Ph.D. HTM
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The ABAC Ph.D. in Hospitality and Tourism Management (Ph.D. HTM) Program is the first International Tourism PhD program in Thailand and continues to be the pre-eminent program with small class sizes, and students from ASEAN. The program is delivered in English by international faculty members, all of whom have a wealth of experience in Tourism and Hospitality sectors.

The Ph.D. HTM program is delivered through a series of seven modules arranged in a combination of conventional lectures, tutorials, seminars, workshops and out-of-class activity-based learning experiences. With one intake per year registration can be made at any time with the program commencing in September each year.

After completing the seven theory modules in their first year students are assigned an individual supervisor who is a renowned researcher in the student’s research area. Students may elect to complete their dissertation in one to four years.

ADMISSION SCHEDULE
Admission Period: Year round
Interview: July-August of every year
Instruction begins: September of every year

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
To be considered for admission to the program applicants must:
1. Have at least 3 years of work experience in organisations in the area of interest and expertise.
2. Hold a Master’s Degree in related fields (MBA, Msc in Tourism) or equivalent degrees in any other fields, with GPA above 3.50 on a scale of 4.00 or equivalent.
3. Obtain TOEFL score of 550 PBT or 213 CBT or an IELTS (Academic) overall band of at least 6.5 or
4. Obtain GMAT score of 550. (The scores are valid for 2 years). Any applicant who does not obtain the required score must take the English Entrance Examination.
5. Submit two letters of recommendation from either former instructors or employers.
6. Present a brief research proposal in the field of hospitality and tourism studies.

DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS
1. Bachelor’s Degree Transcript 2 copies
2. Master’s Degree Transcript 2 copies
3. Bachelor’s Degree Certificate 2 copies
4. Master’s Degree Certificate 2 copies
5. Citizen identification card and residence registration - For Thai Applicants 2 copies
6. Passport - For Non-Thai Applicants 2 copies
7. Recent Photo (1x1” size) 6 photos
8. Resume 1 copy
9. Statement of Purpose 1 copy
10. Recommendation letter 2 letters
11. Recent TOEFL score (minimum 580) or IELTS (minimum 6.5)

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
- Applicants with a Master’s Degree from other fields will be admitted subject to passing an oral entrance examination.
- All applicants must pass the research proposal examination.

GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS
1. Complete the total number of credits of the program
2. Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00
3. Have the dissertation published or obtain an acceptance for publication in a recognized journal or academic publication which has the peer review
4. Maintain proper conduct worthy of being a doctoral degree holder
5. Settle all financial obligations to the University
6. Fulfill the requirement of an out-of-country fieldtrip

APPLICATIONS
Hua Mak Campus
Admissions Center “P” Building, 1st floor,
Ramkhamhaeng 24 Road, Bangkok 10240 Thailand
Office hours:
Monday – Friday 08:30 A.M. - 05:00 P.M.
Saturday 08:00 A.M. - 04:30 P.M.
Sunday 08:00 A.M. - 02:00 P.M.

ABAC City Campus
ABAC City Campus, ZEN @Central World, Level 14
4,4/5 Rajdamri Rd., Phatumwan
Bangkok 10330 Thailand
Office hours:
Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. to 06:00 P.M.
Saturday - Sunday 10:00 A.M. to 06:00 P.M.

Suvarnabhumi Campus
Admissions Center SM115,
88 Moo 8 Bang Na-Trad Km.26, Bangsangthong,
Samuthprakarn, Thailand 10540
Office hours:
Monday - Friday 08:30 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.
STUDY PLAN

Year I - First Semester
TR 5900 Graduate Studies Skills non-credit
TR 5902 Advanced Hospitality and Tourism Management 3
TR 5903 Contemporary Issues in Hospitality and Tourism Development 3
TR 5904 Research Design and Methodology 3
Total 9

Year I - Second Semester
Elective Courses 9
Total 9

Year II - First Semester
TR 9100 Doctoral Dissertation I 9
Total 9

Year II - Second Semester
TR 9101 Doctoral Dissertation II 9
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Year III - First Semester
TR 9102 Doctoral Dissertation III 9
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Year III - Second Semester
TR 9103 Doctoral Dissertation IV 9
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Estimated Fees:

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Note:
- Fees are subject to change when applicable to the university discretion and without prior notice.
- Payment must be arranged in six installments as requests by Assumption University.
- Currency exchange rate : THB 33 = US$1