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# **MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

Established in 2009, NIDA Graduate School of Law (GSL) was founded by Professor Dr. Sombat Thamrongthanyawong, President of NIDA, and inaugurated with Professor Dr. Banjerd Singhaneti as Dean. GSL aims to produce lawyers adept in both domestic and foreign law, equipped to navigate societal shifts and foster national development. Emphasizing research excellence, graduates emerge as skilled analysts of legal issues crucial for national advancement. GSL strives to cultivate professionals championing social justice and sustainable development, adapting to global shifts through a strategic roadmap with four key missions:

#### 1. Graduate Excellence

We are committed to inculcating in graduates not only robust legal expertise but also a firm commitment to morality, conscience, and a sense of social responsibility.

#### 2. Knowledge Synthesis

Our ambition extends to developing a comprehensive repository of knowledge by undertaking rigorous legal research and integrating insights from interrelated disciplines.

#### 3. Academic Service to Society

Central to our mission is our dedication to providing legal academic services, aimed at intellectually enriching society and furthering our national developmental goals.

#### 4. Institutional Prestige

Our vision is to ascend to the pinnacle of academic excellence, garnering recognition and esteem on both national and international stages.





# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

We've outlined guidelines for program delivery as follows:

#### 1. Cultivating Executives

GSL offers a Master of Arts program to develop executives proficient in legal knowledge, emphasizing efficiency, ethical management, and good governance principles. This program merges legal and managerial perspectives, preparing graduates for leadership roles in both public and private sectors.

#### 2. Creating Professionals

GSL's Master of Laws program, coupled with a certificate in administrative law, aims to transcend basic legal knowledge. Emphasizing critical thinking and analytical skills, graduates are trained to critique legal frameworks and apply the rule of law with conscience. They advocate for justice while balancing individual rights and public interest.

#### 3. Nurturing Academics

Our Doctor of Laws program aims to produce legal scholars with advanced analytical skills and comprehensive legal insights to address both current and emerging legal challenges. Equipped with strong research abilities, they contribute significantly to academic excellence nationwide.

In conclusion, our dedication to academic excellence in law serves the broader goal of fostering a just society. By imparting legal knowledge and cultivating lawyers with high moral standards, ethics, integrity, and honesty, we aim to uphold the rule of law and promote social cohesion. Our graduates are expected to embody these values and demonstrate a strong sense of personal conscience and social responsibility in shaping a fair and equitable society.





## **ABOUT US**

#### **Background**

The Graduate School of Law is committed to academic excellence in law to foster a just society. It equips legal personnel with expertise, morality, ethics, and integrity, emphasizing social responsibility. Additionally, it established the Law Center for Development in 2013, serving as a legal clinic to provide free legal knowledge and advice to the public. This proactive mission reflects the school's dedication to serving society and enhances students' knowledge, morality, and ethics to become socially responsible legal professionals.

#### Vision

An institution for producing advanced legal graduates to promote fair and sustainable social development

