

## Scholarship

Outstanding applicants may be selected for full scholarships under the Royal Golden Jubilee Scholarship Program (for Thai students only), for partial scholarships from IPSR, or for Research Assistantships and Thesis Scholarships from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to seek funding support from other sources, as only a limited number of scholarships are available.

## Academic calendar

The program's academic schedule follows the two – semester system of Mahidol University. The first semester runs from August to December, and the second from January to May.

## Qualifying examination

All students must successfully pass the qualifying examination before proceeding to dissertation research. The qualifying examinations are held twice a year, in August (first semester) and in January (second semester).

## Application

Application for admission to the Program may be made through either of these two channels:

1. Mahidol University Selection Process (for Thai applicants): Applications are obtained from, and must be submitted to, the Faculty of Graduate Studies. There are two rounds of application opened between September and April. The selection process involves a written examination and an interview. Final selection is announced at the beginning of the following year before the first semester starts in August.
2. Institute for Population and Social Research Selection Process (for Thai and international applicants): Applications are obtained from, and must be submitted to, the Ph. D. Program at IPSR. Applications are accepted year – round, with a deadline of April 30 for the first semester and September 30 for the second semester. The selection process involves review of the application materials with an optional interview. Final selection is announced about two months before the start of each semester. Only complete applications with all required documents will be considered.



“My study time at IPSR was an unforgettable time of my life. Studying in such a good environment gave me the opportunity to fulfill my dream and plan my future”. **Ramesh Adhikari, Nepal**

“IPSR teaches me that “When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, but adjust the action steps”. Thanks to my IPSR masters, they help me to be strong enough on my way”. **Wimontip Musikaphan, Thailand**

“Joining the PhD program in Demography at IPSR was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I received wonderful research experience there by attending training workshops and field visits. The multidisciplinary teaching faculty was excellent, and the student-friendly learning environment, supportive staff, and nice friends made my life happy there. I feel it is my second home, and I would recommend this program to anyone”. **Sunethra J. Perera, Sri Lanka**

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# International Ph.D. Program in Demography



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## International Ph. D. Program in Demography

Initiated in 1993, IPSR's Ph. D. Program is designed to meet the needs for advanced training in demography. During its first decade, the program focused on training Thai researchers. Since 2002, it has been open to interested applicants from other countries. All classes are conducted, and the dissertation is written, in English. It is the first international program in Thailand that provides doctoral – level training in this field.

Current population trends interact with dynamic global changes in the economy, technology, society and health, heightening the importance of demographic sciences such as formal demography, social demography, business demography, medical demography, population and the environment, and epidemiological demography. The Ph.D. Program in Demography provides opportunities for professional careers in universities and international organizations, as well as a path to career advancement and collaboration both in Thailand and internationally.

## Study plans

**Plan 1** Research: Suitable for students with backgrounds in demography who already have earned a master's degree. No coursework is required. Students prepare for and pass the qualifying examination and then undertake their dissertation research. For students of the Ph.D. by Publication plan, besides the qualifying examination and dissertation research, they are required to take at least one course and have at least three articles included in thesis.

**Plan 2** Coursework & Research: Suitable for students with no background in demography who have a bachelor's degree with honors or a master's degree, or for those with a master's degree with a demographic background who wish to take additional coursework. Students take prerequisite courses in demography and research methods as appropriate to their background. All students take three core courses in demography and three elective courses, pass the qualifying examination and then undertake their dissertation research.

For students graduating over five years with background in demography/population studies in their Master's degree, the enrollment for prerequisite courses will be required.

## Summary of admission requirements

Requirements	Plan 1 (Research)		Plan 2
	Thesis and publication	Ph.D. by Publication	
Previous degrees	Master's degree in any field with minimum GPA of 3.5		Master's degree in any field with minimum GPA of 3.5 or bachelor's degree (Honors) in any field
Background in demography/ population studies	Required		Desirable, but not required
Publications	At least 1 research article published in peer-reviewed journal as first author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience as principal investigator or co-investigator for at least 5 years</li> <li>- A minimum of 3 articles (not for graduation) published in peer-reviewed journal within 5 years</li> </ul>	Publications desirable, but not required
English proficiency and computer skills	TOEFL (PBT of 500 or CBT of 173 or IBT of 61) or IELTS (5.5) and basic computer literacy is required		TOEFL (PBT of 500 or CBT of 173 or IBT of 61) or IELTS (5.5) and basic computer literacy is required

## Illustrative costs a three-year program (in Thai baht)

Plan/Expense	Plan 1 Master's degree graduates with demography backgrounds	Plan 2		
		Master's degree graduates with demography backgrounds	Master's degree graduates without demography backgrounds	Bachelor's degree (Honors) graduates
Tuition (4,200 baht/credit)	100,800	151,200	176,400	226,800
Fees (10,700 baht/year)	33,600	33,600	33,600	33,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>134,400</b>	<b>184,800</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>260,400</b>

\*Each student is required to pay 4,200 baht for each qualifying examination.

## Courses offered

Prerequisite courses	Core courses	Elective courses
<p>Students with no background in demography or research methods are required to take prerequisite courses as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantive Demography</li> <li>• Analytical Techniques of Demography</li> <li>• Social Research Methodology</li> <li>• Statistics for Social Science Research</li> <li>• Statistics for Social Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect Techniques for Demographic Estimation</li> <li>• Advanced Analysis of Fertility</li> <li>• Advanced Analysis of Mortality</li> <li>• Advanced Analysis of Migration</li> <li>• Multivariate Analysis</li> <li>• Qualitative Research Methodology</li> <li>• Seminar in Demography</li> <li>• Research Practicum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Topics in Demography</li> <li>• Demographic Epidemiology</li> <li>• Human Development Studies in Southeast Asia</li> <li>• Family Demography</li> <li>• Social Research on the Elderly</li> <li>• Advanced Demographic Projections</li> <li>• Gender Perspectives in Demography and Social Development</li> <li>• Geographical Information System and Social Science Research</li> <li>• Regional Integration in the Greater Mekong Sub-region</li> <li>• Development Project Management</li> </ul>