

**Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship (GSSE)
at The School of Global Studies, Thammasat University
4 Year Undergraduate Degree
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

What Types of Jobs Will I Be Equipped for?

As a GSSE graduate, you will acquire different skill sets that may allow you to pursue multiple types of careers. You will be trained for working in the Impact Sector, involving both the social and corporate sector. Impactful careers in this respect also pose opportunities in working in Sustainability Units of leading companies and organizations such as Pricewaterhouse Cooper and SCG as well as in consulting firms like McKinsey & Co.

By the time you become a GSSE graduate, you will have a thorough understanding of Professional Development Portfolio as a result of 3 courses where students will partake in career grooming activities through exposure to practitioners and lecturers in the social entrepreneurship fields, company trips, resume building and finding their passion. Students will also have collected three years of summer internship experience through the Community Based Learning Initiative (CBLI) course during their time at GSSE.

What is Global Studies?

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study which deals with analyzing phenomena related to globalization, evaluate situations through relevant theories and concepts, demonstrate understanding of contemporary social and ethical issues, communicate and collaborate effectively, and participate in a rapidly changing global community as informed and civically engaged citizens and the agent of change.

What is Social Entrepreneurship?

The practitioners of Social Entrepreneurship field are professionals and academics who:

- Develop ventures that make a positive impact
- Respond to social challenges in ways that are innovative and enterprising
- Strive to achieve social value

How do people view a degree in Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship?

Social Entrepreneurship is gaining rapid popularity in top universities in both the US and UK, such as Harvard University, MIT, Stanford University and Oxford University.

What will you learn?

The curriculum provides students with holistic knowledge and abilities to approach issues with a broader view through interdisciplinary learning techniques. Students will approach issues with knowledge in the fields of sociology, political science, business management, and social innovation. Finding solutions that are innovative and beneficial to real-world issues. Students at GSSE will be equipped with skills that are desired by the 21st-century job market.

What kind of competitive advantage would GSSE students have for Graduate school? GSSE graduates are at an advantage to pursue graduate studies abroad. The US and UK highly regard students with a social entrepreneurship background. Moreover, there are many scholarships and support available for students pursuing this field of studies such as the Fulbright Scholarship and the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship. These academic opportunities are ripe for GSSE graduates since they will be at an advantage in terms of their profile and resume. GSSE students are encouraged to intern since their first year and will have numerous projects and experience in their portfolio by the time they graduate as a result of Social Innovation Project and CBLI courses.

Why Thammasat University?

Thammasat University is the second oldest university in Thailand. We work under the founding principle and guiding philosophy, "By the people and for the people." Thammasat University is internationally known for its strength in social sciences such as political science, law, commerce, economics, and health sciences. Positioning ourselves in this university enables us to work across various disciplines, perspectives, and people in order to innovate answers to today's problems.

What is the School of Global Studies?

GSSE is a Bachelor program within the School of Global Studies, Thammasat University. Our school is dedicated to producing professionals with interest in global studies and people's well-being, also comprised of Social Innovators and. We are a three-part school:

- [GSSE](#): International Bachelor program in Global Studies and Social Entrepreneurship
- [MAS + MBA](#): International Master of Arts in Social Innovation and Sustainability + Master of Business Administration
- G-Lab: A Social Innovation Lab that supports the GSSE program, co-create social impact projects and provide Human-Centered Design skill-training workshops.

When was the School of Global Studies Founded?

We were founded in 2009.

What kind of students is the School of Global Studies looking for?

GSSE is looking for students who aspire to be agents of change. We want individuals who long to make their community a better place via engaging in hands-on projects and activities grounded in theoretical background. The students we are looking for are those with a broad and global perspective as well as an interest in conducting sustainable business to inspire social change.

How is social entrepreneurship different than other social science fields, e.g., social policy and development?

Social Entrepreneurship stresses the importance of creating social value through the development of innovative solutions to unmet needs.

What skillset will I have after graduating from GSSE?

As a GSSE graduate, you will establish a global perspective through interdisciplinary studies over four years. You will be able to recognize interlinks between business, environment, and social sectors at a local as well as global level. At GSSE, students are also equipped with vital 21st-century skills such as communication, collaboration, public speaking, and critical thinking.

How do you learn at GSSE?

At GSSE we place a lot of importance on learning and teaching. Our classes are more than just lectures, as we focus on theoretical discussion and project-based learning. Moreover, we emphasize learning by doing through community-based learning initiatives, internships, and numerous field visits.

How many credits is the program?

129 credits are required to graduate.

How is the 4-year program divided?

Teaching and learning are divided into four years or 8 semesters with the following modules:

- Thammasat Foundation
- People & Communities
- Societies & Governance
- Globalization
- Social Innovation
- Managing Social Innovation
- Senior Projects 1 and 2

For more information, please visit: <http://www.sgs.tu.ac.th/>

Who are the faculties at GSSE?

GSSE Faculties are a diverse team of practicing professionals from leading international organizations such as the World Bank, World Health Organization, UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women, and IDEO.org. Moreover, our international faculty (70%) are from all over the world such as the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, France, , Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Austria, and Thailand and have graduated from leading universities such as Harvard University, Stanford University, Columbia University, John Hopkins, UCLA, La Sorbonne in Paris and leading universities in Thailand.

What is the exchange program like?

At GSSE, students can apply for exchange programs offered by Thammasat University. Thammasat University has partnerships with numerous top universities such as, Malmö University in Sweden, the University of Queensland in Australia and Yonsei University in Korea. In the past, some of our students have gone on exchange programs to Japan, through

Ritsumeikan University, Yokohama University and the University of Tsukuba, while some have gone to UC (The University of California). For more information, please visit <https://oia.tu.ac.th>

Does GSSE support student internships?

GSSE underlines the priority of collecting internship experience as a measure to adapt practical working skills. GSSE and G-Lab have numerous partnerships with international organizations, leading firms, and social enterprises. Over the past years, students have interned in a variety of fields from consulting, sustainability to development, and nonprofit, such as:

- Microsoft
- United Nations
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)
- Ashoka Thailand
- Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
- SCB Foundation
- C-ASEAN
- Pattanarak Foundation
- Magnolia Quality Development
- CreativeMove
- Bangchak Petroleum
- Sidekick Creative Agency

What is G-Lab?

The School of Global Studies' Social Innovation Lab or G-Lab, functions to both support the GSSE academic service projects and is a consultant for external organizations in social innovation and social enterprises.

How many students do you accept a year?

We are only expecting a class of 40 students as we believe it is essential that classes remain small and discussion-based. Moreover, the ratio of academic faculty advisor to students would be 1:15 or lower, enabling students to work closely with their academic advisors.

What would be a related field of study for Graduate school?

Directly related degrees in graduate school would be in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Development, Management, and International Affairs. However, within four years at GSSE, our graduates would have had a chance to develop and find their passion, which could lead to numerous other fields to pursue further education such as Technology, Environment, and Education.