#### Philosophy

**NITIPAT: Law for Fair and Sustainable Development**"

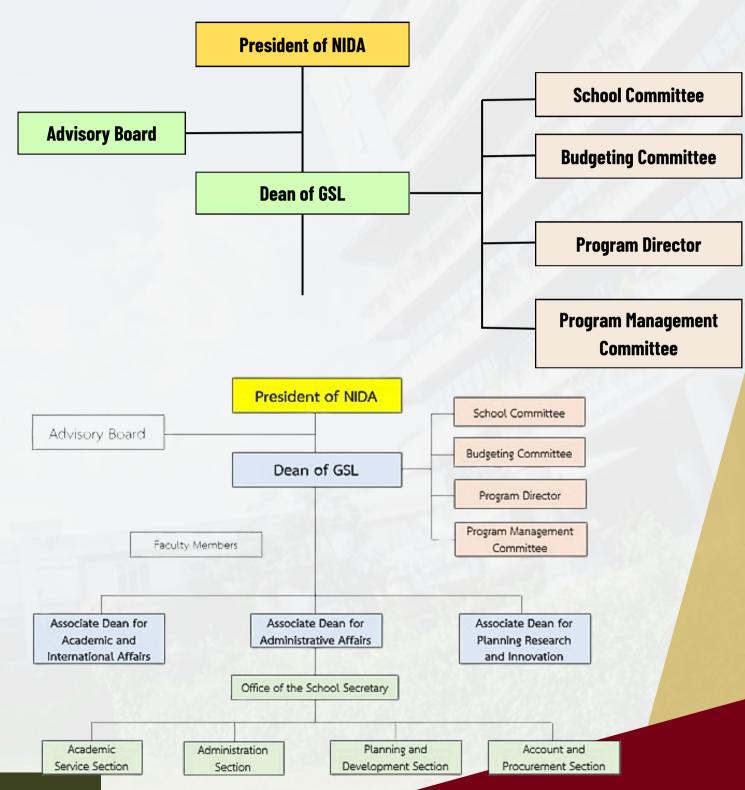
#### **Missions**

- 1. Create legal graduates with knowledge, skills, and leadership qualities for national development.
  - 2. Serve as a national School of Legal Thought for Development.
  - 3. Promote and develop legal knowledge for lifelong learning.
- 4. Foster legal awareness and legal perspectives in lawyers with moral integrity, ethics, and a sense of responsibility towards society and the environment.
- 5. Drive the organization with management based on the principles of rule of law and good governance.





# **GSL'S ORGANIZATION CHART**



# **ADMINISTRATION**



## Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amornrat Kulsudjarit Dean

- Docteur en Droit Public (Mention Très honorable), Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille III, France
- ·LL.M. (Public Law), Thammasat University, Thailand
- ·LL.B., Thammasat University, Thailand



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<u>Associate Dean for Administration and Director of Master of Arts Program in Law for Managements</u>

- Docteur en Droit Public (Mention Très honorable avec félicitations du jury), Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille III, France
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- ·LL.B. 2nd class honors, Thammasat University, Thailand ·Certificat de « Les politiques publiques : de la conception à l'évaluation » (Promotion 2021), École Nationale d'Administration (ENA), France



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**Associate Dean for Academic and International Affairs** 

- ·Ph.D. in Law (Corporate and Commercial Law), Durham University, UK.
- ·LL.M. (International Tax Law), Queen Mary University, UK.
- ·LL.B., Thammasat University, Thailand
- ·B.A. (English), 2nd class honors, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand



#### Asst. Prof. Dr. Tanatthep Tianprasit

Associate Dean for Planning, Research and Innovation

- ·Ph.D. in Law (Criminal Law and Criminal Justice), University of Aberdeen, UK.
- ·LL.M. (Intellectual Property Law), University of London, UK.
- ·LL.M. (Criminal Law and Criminal Justice), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- ·LL.B., Thammasat University, Thailand





#### **Faculty Members**



# Professor Dr. Banjerd Singkaneti Director of Doctor of Laws Program and Director of Certificate in Advanced Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure

- · Doktor der Rechte -Dr.jur, Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum, Germany
- · LL.M. Magister Legum, Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum, Germany
- · LL.M. (Public Law), Thammasat University, Thailand
- · LL.B., Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand



# Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peerapon Jaderojananont <u>Director of Master of Arts</u> (<u>Law for Management</u>)

- Ph.D. in Law (Jointly supervised with Thammasat),
   Macquarie University, NSW, Australia
- LL.M. (International Environmental Law), Macquarie University, NSW, Australia
- · LL.M. (International Law), Thammasat University, Thailand
- · LL.B., Thammasat University, Thailand



#### <u>Dr. Chanit Suntapun</u> <u>Director of Master of Laws Program</u>

- Docteur en Droit Public mention très honorable avec félicitation du jury à l'unanimité, Université Aix-Marseille III, France
- Master 2 Recherche Droit Public approfondi, Université Aix-Marseille III,
   France
- · LL.M. (Public Law), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- LL.B. 2nd class honors, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- M.A. (Government), 1st class honors, Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand



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- Doctorat de l'Université Robert Schuman de Strasbourg (Nouveau régime),
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- LL.M. (International and Asian Comparative), University of Washington, U.S.A.
- LL.M. (International Law), Thammasat University, Thailand
- LL.B., Thammasat University, Thailand



## Asst. Prof. Dr. Kiarttiphorn Umpai Editor of Law for Development Graduate Journal

- · LL.D. (International Law), GSL NIDA, Thailand
- · LL.M. (International Law), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- LL.B. 2nd class honors, Bangkok University, Thailand



## Dr. Auntika Na Pibul Editor of Nitipat NIDA Law Journal

- Ph.D. in Law, University of Strathclyde, UK.
- LL.M. (Innovation, Technology and the Law), University of Edinburgh, UK.
- LL.M. (Criminal Law), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- LL.B. 2nd class honors (Criminal Law), Chulalongkorn University,
   Thailand

#### **Introducing Our Four Graduate Programs**



# Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)

- The course is certified and accredited by the Judicial Commission and the State Attorney Commission
- We offer two tracks: 1) Dissertation Track and 2) Coursework and Dissertation Track.
- Classes are held on Saturdays and Sundays.

#### Program Management System

The program is based on a full-time bi-semester system. One academic year has two semesters, each lasting 15 weeks at the minimum. With the approval of the program management committee, the program might cover a summer semester whose period and credits may be comparable to those in any regular semester.

