

PSU-AUN Summer Camp 2026

Prince of Songkla University (PSU)

“Taste of Southern Thailand — Connecting Cultures through Gastronomy”

Program Overview

1. Principles and Rationale

The inbound component of the PSU Integrated Student Mobility Program is designed to strengthen international student mobility by providing structured academic and experiential learning focused on Thailand. As a non-degree integrated program, it enables inbound students—particularly from AUN member universities—to gain foundational knowledge and practical insights into Thai language, culture, lifestyle, and local contexts through a combination of online learning and onsite engagement at Prince of Songkla University.

This inbound pathway directly supports and leads into the theme of the AUN Summer Camp 2026, “Taste of Southern Thailand — Connecting Cultures through Gastronomy.” Through preparatory online modules and immersive onsite experiences, students are introduced to the cultural significance of food, local wisdom, community life, and regional identity in Southern Thailand. The program allows participants to understand gastronomy not only as cuisine, but as a reflection of history, multicultural coexistence, livelihoods, and social values.

By positioning the inbound program as an academic foundation for the AUN Summer Camp, PSU creates a coherent learning continuum—from structured preparation to intensive cultural immersion—enhancing students’ engagement with the theme and deepening cross-cultural understanding. This approach strengthens PSU’s role as a host institution within the AUN network and reinforces inbound mobility as a meaningful platform for cultural connection and experiential learning through gastronomy.

2. Objectives

- 1) To promote inbound student mobility, particularly among students from AUN member universities, through a structured integrated program at Prince of Songkla University.
- 2) To enhance students’ academic skills, critical thinking, intercultural communication, and leadership through experiential and cross-cultural learning.
- 3) To deepen understanding of Southern Thai gastronomy as a reflection of local identity, cultural heritage, and multicultural society, building on PSU’s role in advancing Songkhla as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy.
- 4) To strengthen PSU’s internationalization and increase its visibility and engagement at the ASEAN level, particularly within the AUN framework.
- 5) To contribute to broader sustainable development objectives through education, cultural exchange, and community-based learning.

3. Benefits

- 1) Enhances academic skills, critical thinking, intercultural communication, and leadership through integrated and experiential learning.
- 2) Provides meaningful understanding of Southern Thai gastronomy as a reflection of local identity, cultural heritage, and multicultural society.
- 3) Strengthens readiness for international study, short-term exchange programs, and global career pathways.
- 4) Offers a flexible and scalable inbound mobility platform that complements existing short-term exchange and summer camp initiatives.
- 5) Strengthens academic collaboration and deepens institutional partnerships within the AUN framework.
- 6) Expands opportunities for sustained student mobility and cross-cultural exchange across ASEAN and partner institutions.
- 7) Supports Prince of Songkla University in strengthening continuous collaboration among institutions within the ASEAN University Network.

4. Financial Support

Prince of Songkla University (PSU) will provide the following to the participants:

- Accommodation (off campus)
- Most meals will be provided.
- Local Transportation & airport transfers
- Educational Activities and Excursions
- Tuition Fee 100 USD per participant for (Module) 071-N04 Credit 3((2)-2-5)
Thailand Unveiled: Language Culture, Life, Business and Sustainability Insights

Cost to be borne by Sending University / Participants:

- Round-trip airfare (Travel to and from Hat Yai International Airport: HDY)
- International travel/health & medical insurance (Must cover the full duration of stay)
- Personal Expenses
- Travel tax (if applicable)
- Visa application fees (if applicable)
- Other meals outside of the program

5. Participants

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The AUN Core Member Universities comprises of these 30 leading ASEAN universities.

Myanmar

University of Mandalay
University of Yangon
Yangon University of Economics



Thailand

Burapha University
Chiang Mai University
Chulalongkorn University
Mahidol University
Prince of Songkla University



Singapore

Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
Singapore Management University



Indonesia

Institut Teknologi Bandung
Universitas Airlangga
Universitas Gadjah Mada
Universitas Indonesia



Lao PDR

National University of Laos



Viet Nam

Can Tho University
Vietnam National University, Hanoi
Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City



The Philippines

Ateneo De Manila University
De La Salle University
University of the Philippines



Cambodia

Royal University of Law and Economics
University of Phnom Penh



Malaysia

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Universiti Putra Malaysia
Universiti Sains Malaysia
Universiti Utara Malaysia
Universiti Malaya



