



MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY STUDENT MOBILITY HANDBOOK

A HOME FOR GLOBAL-MINDED LEADERS



An aerial photograph of the Mae Fah Luang University campus. The image shows several large, multi-story buildings with brown roofs and light-colored facades, interspersed with lush green trees and manicured lawns. In the foreground, there are several large, geometric garden beds with colorful plants. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

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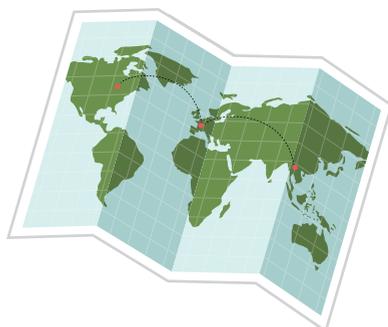
Overview



If you want to ...

- Take courses not available at your university and earn credit
- Experience a different culture
- Make new friends and see new places
- Enhance your future career prospects

An exchange programme may be just what you're looking for!



Why MFU?

Since 1998, Mae Fah Luang University (MFU) has been established as a public autonomous university situated in Chiang Rai province, Thailand, the gateway to the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS), in the heart of the ASEAN region.

Over twenty years, MFU has been widely recognised as one of the region's fastest growing institutions. MFU provides over 71 cutting-edge and essential programmes in Health Science, Science and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines. The university has not only used English as a medium of instruction but also promoted "Blended Learning" as a method of teaching and extracurriculum activities.

Utilising the "University in the Park" concept, MFU offers an environment and culture highly conducive to living and learning, attracting numerous visitors from many countries annually. The quality of teaching, academic service and research excellence have led to various forms of cooperation and collaborations, and have encouraged the rapidly increasing number of international students.

At MFU, Global Relations Division (GRD) offers friendly and helpful advice on the initial enquiry stage, application procedures, immigration as well as travel guidance. We urge you to consider MFU as the University of your choice on your path to future learning.



Ranked **1st** in Thailand

for the **Research Citations and International Outlook**

Ranked in the **601-800** group in the World



Ranked **1st** in Thailand
Ranked **1st** in Asia
Ranked **19th** in the World
for **Plant and Animal Science**



Ranked **1st**

in Thailand

for **SDG5: Gender Equality**



Ranked **1st**

in the World

for **Mycology**



Ranked **9th** in Thailand
Ranked **700th** in the World



Ranked **9th** in Thailand
Ranked **166th** in the World



MFU Student Exchange Programme (Inbound Students)

MFU's Student Exchange Programme is designed to offer a one-semester or one-year study abroad programme for students from foreign countries to study their chosen fields in an international atmosphere at MFU.

The programme is beneficial for international students anticipating careers in Asia or with multinational corporations as well as for those seeking advanced degrees in international or area studies.

Did You Know?

At MFU, English is used as a medium of instruction in all schools/faculties.

Out of 15 schools, there are 11 Schools that welcome all international students for exchange programme:

- School of Science
- School of Management
- School of Information Technology
- School of Health Science
- School of Sinology
- School of Integrative Medicine
- School of Liberal Arts
- School of Agro-Industry
- School of Cosmetic Science
- School of Nursing
- School of Social Innovation

For more information about the School, please visit <https://en.mfu.ac.th/>



MFU Educational System

Academic Calendar

Academic Year	Period	Application Deadline
Semester 1	August - December	End of June
Semester 2	January - May	End of November

MFU operates in the semester system, in which there are two regular and compulsory semesters in each academic year: the first semester and the second semester. Each semester comprises at least fifteen weeks of study and at least two week of final examinations.

The number of semestral credit refers to the total number of credits earned by a student through grades A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D and F for all the courses taken in a given semester.



Academic Evaluation

The evaluation result received by a student for each course shall be represented by a letter grade, which is translated to a grade point, as detailed below.

Letter Grades	Definition	Grade Points
A	Excellent	4.00
B+	Very Good	3.50
B	Good	3.00
C+	Fairy Good	2.50
C	Fair	2.00
D+	Poor	1.50
D	Very Poor	1.00
F	Fail	0.00

A student can register for a minimum of 9 credits or a maximum of 22 credits in a regular semester.