#### **Program Structure**

Subject Group	Track 1	Track 2		
1. Pre-Foundation sessions	0-15 credits (Non-credits)	6 credits (Non-credits) 9 credits		
2. Core courses	Possibility for auditing a class without credits			
3. Research courses	Possibility for auditing a class without credits	6 credits		
4. Dissertation	48 credits	Exam (upon completion of all courseworks with GPA of no less than 3.0)		
5. Qualifying examination	Exam (required to pass within 2 academic years)			
Total	48 credits	51 credits		



# Master of Laws (LL.M.)

- The course is certified and accredited by the Judicial Commission and the State Attorney Commission
- Regular Classes are held on weekdays.
- Executive Classes are held on weekends.

# Major Subjects and Areas of Expertise

- Private Law
- Public Law
- Business and International Trade Law
- Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration



#### **Program Structure**

Subject Group	Program Track A2	Program Track B		
1. Pre-Foundation courses	Non-credits	Non-credits		
2. Core courses	9 credits	9 credits		
3. Major courses	15 credits	15 credits		
4. Elective courses	3 credits	12 credits		
6. Independent study	-	3 credits -		
7. Dissertation	12 credits			
8. Comprehensive exam		Written examination		
Total	39 credits	39 credits		



## Master of Arts (Law for Management)

- Law course designed for those who have not graduated directly from a law program.
- Classes are held on weekends.
- The course is taught by highly qualified and experienced intructors.

"Become a leader who speaks both law and management"

# Program Management System

36 Credits throughout the course

- Course Structure Program 1 requires 24 credits of coursework and 12 credits of thesis.
- Course Structure Program 2
   requires 33 credits of coursework
   and 3 credits of independent study



#### **Program Structure**

8. Comprehensive

Total

Subject Group	Thesis Track	Non-Thesis Track	
1. Pre-Foundation courses	Non-credits	Non-credits	
2. Foundation courses	6 credits	6 credits	
3. Core courses	9 credits	9 credits	
4. Major courses	9 credits	9 credits	
5. Elective courses	-	9 credits	
6. Independent study	-	3 credits	
7. Dissertation	12 credits	-	

36 credits

Written examination

36 credits

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#### Certificate in Advanced Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure

- Studying on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) 09.00 am. 5 pm. @ NIDA
- Course duration: 8 months (subject to change if necessary)
- First Semester July November
- Second Semester Jauary April

#### Lecturers

This course is taught by highly qualified university lecturers with specialized knowledge and expertise in public law, administrative law, and administrative cases who have experiences in administrative justice system. These lecturers have officially accepted our school's invitations to give lectures in this course.

#### **Course Specifications**

- Administrative Law
- Administrative Court Procedures
- Administrative Court Cases

#### **Course Structure**

This course consists of 6 subject groups. It is divided into the theory-based sessions of 294 hours and the practice-based sessions of 33 hours, totaling 327 hours as follows:

Subject Group 1 Basic Principles of Public Law	36	hours
Subject Group 2 General Administrative Law	138	hours
Subject Group 3 Law on the Organization of State Administration	15	hours
Subject Group 4 Law on Administrative Court Procedure	63	hours
Subject Group 5 Specific Administrative Cases	42	hours
Subject Group 6 Practice-based Training	33	hours

The applicants without a law degree or an equivalent degree in law are required to attend additional 30-hour training sessions before starting the course. In this case the total duration is 357 hours.



## Law for Development Center



# Specialized and highly qualified faculty from a variety of disciplines

The Graduate School of Law has highly qualified personnel with degrees and specializations in a variety of disciplines who can provide trainings to government and private-sector agencies, as well as members of the general public, who are interested in improving their legal knowledge to advance their career or profession.

## Opportunity for law students to improve their skills and experience

The center provides law students with opportunities to gain hands-on experiences and to practice their skills learned in class, combining theory with the application of law in practice, and to be prepared for the real world after graduation.



# **Academic Service Activities**

- Nitipat Thammasat National Academic Conference Project: An avenue for intellectual discourses on diverse topics.
- NIDA Law Forum Project: Organized by various departments, this project presents contemporary societal issues for in-depth study and discussion, allowing students to engage with faculty members and develop a richer understanding of the subjects at hand.

# Student Development Initiatives

- Foreign Law and Comparative Law Potential Development Project: This innovative project
  enables students to delve into foreign legal systems and compare them with domestic law.
   Moreover, it is adapted into E-Learning modules, providing students with unlimited access for
  future reference and learning.
- NIDA Law Forum Activities: A significant platform where students and the members of the
  interested public can engage in lectures, broadcasts, and experience-sharing sessions. These
  activities aim to broaden perspectives on pressing legal matters and foster critical analytical
  skills among participants.

