

Travel Report: Exchange Semester at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Accommodation: Nonsi Residence

During my exchange semester at Chulalongkorn University, I stayed at Nonsi Residence. The location is not very central, but it's easy to get to the university. Nonsi provides buses every morning at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM, which stop at each faculty on campus. This makes it convenient to go to class.

Near Nonsi, there are two street food stands and a 7-Eleven, so you can get everything you need. The best part of staying at Nonsi is the community. Many exchange students live here, so it's easy to make friends. If you're into parties, you will always find someone to join. The social life is amazing, and you're never alone. The building itself is a bit old, but it's okay for a few months. The community really makes it worth it.

If you prefer a quieter place, CU iHouse is a good option. It is much newer and closer to the university. However, it doesn't have the same social vibe and feels more anonymous.

University Experience

At Chulalongkorn University, I studied in the Faculty of Engineering. The study coordinator was very helpful and made sure everything went smoothly. If I had questions, I could always ask and got quick answers.

The application process takes a long time. By the time you get your final acceptance, flights can be very expensive. It might be a good idea to book flights with a cancellation option or insurance because the confirmation can come very late.

For bachelor's students, wearing a school uniform is required. You can buy the uniform locally. For exchange students, the rules depend on the professor. Most of the time, you can wear your own clothes as long as your shoulders and knees are covered. For exams, you must wear the uniform. Master's students don't have to wear a uniform.

Classes in Bangkok don't always start on time. Sometimes they begin 30-60 minutes late, depending on when the professor arrives. However, the teaching was very good. Professors were knowledgeable, and the content was explained clearly. There was a good mix of theory and practical examples, which made the lessons engaging and useful. Many assignments during the semester helped reinforce what we learned, so midterms and finals were not too stressful.

Exploring Bangkok

Bangkok is an exciting city with so much to do. You can visit Chinatown, temples, bars, or take boat rides etc. During our semester, we also traveled a lot. Bangkok's location is perfect for exploring Thailand and nearby countries.

Traveling is very cheap, with affordable buses, trains, and flights. Accommodation and food are also very inexpensive, so you can travel on a student budget. You will always find people to travel with, so you won't have to go alone.

Conclusion

If you are ready to embrace new cultures, love to travel, and can be flexible, I highly recommend Bangkok and Chulalongkorn University. It's an experience full of learning, meeting amazing people, and exploring incredible places.