Applying to MFU

Before you apply to be an exchange student at MFU, there are some important things you need to know. Please read and review all of the topics within this section before you apply.

Step 1: Check qualification and requirements

You can apply as a Student Exchange Programme, if you:

- are nominated by the exchange coordinator from one of our Partners.
- have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate studies before enrolment at MFU and must continue to be registered as a degree-seeking students at your home university throughout your intended duration of exchange at MFU.
- have prepared your study plan after seeking advice from academics at your home university.
- possessed the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in a different academic system and cultural environment.



Admission Requirements

- If your university is a MFU's partner, you must contact your home university's international exchange office to find out about their application procedures. You must be nominated by your home university to apply to MFU as an exchange student. For regular exchange students, the application fee and tuition are waived (depending on the agreement or MoU).

- If you are a student at a university that is not one of MFU' Partner Universities, you can apply a "Study Abroad Programme" on a fee-paying basis.



Step 2: Prepare the following required documents

- A completed MFU Exchange Student Application (Download at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bw0Q9xrvTWfmWEI6ZTRRSUNmNE0>)
- A copy of passport
- An academic transcript in English
- A confirmation of student status from home university
- A English proficiency score report: TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC (if any)
- A recommendation letter from the student's academic advisor supporting the application
- A statement of purpose defining student's academic career and personal motivations for studying abroad at MFU (approximately 300 words)

Step 3: Submit all application materials

- Scan the completed application, passport photo page, academic transcript and all documents to the Global Relations Division (GRD) at: warunee.kae@mfu.ac.th

Academic Year	Submission Deadline for Application	Notification for Application Result
Semester 1	End of June	Mid-July
Semester 2	End of November	Mid-December

After Acceptance

If you are accepted to MFU, you will receive e-mail notification of their acceptance. The acceptance package and visa documents will be sent to your home university's international exchange office.

After you receive all documents, you must submit the Acceptance of Admission, Arrival form, Accommodation Form, and Flight information to Global Relations Division (GRD) at: warunee.kae@mfu.ac.th



Time	Airlines	From	Flight	Arrives	Remarks
14:35	EVA AIR	SUVARNABHUMI	BR 3947	15:10	CONFIRMED
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15:25	THAI AIRWAYS	KUNMING	MU 2597	15:02	CONFIRMED
15:55	AirAsia	DONMUEANG	FD 3207	16:05	CONFIRMED
15:55	AirAsia	DONMUEANG	FD 3207	16:05	CONFIRMED
16:25	smile	SUVARNABHUMI	WE 134	16:30	CONFIRMED
16:25	smile	SUVARNABHUMI	WE 134	16:30	CONFIRMED
17:55	NOK AIR	DONMUEANG	DD 8722	16:30	CONFIRMED
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18:00	THAI AIRWAYS	SUVARNABHUMI	CI 977		
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On-campus Accommodation

MFU has increased its accommodation capacity and offers up to 5,800 beds in 18 dormitory buildings for students. As the dormitories are just a ten-minute walk from the main university buildings, it is popular among exchange students who want a convenient access to classes, sporting and social events in MFU.

Students will have privacy within a safe, friendly, and lively learning environment. All exchange students are recommended to stay in the dormitories with the intention of encouraging students to develop their social skills through living together, learning together and helping one another. The student dormitories, which are supervised by the University staff and guarded round the clock by security officers, provide desks, beds and mattresses, internet corners, common rooms and study rooms.

Undergraduate students on coursework-based exchange are given priority for accommodation. So, if you are interested in on-campus accommodation, please indicate 'YES' on the initial exchange application.



Checklist for Inbound Exchange Students

Student Services

There are many divisions providing various services for exchange students.

Global Relations Division (GRD):

- The first stop for international affairs and student exchange matters
- Admission for Exchange Students
- International collaboration
- Visa
- Coursework-based exchange coordinator
- International student orientation
- International activities and cross-cultural events

Registrar Division (REG):

- Application, extension and termination of MFU Student Card
- Course registration and Add/Drop
- Examination matters
- Issuance of transcripts after the exchange semester ends

Student Development Affairs Division (SDAD):

The Office of Student Affairs assists MFU students in their integration into the MFU community.

