

Understanding the Thai University Application Process



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Why Thailand?

Top ranked universities (global rankings for top 3)

1. Chulalongkorn University – Bangkok #221
2. Mahidol University – Nakhon Pathom #358
3. Chiang Mai University #526



Why Thailand?

- Chulalongkorn University is ranked among the world's best for 20 of the subjects covered by the [QS World University Rankings by Subject](#) **Including several engineering disciplines, modern languages, chemistry, biological sciences, pharmacy and medicine**

- **Mahidol University ranks among the world's top 150 (#106) universities for medicine**, the subject for which it is best known

Best Global Universities for Clinical Medicine in Thailand:

1. Mahidol University
2. Chulalongkorn University
3. Chiang Mai University
4. Khon Kaen University
5. Prince of Songkla University



Popular faculties for applications include:



- 01 Business
- 02 Law
- 03 Education
- 04 Communication arts
- 05 Commerce and Accountancy
- 06 Economics
- 07 Applied Arts
- 08 Political Science



What is TCAS?

- Thai University Central Admission System (TCAS)
- Five Rounds of TCAS:
 - **Portfolio Round:** based on achievements (no exams)
 - **Quota Round:** regional or specific criteria
 - **Admission Round:** focused on standardised test scores
 - **Direct Admission Round:** Managed by universities independently
 - **Clearing House Round:** Last opportunity to secure seats
- Universities set their own requirements, students can apply to multiple rounds but can only secure one place



What is TCAS?

- **Thai National Students:**

Every Thai national applicant applying into any Thai and International programmes **MUST** register in the TCAS system

- **Non-Thai Students:**

Every non-Thai applicant applying into international programmes **DOES NOT NEED** to register in the TCAS system



Admissions Requirements

Normal entry requirements - these **DO DEPEND** on each faculty but are a good guide:

- GPA average (GPAX) > 2.75 (no less than a C)
- IELTS >6.5
- SAT 1200

General document requirements:

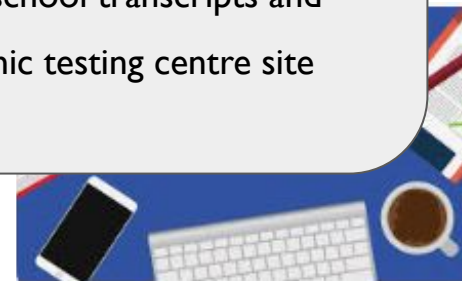
- Official transcript - AS + IC
- Official certificates
- Predicted grades

Safe entry requirements as some universities will go higher:

- GPA average > 3.00

Fully research individual university requirements..

Chula for example does not accept school transcripts and students will need to use the academic testing centre site (CUATC) to calculate the GPAX



What students need to keep an eye on:



School grade

Their school grades are still important as they will be used to calculate the GPAX



Portfolio

Most faculty require a portfolio which is a collection of all the work students have been doing inside and outside of school. This include super-curricular activities, work experience



Faculty updates

Students must keep up-to-date with any changes to the application process and entry requirements at their chosen faculty. It could be relating to their portfolio, a new deadline or a change to the required SAT score



What can go into the portfolio:

Community service		Research	
Academic		Extracurricular Activities	

Allow at least 6 months to
prepare your portfolio



Important Dates - next year (based on 2026)

Round	Application	Results announced in the system	Confirmed admissions	Withdraw admissions
1 Portfolio	Specified by universities			
2 Quota	Specified by universities			
3 Admission	mycas.com system 6-12 May 2026			
4 Direct Admission	University's system 28 May - 14 June 2026			

Applications often open October/November..

Results can also be released sooner – Charter students have been receiving offers from Chula this month



Top tips from our students who have applied to universities this year



1. Check **Make contact**

2. M

3. P

4.

5.

Interview dates..

Pay attention to interview dates. Sometimes, university interview schedules can overlap, so it's essential to double-check the dates to avoid any conflicts and ensure you're able to attend all necessary interviews. As an example, this year Dentistry interviews were scheduled for December 24th and 25th, these are face-to-face and are during the international school holiday



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