



# Ph.D. in Management Orientation

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## Introduction

Thank you for your interest in our PhD program. I am director of the PhD Program in Management at the Faculty of Management Sciences, Prince of Songkla University, Hatyai. Our PhD program was established in 2009 and we have currently 35-40 students in our program. We generally accept 10-15 students per year. On average, students graduate within 4-6 years after admission. At least 3 years of matriculation is required of all incoming students. Our program has two study tracks:

<b>PLAN 1.1</b>	<b>PLAN 2.1</b>
Thesis only	Coursework (28 credits) + Thesis (36 credits)
<b>48 credits</b>	<b>64 credits</b>

If you are unable to communicate in the Thai language, you will be required to take Study Track 1.1. However, you may be asked to take a few graduate-level courses (e.g., statistical analyses and research methodology) as your advisor sees fit. These graduate-level courses are offered in English, either at our department or other departments.

## **Admission**

In order for prospective international students to be accepted into our program, they have to demonstrate strength in research capabilities and English proficiency. There also needs to be an academic advisor who is willing to work with them on their research topics.

Admission for international students is on the 'rolling' basis, meaning that admission is open throughout the year. To apply to our program, please send us the following documents to this email: [mgtphd.psu@gmail.com](mailto:mgtphd.psu@gmail.com)

- Application form (please refer to the graduate school's website)  
<http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/admission/home.php>
- A short resume
- A five-page summary of your research interests (Times New Roman 12, single-spaced). Be very specific about the research questions, possible study samples, research methods you prefer to use and how your research topic could contribute to the field of management. References are not required but highly recommended. This will help us to match you with the right academic advisor.
- Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS). This must NOT be more than two years old.
- Scanned copies of your transcripts (both Bachelor's and Master's degrees)
- Optional (but highly preferred): A copy of your Masters' thesis or your publications (of which you are the corresponding author).

## **Admission Process**

1. After we have reviewed your application, we will notify you of our initial decision and schedule an interview with you (either in person or via Skype or other means).
2. Admission is based entirely on the merits of the applicants.
3. It should take us at least 1-2 months to consider your application. Feel free to contact us if you have any other questions at [mgtphd.psu@gmail.com](mailto:mgtphd.psu@gmail.com)

## Program Requirements

PhD students work closely with their academic advisors on their research topics. This means that they have to be physically present at Prince of Songkla University for a minimum period of 3 years (i.e., 6 semesters). Below are some other important requirements that they will need to satisfy before graduation.

1. A qualifying examination (QE): This test needs to be taken within the first two semesters of enrollment, the purpose of which is to ensure that PhD students are ready before conducting research for their dissertation.
2. Dissertation Proposal Defense: within the first six semesters of enrollment
3. Dissertation Defense: within six years
4. Oral examination
5. Two conference presentations
  - Thai conference *or*
  - International conference
6. Two publications in journals indexed in
  - Thai Citation Index (TCI) or ASEAN Citation Index (ACI) *or*
  - International databases such as SCOPUS or ISI.
7. One semester of PhD-level coursework in an international program. We strongly encourage our students to attend the program at *Massey University* in New Zealand, with which we have strong academic ties and collaboration. Approximate cost is 8,500 USD. However, students may choose to study in PhD-level programs that are offered at other universities overseas. Some of our past students have chosen to attend the program offered at UUM in Malaysia, which is within a driving distance from Prince of Songkla University.

## Tuition Fees

- The tuition fee is 97,000 baht per semester.
- This fee does not include the training program overseas.
- Our program currently does not provide any funding for students so they need to consult with the graduate school for a possible source of funding. Past students (e.g., from Pakistan) who have been admitted into the program have received full funding from the graduate school. But funding availability may vary from year to year.

## **Other useful links for further information**

You can go to our university's graduate school website to learn more about what is required.

<http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/eng/index.php#>

General Study Guide

<http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/eng/GraduateStudyGuide.php#2>

Credits enrollment

[http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/eng/curriculum/curriculum\\_019.pdf](http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/eng/curriculum/curriculum_019.pdf)

List of potential supervisors.

[http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/eng/teacher/teacher\\_002.pdf](http://www.grad.psu.ac.th/eng/teacher/teacher_002.pdf)