- On-campus accommodation application and allocation
- The Disability Support Office

Schools:

Eleventh participating schools are in charge of:

- Application approval based on prerequisites, time-tabling and availability
- Curriculum and course
- Class and examination timetables
- Academic assistance
- Endorsement of Home University's Learning Agreement /
Module Enrolment forms

Financial Matters

Inbound Exchange students do not need to pay tuition fees to MFU if they are nominated under an existing exchange agreement or MoU. However, students should continue to pay tuition fees to their home university (if applicable) while they are exchange students at MFU. All exchange students are responsible for the compulsory miscellaneous fees and their own living expenses during an exchange programme.

Health and Travel Insurance

All inbound exchange students who are studying at MFU are required to purchase their own health insurance. Students can arrange the insurance in their home countries.

Living Costs

This table shows the breakdown of living expenses of an average student on campus for one semester. Overseas travel and vacations are not included in the estimated costs.

Items	On-Campus (THB)*	Off-Campus (THB)*
Accommodation	4,000 – 8,000	18,000
Food and Drink (3 meals a day)	16,800	24,000
Public transport	free	5,000
Books, stationery supplies, etc.	3,400	3,400
Mobile Phone / Utility Bills	1,200	1,200
Laundry	2,000	2,000
Shopping / Entertainment	8,000	10,000
Estimated costs (Per Semester)*	35,400	63,600

*The estimated costs are for reference only. The actual costs may vary based on personal spending preference.

Immigration Information

Obtaining a Visa

Once your application has been approved, you will need to obtain a non-immigrant “ED” Visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate to enter Thailand. This Visa will be extended once your study commences.

In any case, **DO NOT** enter Thailand on a tourist or transit Visa, as it cannot be extended to cover your period of study.

Required Documents for Visa Application:

- A copy of the official acceptance letter, academic calendar, and a letter for your Visa request from MFU
- A recent 4×6 cm. photograph (less than 6 months old).
- A copy of your passport-information page(s).
- A medical certificate (less than 6 months old).
- Visa fees.

Note: Foreigners are NOT allowed to work while on a student visa in Thailand.



Getting to MFU

From Bangkok

- **By Air:** Daily flights connecting Bangkok with Chiang Rai are available from:
 - Thai Airways (www.thaiairways.com)
 - AirAsia (<http://www.airasia.com>)
 - Nok Air (<http://www.nokair.com>)
 - Bangkok Airways (<http://www.bangkokair.com>)
 - Thai Lion Air (<http://www.lionairthai.com>)
 - Thai Smile (<http://www.thaismileair.com>)
 - Vietjet Air (<http://www.vietjetair.com>)

- **By Bus:** The coach ride from Bangkok to Chiang Rai is probably best made overnight since passengers can gain sleep prior to an early morning arrival. There are both air-conditioned bus services recommended, from Bangkok's Northern Bus Terminal (Mochit 2 Bus Terminal) on Kamphaengphet 2 Road. The journey may take approximately 9-11 hours.

* For further details, call the Northern Bus Terminal +66 2936 2852 to 66 or +66 2936 3666

- **By Rail:** There is not yet a direct train service to Chiang Rai. You must take the train to Lampang (9 hrs. from Bangkok) or Chiang Mai (11 hrs.) and then travel by bus to Chiang Rai. (2.30 hrs. from Lampang and 3 hrs. from Chiang Mai)

Call the State Railway of Thailand +66 2223 7010 or +66 2223 7020 for more details.

From Chiang Mai

- **By Bus:** Chiang Rai is 182 kilometers north of Chiang Mai. Air-conditioned buses leave 12 times daily from Chiang Mai Arcade Bus Terminal to Chiang Rai. Some buses continue to Mae Sai and Chiang Saen.

Travel in Chiang Rai

- **By Taxi:** Taxi meter is available in Chiang Rai. Please call 0-5377-3477 or GRAB.