Brunei

Universiti Brunei Darussalam



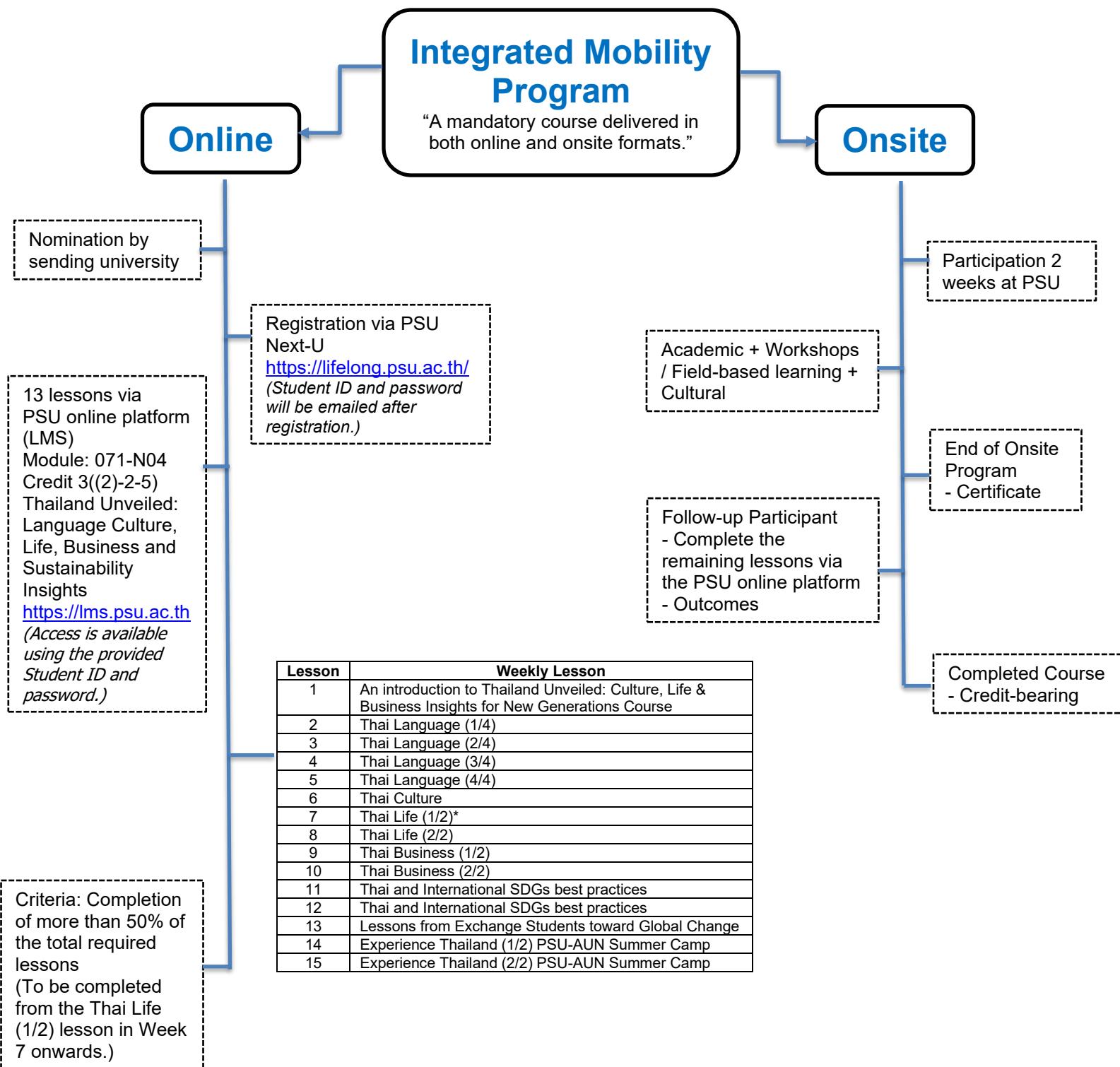
Target Participants: 2 students from each of 30 AUN Core Member Universities

Estimated Number of Participants: 60

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

1. Undergraduate students in their second year or higher
2. Citizen of an ASEAN
3. Proficient in English (as the program will be conducted in English)
4. Committed to full participation in all online & onsite program
5. Other required qualifications and nominations to be determined by each sending university.

Program Format



Process & Timeline

Date/Month	Operation
1 – 25 February 2026	Call for Application
25 February 2026	<p>Deadline for nominations by sending university</p> <p>* The International Office of Sending Universities can nominate up to 2 students who meet the following criteria:</p> <p>** The Coordinator of the Sending University is required to fill in the 'Nomination Form PSU-AUN Summer Camp 2026' at https://forms.office.com/r/374RspCXFE</p> 
1 – 6 March 2026	Guideline of Registration via PSU Next-U will be sent to nominated students and complete by 6 March 2026
9 – 15 March 2026	Student enrollment in PSU online study (LMS) will be managed by the PSU team.
16 March - 30 April 2026	Self-directed online learning via the PSU online platform (LMS) "Module: 071-N04 Credit 3((2)-2-5) Thailand Unveiled: Language Culture, Life, Business and Sustainability Insights"
26 – 31 March 2026	Students' confirmation of onsite participation
3 April 2026 onwards	Acceptance letters for students will be issued, and pre-departure information will be sent via their emails.
5 - 18 May 2026 (5 May – Arrival 18 May – Departure)	Onsite participation of students at PSU (Please see the tentative program.) <i>For both arrival and departure, students are required to travel to and from Hat Yai International Airport.</i>
June – July 2026	Follow-up participants - Remain lessons via PSU online platform (LMS) - Learning outcomes for application in academic and daily life - Completed Course

Remark: The schedule is subject to change as appropriate

Tentative Program (Onsite)

5 - 18 May 2026 at PSU

Day	Activity
Day 1 (Tuesday, May 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrival - Registration & Welcome Dinner
Day 2 (Wednesday, May 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orientation & PSU Campus Rally - Gastronomy Foundations
Day 3 (Thursday, May 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures & Workshops - Traditional Thai Medicine - Agro-Industry
Day 4 (Friday, May 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature-Based Recreational activity
Day 5 (Saturday, May 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site Visit of Geographical Indications in Songkhla
Day 6 (Sunday, May 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursion in Songkhla - Special Talk with Local Entrepreneur - Experience the Local Way of Life and Cultural Heritage
Day 7 (Monday, May 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer to Pattani - Batik Painting Workshop - Pattani Heritage City Tour
Day 8 (Tuesday, May 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore in Pattani - Community Based Learning
Day 9 (Wednesday, May 13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore in Pattani for Local Products Idea Presentation - Return to Hat Yai
Day 10 (Thursday, May 14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab-Based Cooking Activities
Day 11 (Friday, May 15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Thinking for Innovative Solutions
Day 12 (Saturday, May 16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASEAN food & Cultural sharing & Storytelling - Music Enhances the Culinary Experience
Day 13 (Sunday, May 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap Up & Farewell Dinner
Day 14 (Monday, May 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Departure

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