/gpas/facultysearch.php?id=inter Course Description : https://www1.reg.cmu.ac.th/registrationoffice/searchcourse.php Please note that the courses listed are for guidance only. An updated list of available courses will be provided to students closer to the course registration period. Some courses may have prerequisites, so please ensure you have taken similar and relevant courses at your home university to demonstrate sufficient background knowledge.	
Nomination and Application process	
Number of nominations	As agreed in the Agreement / MoU
Nomination	Coordinator should nominate students to the International Relations Division via email within the deadline.

Application	After nomination, coordinator will send softcopy of required documents via email (irdcmu@cmu.ac.th) by the deadline. **Required Documents** 1. Application Form (Form 1) 2. Statement of purpose (1/2 – 1 page) 3. Official Academic transcript 4. Evidence of English language proficiency 5. Certificate of enrollment from the home university 6. Copy of valid passport (first page) 7. ID Photos 3*4 cm (formal photo: polite dress, light background,and neutral facial expression). 8. Medical Certificate issued within the last 6 months up to the date of application submission (Form 2) 9. Letter(s) of Recommendation (1 – 3 referees) 10. Application Check list (Form 3)
Visa application	Once a student is accepted by the host faculty, the Acceptance Letter and Visa support package will be sent to the coordinator via email and postal mail for the student's visa application. Exchange students/researchers are **REQUIRED** to obtain their **Non-Immigrant (ED) visa** from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General **before entering Thailand**.
Minimum Requirements	
GPA requirements	- 3.0 out of 4.0 or 2.3 out of 3.0 (for undergraduate level) - 3.25 out of 4.0 (for graduate level) - Remarks: The GPA criteria is flexible for the exchange student(s) depending on the Agreement or the consideration of the host faculty/program of the exchange student(s).
Language requirements	- TOEFL (paper based) 500 / (computer based)173 / (iBT) 61 - IELTS 5 - TOEIC 600 - Remarks: The above mentioned minimum scores are flexible for the exchange student(s) (unless it is specially required in the Agreement). However, the students are still advised to provide any of the above mentioned English proficiency assessment reports or an equivalent internationally recognized English language test as a proof of their adequate English language skills to Chiang Mai University. - IELTS One Skill Retake and TOEFL MyBestScore are not accepted.

Pre-arrival	
Arrival date	Students should arrive at Chiang Mai University at least 1 week before the semester starts.
Insurance	Exchange students/researchers **MUST** purchase insurance at their home country **BEFORE** traveling to Chiang Mai.
Accommodation	The host faculty at Chiang Mai University is pleased to offer assistance in finding affordable and suitable off-campus accommodation for the exchange students/researchers.
Cost of living	
Meals	300 - 500 THB / day or approximately 9,000 - 15,000 THB / month
Accommodation	7,000 – 15,000 THB / month
Transportation	Getting around Chiang Mai is easy and affordable, with several transport options available: • **Songthaews (Red Trucks):** These are red, shared pickup trucks that are a common and economical way to travel within the city. Fares are typically 30-50 THB per person for a trip within the city. You can simply flag one down and tell the driver your destination. • **Tuk-Tuks:** These iconic three-wheeled vehicles are a fun way to get around for short distances. It's recommended that you negotiate the fare with the driver before starting your journey. • **Ride-Hailing Apps:** Services like Grab and Bolt are widely used and offer a convenient way to book a ride with a fixed price shown in the app. This is a good option for travelers who prefer not to negotiate fares. • **Public Buses:** Chiang Mai has a public bus system (RTC City Bus) that is air-conditioned and covers several main routes, including to the airport and major shopping centers. The fare is typically a flat rate of 20-30 THB.