Chiang Rai

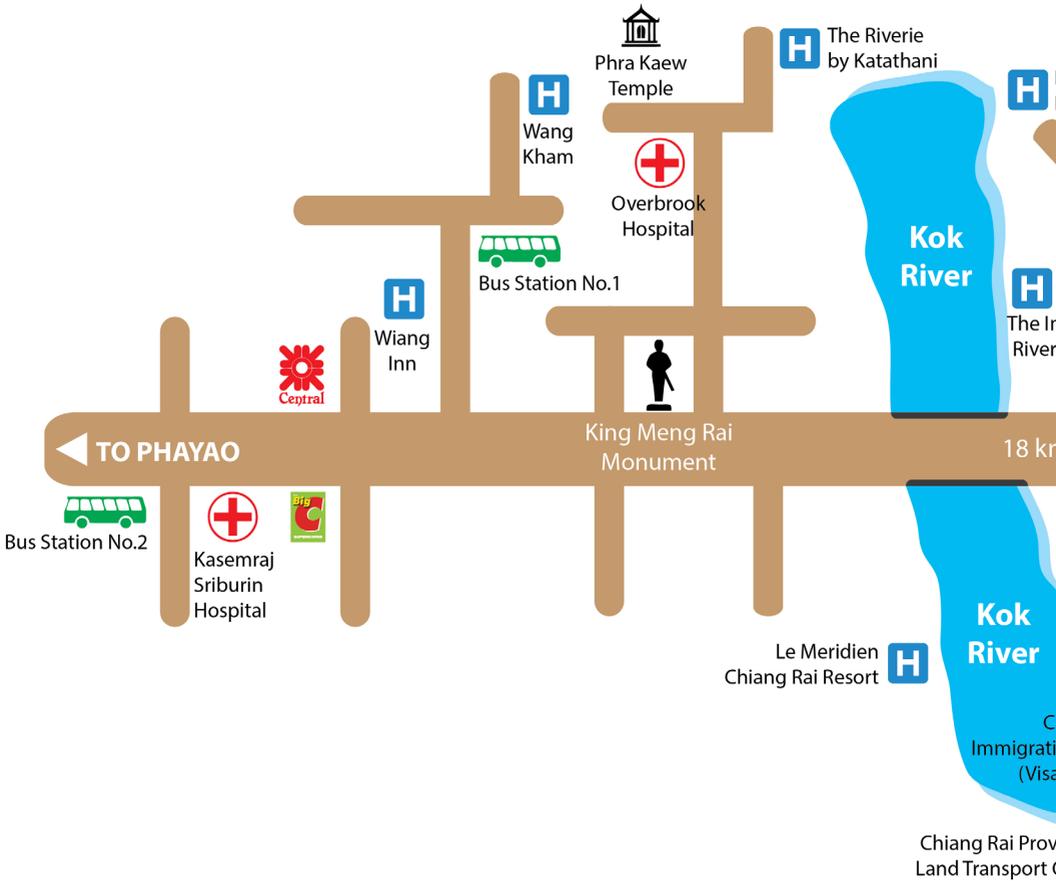
Chiang Rai, the northernmost province in Thailand, is located 785 kilometers north of Bangkok, Thailand's capital city. It is a mountainous region with rivers, forests, breathtaking waterfalls, hot springs, caves, and much more. There are also a number of picturesque tourist attractions such as the White Temple, Doi Mae Salong, and the Doi Tung Development Project.

Moreover, as the former capital of the great Lanna Kingdom, Chiang Rai is a fascinating province filled with cultural wonders, it is home to many ethnic groups, including Karen, Akha, Lisu, Meo and Muser. Chiang Rai also gives a glimpse into the history of Thailand, with a number of Buddhist shrines and ruins of ancient settlements.

