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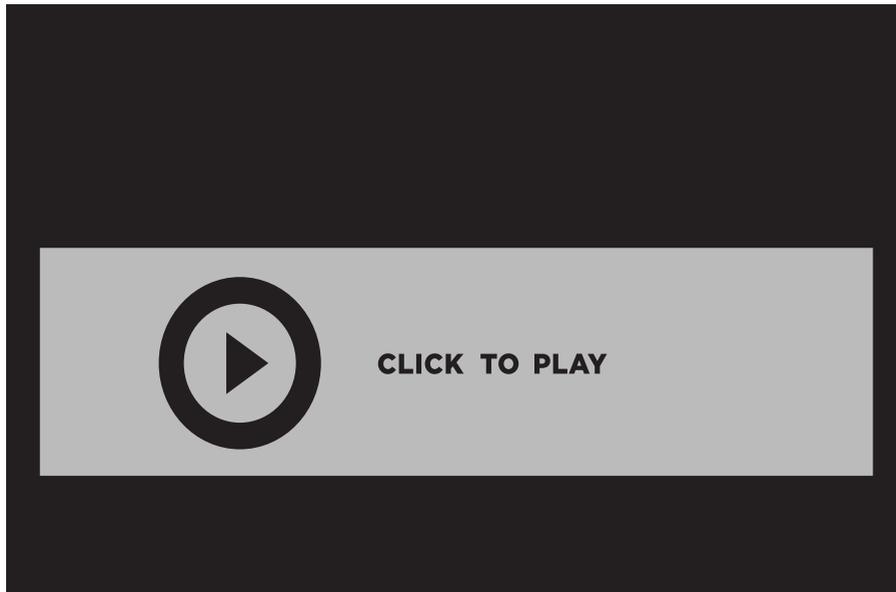
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CHAPTER 1

❖ Welcome to Prince of Songkla University



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PSU President

Welcome to Prince of Songkla University (PSU), one of Thailand's leading research universities and a public institution of higher learning with a long-standing commitment to education for the benefit of the world as a whole.

At PSU, we are committed to helping our international students enjoy a comfortable and satisfying stay. Whether you are an experienced traveler or novice, we hope this guidebook will help make your adjustment at PSU a little easier. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this publication is accurate and up-to-date. However, for more current information about PSU, [visit our English-language website](#).

PSU offers a range of opportunities and support services, with friendly staff and useful resources, in order to help you succeed and achieve your academic goals. [International Affairs officers](#) are appointed at every PSU faculty to help you with course information, fees, application forms, visa issues, orientation, and health and accident insurance. They are available at all times to offer assistance and support.

Moreover, the [International Students Association](#) provides a wealth of opportunities for networking, socializing and making friends through social and cultural activities.

We are always here to offer you help or advice. Have a safe and enjoyable trip to PSU!

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At the beginning of this guidebook is information you need to know first, followed by step-by-step information, including checklists at the end of each section.

◆ A Multi-Campus University

Congratulations for being accepted to one of the leading research universities in Asia!



PSU is a multi-campus institution with more than 35,000 students, inclusive of international students from 53 nations, and over 2,000 academic staff. Each campus is committed to academic excellence, strong social responsibility and active engagement in community services. The total area of the five campuses is 622 hectares (3,887 rai).

PSU's main campus is located in the city of Hat Yai, a sprawling commercial hub and shopping destination in Songkhla province, the center of trade and economy of the major provinces in the Lower South. Hat Yai Campus, with its attractive landscape, provides a serene setting ideal for education and learning and is the center of various disciplines, including Health Science, Science and Technology, Engineering, Management Sciences, Liberal Arts, Economics, Law, Natural Resources, Environment Management, and Agro-Industry.

Wondering what Hat Yai Campus looks like? Take a virtual tour.

Take a virtual tour



Pre-departure Arrangements

Once you have been admitted to study at PSU, the real pre-departure preparation work begins. This preparation may include:

- ✓ Passport and visa applications
- ✓ Arranging international transportation
- ✓ Reviewing and purchasing insurance for study abroad
- ✓ Housing arrangements
- ✓ Academic arrangements
- ✓ Arranging personal effects/ packing
- ✓ Working out on the necessary budget

Go through this practical guidebook, which will help you get ready for your study at PSU step by step.

• Preparing your Documents

In order to study at PSU, you need to apply for a non-immigrant “ED” visa and an international health & accident insurance.

Shortly after being accepted to PSU, you will receive a formal Acceptance Letter necessary to apply for the student visa.

• Applying for Non-immigrant “Ed” Visa

You should apply for a Non-immigrant “Ed” Visa at the [Royal Thai Embassy](#) or [Consulate](#) in your country by providing the following documents:

- Passport with validity not less than 6 months and photocopy,
- Visa application form completely filled out,
- Two recent photographs of the applicant (4 x 6 cm.),
- Acceptance Letter from PSU,
- Academic record and the Student ID (if currently studying),
- Visa fee (around \$80),

• In some cases, a proof that you have enough money to cover your tuition and living expenses for you and any family members/dependents that come with you may be required.

• Some countries may request a Visa Approval Letter issued by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs; in this case, please inform your faculty at PSU about this, in order for them to do the necessary official procedures.



** additional documents may be requested as deemed necessary; please check with the [Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate](#) in your country.*

**apply as early as possible and make sure you submit all required documents.*

The validity of this visa is three months and, once in Thailand, you can apply for a one-year extension of stay through the [Thai Immigration Bureau](#). This extension must be annually renewed for the period of study in Thailand. Currently, Hat Yai Immigration officers come to assist international students and staff with necessary immigration affairs at PSU Hat Yai Campus, usually every last Wednesday of the month.

Understand your visa

Where your visa was issued.

“S” means single entry. You can only use a visa once. If you wish to leave and re-enter Thailand while your stay permit is still valid, you need to apply for “re-entry” at port of departure to re-enter Thailand otherwise your single visa and a stay permit will be invalid.

“M” means multiple entries. You can seek entry into Thailand for multiple times.

Check that your passport number is correct.

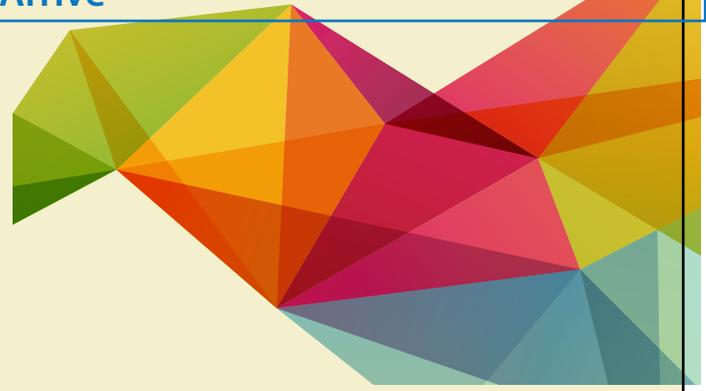
“ENTER BEFORE” date is the last day you can use your visa to seek entry into Thailand. It does not indicate the last day of your stay in Thailand. Please “check your immigration stamp” when you enter Thailand for duration of stay.

Immigration Stamp

Your date of entry.

The last day you can stay in Thailand.

Before You Arrive CHECKLIST



- Passport valid for not less than 6 months (recommended to be valid for the whole period of study at PSU)
- Acceptance Letter from PSU
- Non-immigrant "Ed" Visa for you and Non-immigrant "O" Visa for family members accompanying you
- International health & accident insurance

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