



Bachelor of Arts in Language and Culture
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Student Handbook

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1. Communication Guidelines

Program Communication

- Email: The BALAC program will communicate with students **only** via their official Chulalongkorn University email account (@chula.ac.th).
- Phone: 02-218-4641, 02-218-1702-04

Academic Advisors

- Students are encouraged to contact their academic advisors via email for academic matters, including advising and registration.

2. Registration Code Request

- In order to register for courses each semester, students must contact their academic advisor to obtain the registration code.
- Advisors may require students to complete a credit check form before issuing the registration code.

3. Graduation Requirements

BALAC students are expected to complete a total of 132 credits comprising of the following:

1. General Education	30 credits
1.1 General Education courses offered by other Faculties	12 credits
1.2 English Courses	6 credits
1.3 General Education offered by Faculty of Arts	6 credits
1.4 Foreign Languages (Basic 1 and 2)	6 credits
2. Program Courses	96 credits
2.1 Core courses	27 credits
2.2 Cultural Studies courses	45 credits
2.3 Concentration courses (Media Cultures, Global Cultures, or a Foreign Language) Combination of main concentration + Other E.g. Media + Global or vice versa (15+9) or (18+6) or 24 credits from main concentration	24 credits
3. Free electives	6 credits
Total	132 credits

You can download the credit check paper from:



4. Concentrations

BALAC offers 3 concentrations that students can take from their second year onwards. The student must take 24 concentration credits.

Foreign Language

The student taking this concentration will be spending their time learning a particular language skill, and the works (literature, films, etc.) and cultures associated with that language. To graduate with this concentration, a student must take **all 24 credits within the same language. A language concentration will be opened based on top 3 languages chosen by the students. Student must achieve a C+ average in Basic I and Basic II of their chosen language in their first year to continue with this concentration.**

Media Cultures

Students taking this concentration will be focusing on media analysis, literature, thematic media studies courses.

Sample Media Culture Courses:

- i. Film Analysis

- ii. Gender and Queering the Media
- iii. Media Histories

Please refer to the tables in the previous page for the concentration.

Global Cultures

Students taking this concentration will be focusing on aspects of globalization, global culture and politics, and international relations.

Sample Global Cultures Courses:

- i. Global Asia
- ii. Thailand and the World
- iii. Global Governance

Please refer to the tables in the previous page for the concentration.

Changing Concentrations

Students may:

- Change from a Language to a Global Cultures or Media Cultures Concentration.

- Change between Media and Global Concentrations.

Students may not:

- Change from Global Cultures or Media Cultures to a Language Concentration.

5. Curriculum

BALAC students are expected to complete a total of 132 credits comprising of the followings:

1. General Education (30 credits)

1.1 General Education courses offered by other Faculties 12 Credits

* Students' General Education (GEN ED) courses will be graded on an S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory) basis. Additionally, GEN ED courses with the course code starting with “22” will not be counted as General Education courses offered by other faculties.

1.2 English Courses 6 Credits

2202118	READ FUND	3 Credits
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2202125	WRIT FUND	3 Credits
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1.3 General Education for Arts students 6 Credits

2207143	REASONING	3 Credits
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2206248 BASIC RESEARCH SKILLS 3 Credits

1.4 Foreign Language Courses 6 Credits

Basic I of [language] 3 Credits

Basic II of [language] 3 Credits

* In order to be eligible for a language concentration (starting from the second year), first year students are required to take both BASIC I and BASIC II (of the same language). Moreover, an average grade from the two courses must not be lower than C+.

* For those who do not wish to take a language concentration, they are still required to take 2 foreign language courses. However, they are **NOT** required to take both BASIC I and BASIC II (of the same language). For example, they could take **BASIC Japanese I** and **Basic Spanish I** in order to meet the requirements.

2. Program Courses (96 Credits)

2.1 Core Courses 27 Credits

2200215 ASIA MODERN WORLD 3 Credits

2200210 WEST MODERN WORLD 3 Credits

2202119 CRIT READ 3 Credits

2202126 ACAD REP WRIT 3 Credits

2209221 LANG SOCIO-CULT 3 Credits

2204211 TH HIST 3 Credits

Choose 1 from these 2 subjects 3 Credits

2200334 PUB SPKG MULTI SOC

2202203 BUS PROF WRITING

Choose 2 from these 3 subjects 6 Credits

2200150 BASIC ASIA

2200333 HIST WEST IDEAS

2207102 GEN PHILOS

2.2 Cultural Studies courses 45 Credits

2.2.1 Core Courses 12 Credits

2200100 INTRO CULT STUD I 3 Credits

2200101 INTRO CULT STUD II 3 Credits

2200102 INTRO LIT STUD 3 Credits

2200214 INTRO GEND STUD 3 Credits

2.2.2 Elective Cultural Studies Courses 33 Credits

2.3 Concentration courses (24 Credits)

There are 3 concentrations for students to choose from, namely, **Media Cultures**, **Global Cultures**, and **Foreign Language Concentration**.

