

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Course outline: SA 151 (159151) Lanna Society and Culture 2025-2**

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**Class Date and time:** Tuesday and Friday 8.00-9.30 am. Room SB 1122

**Course Description**

Historical development of Lanna states. Ethnic groups in Lanna. Buddhism, Islam and Christianity in Lanna, Lanna Women, House, village and principality in Lanna. Rituals and belief in Lanna. Customary events in Lanna. Lanna and changes in globalized era.

**Course Objectives:** Students are able to

1. explain historical development of Lanna states.
2. explain ethno-religious diversity of Lanna people
3. explain Lanna customs and changes

**Course sessions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Contents</b>
18 Nov 2025	Course introduction and definition of Lanna
21, 25, 28 Nov, 2 Dec 2025	Historical development of Lanna states
9, 12 Dec 2025	Database on Lanna and manuscripts (Lecture given at the main library)
16, 19, 23 Dec 2025	Ethnic groups, culture and language in Lanna
26, 30 Dec 2025, 6 Jan 2026	House, village and principality in Lanna.
9, 13, 16 Jan 2026	Buddhism in Lanna and changes
17-29 Jan 2026	Reading and Midterm exam weeks
30 Jan, 3, 6, 10, 13, 17 Feb 2026	Belief system, rituals and changes in Lanna
20, 24, 27 Feb, 3 Mar 2026	Customary events in Lanna.
6, 10 Mar 2026	Islam, Christianity and other main religions in Lanna
13 Mar 2026	Summary
24 Mar 2026 (12-15.00 hrs.)	Final exam

**Assessment:**

1. Class participation 10%
2. Quiz 30% (In-class)
3. Mid-term 30%
3. Final exam 30%

**Grades Scale**

<b>A</b> = 100-85	<b>B+</b> = 84-80	<b>C+</b> = 74-70	<b>D+</b> = 64-60	<b>F</b> = 49-0
	<b>B</b> = 79-75	<b>C</b> = 69-65	<b>D</b> = 59-50	

**Readings:**

- Davis, Richard B. 1984. *Muang Metaphysics: a Story of Northern Thai Myth and Ritual*. Bangkok: Poindora.
- Sarassawadee Ongsakul. 2005. *The History of Lanna*. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Book.
- Somma Premchit and Pierre Dor e Dora. 1991. The Lan Na twelve-month traditions : an ethno-historic and comparative approach : a research report
- Swearer, Donald K., Somma Premchit and Phaithoon Dokbuakaew. 2004. *Sacred Mountains of Northern Thailand and their Legends*. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
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