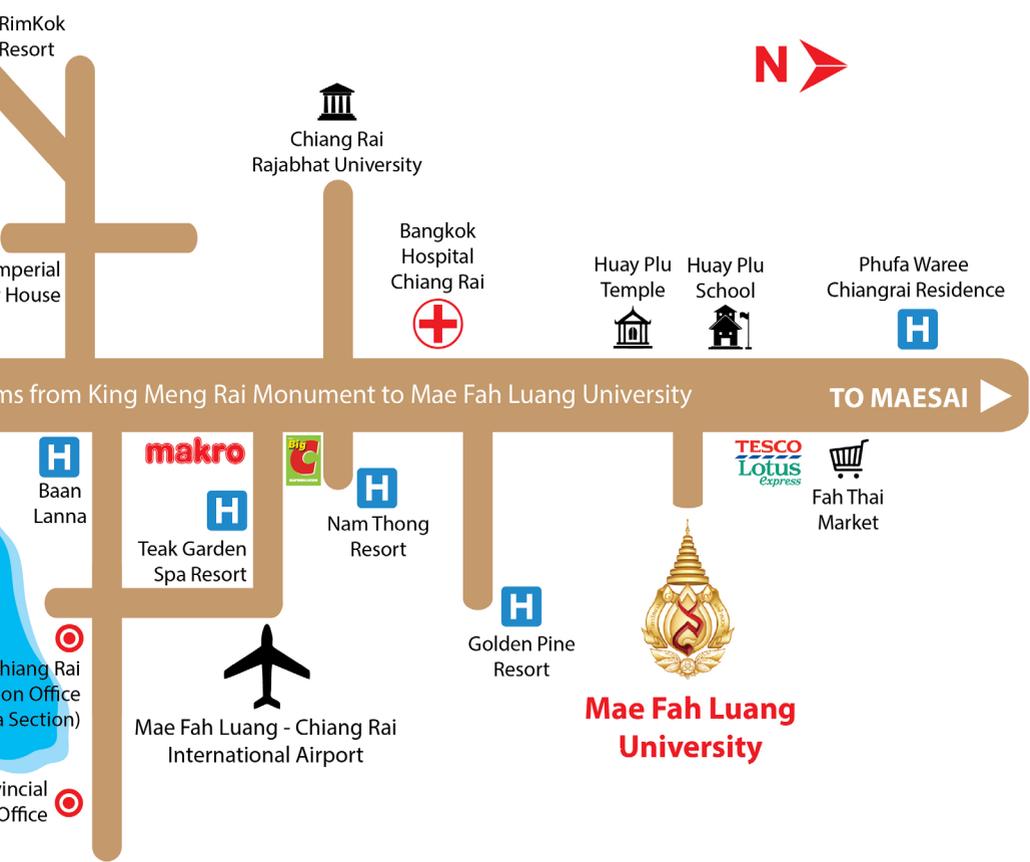
Chiang Rai is located within the renowned Golden Triangle area along Mekong River where the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Lao PDR, and Thailand converge. This area is also accessible to the Yunnan province of China. Having access to all these countries, Chiang Rai has been designated as the center of the Greater Mekong sub-region.



Map from Chiang



Rai City to MFU



MFU Facilities

MFU Hospital

MFU Hospital, located on campus, offers alternative medicine and beauty treatment. The Thai and Chinese alternative treatments include acupuncture, massage treatments, Thai traditional medicine, apitherapy, chelation and vacuum cupping. The hospital also offers skin and anti-aging treatments, physical therapy services, day care for children and seniors, and medical check-up for everyone.

MFU Medical Center Hospital

MFU Medical Center Hospital, located near Phahonyothin Road, offers modern medicine. The modern medicine approach provide medical services cover all specialised areas such as physical therapy, hydrotherapy, dental clinic, dermatology, cardiology, surgery. The hospital aims to be the medical hub for the Greater Mekong sub-region in producing medical professionals and providing health care services to all groups of people.



Computer Laboratory

This computer laboratory is a centre filled with electronic educational tools to supplement students' learning and training activities, high-performance computers that aid students studying in IT programs.

MFU Book Centre (M-Store)

This centre's task is to distribute and sell books, educational media, and stationery for students, lecturers, university staff, and the public.

Auditorium and Conference Hall

MFU's auditorium and conference halls are fully equipped with modern audiovisual facilities. They serve both the university and other organizations as venues for seminars, training programs, symposia and conferences.

Food Centres

There are canteens on the second floor of D1 Building, on the ground floor of E1, E2 and M-Square Building as well as the 7-Eleven stores located at M-Square Building, E2 Canteen and near Lamduan dormitory.



Indoor Stadium and Sports Centre (Chalermprakiat Building)

MFU offers an exceptional range of international standard sporting facilities as well as physical fitness rooms available for all MFU students, staff, faculty, and the general public. MFU has made this great investment in order to promote sports activities, exercise and fitness to the wider society, and to provide some of the best sporting infrastructure available for people in the North of Thailand.

Outdoor Track & Field Stadium

This stadium offers a full-size field for sports and events, as well as a running track.

Fitness Park

This park offers a running/biking course, as well as different exercise stations to ensure that students and staff have the opportunity to stay fit in a natural environment.