#### **NIDA LAW Summer Course**

NIDA LAW Summer Course Graduate School of Law

48 hours training course on Thai laws and legal systems Study trips in both Bangkok and certain provinces



#### **Academic Cooperation**

GSL maintains a robust and diverse academic cooperation framework that spans both professional organizations and educational institutions. This collaboration is not only central to advancing legal research, education, and training but also contributes significantly to the development of legislative processes and the promotion of human rights. Below are the key aspects of the Law School's academic cooperation:

#### **Government sector**

- The Constitution Court of Thailand
- The Administrative Court of Thailand
- Office of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand







#### **Private sector**

- Thai Digital Asset Operators Trade Assocation
- Thai Investors Association



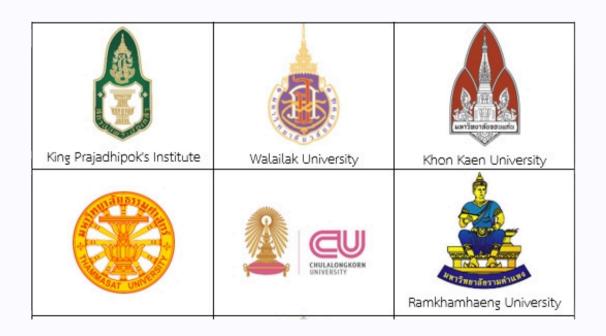


#### **Academic Cooperation**

#### **Educational Institutions**

The Law School's commitment to legal education is evident in its ties with renowned universities:

- · Khon Kaen University, Thailand
- · Walailak University, Thailand
- · King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand
- · Thammasat University, Thailand
- · Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- · Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand
- Dhurakij Pundit University, Thailand
- · Thammasart University, Thailand
- · Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
- Singapore Management University, Singapore
- University of Bradford, England, UK





### Collaboration with the Graduate School of Law Alumni Association

The Graduate School of Law, in partnership with the Graduate School of Law Alumni Association, is committed to supporting a strong alumni network. This endeavor aims to enhance the continual development of both students and faculty members. We concentrate on strengthening connections between alumni, current students, academic and administrative staff. Part of this effort involves organizing events to solidify the bonds among alumni by inviting alumni to engage in activities led by the school and to contribute to the academic environment. This active involvement has strengthened the alumni network, showcased by various initiatives such as charity bowling tournaments, annual sports competitions, welcoming and homecoming events, and conducting training sessions to impart legal expertise. Additionally, our Legal Clinic plays a vital role in providing legal advice and education to the broader community, underscoring our dedication to practical, community-centered legal studies.











Professor Dr. Banjerd Singkaneti, Director of the Doctor of Juridical Science Program, esteemed professor with a high salary, and a senior legal researcher in the field of jurisprudence, was honored to receive the National Outstanding Researcher Award for the year 2022. This prestigious award, presented by the National Research Council of Thailand under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation, at the Centara Grand Hotel and Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld on August 1, 2022.









Faculty members of the Faculty of Law at the National Institute of Development Administration were honored to receive the National Research Award certificate from Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana, the Royal Princess of Siam, at the "Inventor's Day 2024" event held on February 2, 2024, at Bitec Bangna Exhibition and Convention Center in Bangkok.

- Y Award: Highly Commended in the field of Jurisprudence
- Research Work: "The Constitutional Court and the Concept of Sustainable Democracy" by:
  - 1. Professor Dr. Banjerd Singkaneti (Project Leader)
  - 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amornrat Kulsudjarit
  - 3. Assistant Professor Dr. Bajrawan Nuchprayool
  - 4. Associate Professor Dr. Torpong Kittiyanupong
  - 5. Dr. Chanit Suntapun









On August 8, 2023, the National Research Council held an event to introduce highpotential researchers and announce research findings for the fiscal year 2565-2566. Professor Dr. Banjerd Singkaneti, project leader of the applied research project "Social Innovation for Building Strong Grassroots Communities of Thai Identity Democracy," participated in presenting the research project.



Research Project "Scaling for social impact: understanding social innovation through local empowerment strategies" Rado Istvan, Nuchpiam Prapin (2024), Social Enterprise Journal. 20(1) pp. 54-75 (Scopus)







Research Project by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peerapon Jaderojananont: Protection and Repatriation of Cultural Property from Illicit Trafficking in Thailand: Prospects and Challenges, University of Western Australia Law Review, Vol. 51(2) Year 2024, SCOPUS Q3 (H-Index 4) pp. 312-336

