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Payap University was founded in 1974 as the first private university in Thailand. Located in Chiang Mai, Payap sits at a crossroads for Asia and is a rich and dynamic place for exploration inside and outside the classroom.

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## ABOUT IRCP

The Institute of Religion, Culture and Peace was established at Payap University in 1996. The Institute's primary goals are to foster increased mutual appreciation and cooperation among the world's different religious communities, thus contributing to greater inter-religious and intra-religious understanding among all people everywhere. We also seek to undertake and develop new ways to carry out peacemaking and peacebuilding efforts in Thailand, the ASEAN region, and throughout the world.

The Institute is located at Payap University's Mae Khao campus, just east of downtown Chiang Mai, which is Thailand's second largest city and the main cultural center of Northern Thailand.

## VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

IRCP invites university faculty, religious leaders and students, (graduate and undergraduate) who are engaged in study or research related to Thai and Southeast Asian religion and culture, Christian missions, or peace and reconciliation to be affiliated with the Institute for periods of up to one year.

## THE SINCLAIR THOMPSON LECTURE SERIES

William James Sinclair Thompson was a Christian missionary who helped foster greater understanding between Buddhist and Christian communities. The Sinclair Thompson Lecture Series began in 1962 aiming to continue his work by contributing to mutual understanding between religious communities. The series in 2017 will focus on religious perspectives on disabilities.



## PEACE AND RECONCILIATION ACTIVITIES

The Institute co-hosts an annual 3-week workshop on conflict transformation and peace building with AMAN (Asian Muslim Action Network). Other recent events have included film screening celebrating International Peace Day and student workshops building awareness of personal identity and paths to peace in relationships and the larger world around us.



## SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

IRCP hosts several programs that offer immersion studies in Southeast Asian Culture

- Certificate Studies (Semester Program)
  - 12-15 transferable credit hours
  - Intensive Thai language study
  - Village homestay and many other unforgettable excursions
  - Deep study of Thai and ASEAN history, culture, economics, and religious life
- Intensive Studies
  - Duration of 1 - 3 weeks
  - Exciting excursions in and around Chiang Mai
  - Cultural overviews of Thai society
  - Customizable for different group types or sizes

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## PEACE STUDIES PROGRAMS

Payap University's degree programs in the area of peace studies:

- PhD in Peacebuilding
  - Focused on bringing together the theory and practice of peacemaking and peacebuilding
  - Interdisciplinarity and interfaith engagement are key components of the program
- MA in Peace Studies
  - Under development with a target of 2017

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