Post Office

An on-campus post office offers post services such as mailing and receiving of letters and parcels at the 2nd floor of I-Park building.

Banks

Government Savings Bank is located on 3rd floor of E-park, M-Square building.

Bangkok Bank is located on 1st floor of D1 building.

More than 17 ATM and cash deposit machines available on campus.

On-Campus Transportation

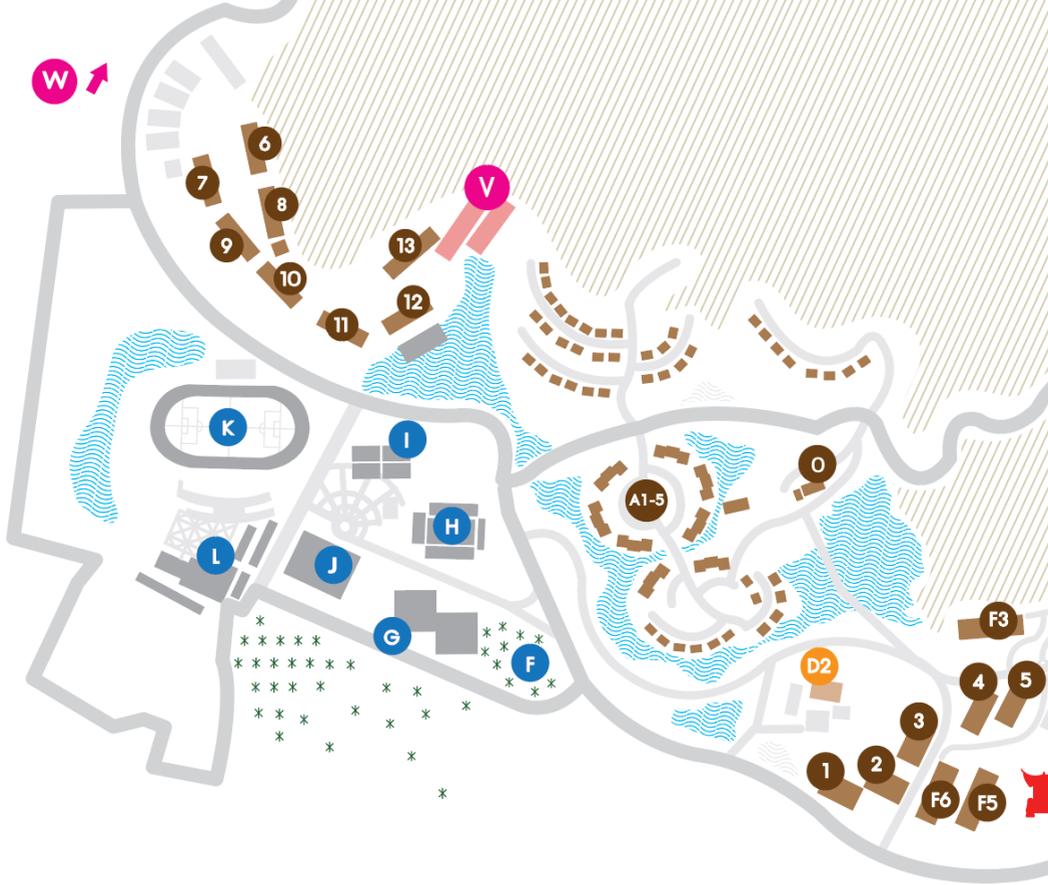
Within the campus, free public transportation is provided in the form of EVT (Electronic Vehicular Transport) vehicles. To travel into town or other locations, taxis or minibus vehicles are conveniently available.

Wi-Fi

MFU is a wireless campus, providing access to information at any point within the University.



MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY GUIDE MAP



- AD1** สำนักงานอธิการบดี (Office of the President)
- AD2** สำนักงานบริหารกลาง (Central Administration Building)
- AS** อาคารบริการวิชาการ (Academic Services Building)
- AV** ศูนย์บรรณสารและสื่อการศึกษา (ห้องสมุด)
(Learning Resources and Educational Media Center : Library)
- C1** อาคารเรียนรวม 1 (Lecture Hall Building 1)
- C2** อาคารเรียนรวม 2 (Lecture Hall Building 2)
- C3** อาคารเรียนรวม 3 (Lecture Hall Building 3)
- C4** หอประชุมสมเด็จพระเจ้าพี่นางเธอ เจ้าสุทนต์มณี (Main Auditorium)
- C5** อาคาร พลตำรวจเอก ทา สรสนู (Police General Pow Sarasin Building)
- D1** อาคารโรงอาหาร (Students' Activity Building and Canteen)
- D2** โครงการจัดตั้งพิพิธภัณฑ์อารยธรรมลุ่มน้ำโขง มหาวิทยาลัยแม่ฟ้าหลวง
(The Project on Establishment of Mekong Basin Civilization Museum)
- E1** อาคารสำนักวิชา 1 (Faculty Office Building 1)
- E2** อาคารสำนักวิชา 2 (Faculty Office Building 2)
- E3** อาคารสำนักวิชา 3 (Faculty Office Building 3)
- E4** อาคาร พลเอก สำมา ชูศรี (General Sampao Choosri Building)
- M3** อาคารโรคติดต่อ (Pre-Clinic Building)

กลุ่มอาคาร M-Square

- E-Park : Education Park Building | ศูนย์หนังสือมหาวิทยาลัยแม่ฟ้าหลวง (M-Store)
- I-Park : Innovation Park Building
- L-Park : Lifestyle Park Building



- A1-5** อาคารรับรองและบ้านพักพนักงาน (Staff Residence)
- F1-6** กลุ่มหอพักหญิง (Female Dormitory 1-6)
- O** บ้านพักรับรองอธิการบดี (President's Residence)
- 1** อาคารประเสริฐ-ทัศนีย์ พงษ์ภุมร (หอพักนักศึกษาชั้น 1) (Prasert-Tassanee Poongkumarn International Dormitory 1)
- 2** อาคารบุษกร-เพียงใจ (หาญพาณิชย์) อัครโกศล (หอพักนักศึกษาชั้น 2) (Boonsong-Piengjai (Harnpanich) Asavabhokin International Dormitory 2)
- 3** อาคารพลตำรวจเอกหา สรสิน (หอพักนักศึกษาต่างชาติ) (Police General Pow Sarasin International Dormitory)
- 4-5** หอพักสักทอง 1-2 (Sakthong Dormitory 1-2)
- 6-12** กลุ่มหอพักนักศึกษาชายสำแดงและนักศึกษาปี 2-4 (Male Dormitory & Senior Dormitory)
- 13** อาคารที่พักรักษาทางารแพทย์ (Medical Staff Residence)

- S1-S6** อาคารปฏิบัติการทางวิทยาศาสตร์และเทคโนโลยี (Scientific & Technological Laboratory Buildings)
- S7-A** อาคารศูนย์การเรียนรู้ภาษา (Language Learning Center)
- S7-B** อาคารศูนย์วิจัย (Research Center)

- A.** พระราชานุสาวรีย์สมเด็จพระศรีนครินทราบรมราชชนนี (HRH Princess Srinagarindra Statue)
- B.** วิหารพระเจ้าล้านทอง (Lan Thong Chaloeam Phra Kiat Vihara)
- C.** สวนพฤกษศาสตร์ เดลินทร์เกียรติ์ 80 พรรษา (MFU Botanical Garden)
- D.** โรงพยาบาลมหาวิทยาลัยแม่ฟ้าหลวง (Mae Fah Luang University Hospital)
- E.** ศูนย์ภาษาและวัฒนธรรมจีนสิรินธร (Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Center)
- F.** สวนสุขภาพ (Exercise Park)
- G.** สนามเทนนิส (MFU Tennis Courts)
- H.** สระว่ายน้ำ (MFU Swimming Pool)
- I.** สนามกีฬาอเนกประสงค์ (MFU Sports Field)
- J.** อาคารกีฬาเฉลิมพระเกียรติ์ 72 พรรษาฯ (Queen Sirikit 72nd Jubilee Sport Arena)
- K.** สนามฟุตบอล (MFU Football Stadium)
- L.** อาคารกีฬาอเนกประสงค์ (MFU Sport Stadium)
- W.** วณทรม (Wanasom Wellness Resort)
- V.** วณาวศย์ (Wanawes Inn)

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