** Students are required to complete 24 credits from concentration courses.

** Students from Media Cultures and Global Cultures concentration can take courses from their own concentration only *OR* choose a combination as follows:

For Media Cultures Concentration Students

24 credits (Media only); *OR* 15 credits (Media) + 9 credits (Global); *OR* 18 credits (Media) + 6 credits (Global); *OR* 21 credits (Media) + 3 credits (Global)

For Global Cultures Concentration Students

24 credits (Global only); *OR* 15 credits (Global) + 9 credits (Media); *OR* 18 credits (Global) + 6 credits (Media); *OR* 21 credits (Global) + 3 credits (Media)

3. Free Elective Courses (6 Credits)

Course description:



Outbound Exchange Program:



Double Degree Programs:



6. Recommended study plan

First Year – 1st Semester

2200100	Introduction to Cultural Studies I	3 credits
2200102	Introduction to Literary Studies	3 credits
2202118	Reading Fundamentals	3 credits
2202125	Writing Fundamentals	3 credits
2207143	Reasoning	3 credits
xxxxxxx	Basic I of [language]	3 credits
TOTAL		18 credits

First Year – 2nd Semester

2207102/ 2200150/ 2200333	General Philosophy/ Basic Thoughts of Asia/ History of Western Ideas (Choose 2 from 3)	6 credits
2200101	Introduction to Cultural Studies II	3 credits
2202119	Critical Reading	3 credits
2202126	Academic Report Writing	3 credits
xxxxxxx	Basic II of [language]	3 credits
TOTAL		18 credits

Second Year – 1st Semester

2200215	Asia and the Making of the Modern World	3 credits
2200214	Introduction to Gender Studies	3 credits
2204211	Thai History	3 credits
2209221	Language in Socio-cultural Contexts	3 credits
xxxxxxx	1 Concentration Course	3 credits
TOTAL		15 credits

Second Year – 2nd Semester

2206248	Basic Research Skills	3 credits
2200210	The West and the Making of the Modern World	3 credits
2200334/ 2202203	Public Speaking in Multicultural Society or Business and Professional Writing (Choose 1 from 2)	3 credits
2200xxx	1 Elective Cultural Studies Course	3 credits
xxxxxxx	1 Concentration Course	3 credits
TOTAL		15 credits

Third Year – 1st Semester

2200xxx	3 Elective Cultural Studies Courses	9 credits
xxxxxxx	1 Concentration Course	3 credits
xxxxxxx	General Education	3 credits
TOTAL		15 credits

Third Year – 2nd Semester

2200xxx	3 Elective Cultural Studies Courses	9 credits
xxxxxxx	1 Concentration Course	3 credits
xxxxxxx	General Education	3 credits
TOTAL		15 credits

Fourth Year – 1st Semester

2200xxx	2 Elective Cultural Studies Courses	6 credits
xxxxxxx	2 Concentration Courses	6 credits
xxxxxxx	1 Free Elective Course	3 credits
xxxxxxx	General Education	3 credits
TOTAL		18 credits

Fourth Year – 2nd Semester

2200xxx	2 Elective Cultural Studies Courses	6 credits
xxxxxxx	2 Concentration Courses	6 credits
xxxxxxx	1 Free Elective Course	3 credits
xxxxxxx	General Education *	3 credits
TOTAL		18 credits

*Although the last GEN ED course is recommended in the second semester of the 4th year, in practice, this should be avoided (if possible). As GEN ED courses' grades have the tendency to be announced later than ours, this can affect the student's graduation process.

Important remarks

Probation

Student status consists of two types, namely **regular status** and **probation status**.

(1) **Regular status** students are defined as follows;

(A) Students who enrolled in the first semester.

(B) Students who have a minimum of 2.00 grade point average (GPA).

(2) **Probation status** students are defined as those who have a grade point average (GPA) between 1.50 and 1.99.

** For 1st year students, if their GPA is less than 1.50 by the second semester, their student status will be terminated.

** Starting from the 2nd semester of the first year of study onward,

1) When a student is classified as a probationary student and has a GPA lower than 1.80 (between 1.50 – 1.79) for **two consecutive semesters** without ending their probationary status, their student status will be terminated.

2) When a student remains on probationary status and has GPA lower than 2.00 (between 1.80 – 1.99) for **four consecutive semesters** without ending their

probationary status, their student status will be terminated.

- 3) If a student goes back and forth between 1) and 2) for **four consecutive semesters** without ending their probationary status, their student status will be terminated.

Graduation requirements

- 1) A student cannot graduate before 7 regular semesters.
- 2) In order to graduate, the student has to earn enough credits for the curriculum requirements (132 credits) and has the GPAX of no less than 2.00.
- 3) A student has to complete their study within 8 years.