

# Annual Report 2024

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# Introduction to the Faculty

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The Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University was founded on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1949, and holds the distinction of being one of the university's four original faculties. Its inaugural dean was Professor Direk Jayanama, a former Minister of Foreign Affairs. Since its establishment, the faculty has produced tens of thousands of graduates – many of whom have gone on to serve society with distinction in various sectors. In addition, the faculty has played a vital role in advancing the discipline of political science in Thailand. It has continuously generated new bodies of knowledge, disseminated through publications, academic journals, and intellectual activities.

Today, the faculty is structured around three academic divisions: Government, International Affairs, and Public Administration. Instruction is offered at both the Tha Prachan and Rangsit campuses. The faculty also maintains strong academic partnerships with institutions both in Thailand and abroad. These collaborations encompass student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, double degree programs, consultancy services, and the organization of academic conferences.









## Message from the Dean



Last year marked a momentous milestone for the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University as it celebrated its 75th anniversary – a landmark occasion truly deserving of grand commemoration. Over the course of the year, a diverse array of activities was thoughtfully organised: academic seminars, the creation of commemorative items, the publication of books, a virtual run, and the production of engaging online media. The highlight of the celebrations was undoubtedly the anniversary ceremony held on June 14<sup>th</sup> – an event that was both vibrant and spirited from beginning to end. Alumni, former staff, benefactors, and members of the public gathered in great numbers, filling the faculty grounds and breathing new life into the cherished “Singhadang” community. This celebratory energy carried on well into the end of 2024, extending beyond physical spaces into the digital realm. The faculty produced and shared online content – particularly interviews with former professors and distinguished alumni – which resonated widely. The momentum generated across both physical and virtual platforms reconnected generations of the Singhadang community, rekindling shared memories and reinforcing a sense of belonging. At the same time, the wider public gained insight into the faculty’s rich history and its evolving contributions to society.

These experiences have brought me immense joy and reaffirmed my conviction that the faculty is more than just an “institution”; it is, above all, a

“community.” This distinction lies in the deep bonds of solidarity and shared purpose that sustain and strengthen us. Nowhere is this more evident than in the steadfast support of our alumni, who continue to give back in countless ways – whether through financial contributions, participation in academic events, guest lectures, or advocacy on behalf of the faculty. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our success over the past year. Your generosity has been indispensable, and I sincerely hope you will continue to support the faculty so that we may carry out our mission with renewed vigour – advancing knowledge and serving Thai society with integrity and purpose.

With regard to the faculty's operations – as detailed further in this report – I am pleased to inform you that we have made meaningful progress across nearly every area, despite the presence of delicate challenges that require careful stewardship. Notable achievements include the realisation of key goals long pursued by the faculty: the launch of double degree programmes with international partners, enhancements to our internal administrative systems, and the upgrading of facilities – most notably the new student lounge at the Rangsit Campus, made possible through generous contributions exceeding 3.5 million baht from the Anand Anantakoon Foundation. Moreover, the past year has seen the initiation of several new projects. It is my earnest hope that favourable conditions will allow us to continue this momentum and that I will have the privilege of sharing further good news with you soon.

Nevertheless, amid the many positive developments, the past year was also marked by a profound loss for the faculty – the passing of three esteemed former professors: Professor Dr. Chaiwat Satha-Anand, Associate Professor Chantima Ongsurak, and Lecturer Chumphorn Sungkapricha. Each of them dedicated their lives with unwavering commitment to the advancement of the faculty and its mission. On behalf of the entire community, I wish to once again extend my deepest condolences and express our heartfelt gratitude for their contributions. Their legacies will inspire generations to come.

**Puli Fuwongcharoen**

Dean of the Faculty of Political Science

Thammasat University

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Teaching and Student Activities



The Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University successfully advanced its teaching mission over the past academic year, with steady progress observed across both undergraduate and graduate programs. To begin with, at the undergraduate level, both the Bachelor of Political Science (Regular Program) at the Rangsit Campus and the Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations (International Program), commonly known as the BIR Program at the Tha Prachan Campus, continued to attract significant interest from prospective students. Both programs maintained high graduation rates and produced a substantial number of graduates.

Over the past year, the Bachelor of Political Science program – offering majors in Government, International Affairs, and Public Administration – received a total of 6,297 applications through the central TCAS admission system, specifically in Rounds 1 (Portfolio) and 3 (Admissions). This figure remains consistent with the previous two academic years, which recorded 6,439 and 6,470 applicants, respectively. In terms of competitiveness, the admission ratios stood at 1:18.9 for Round 1 and 1:38.6 for Round 3, both of which represent

an increase compared to the previous year – particularly in Round 3, which recorded a ratio of 1:34 in 2023. Among the three fields, International Affairs remains the most sought-after by applicants across all admission channels. The BIR Program maintained a stable competitiveness ratio of 1:2.83, consistent with the previous academic year. This overall stability in applicant numbers is particularly noteworthy given Thailand's demographic shift toward an aging society and the resulting nationwide decline in university-bound students. The continued demand for the faculty's undergraduate programs suggests sustained public confidence in the academic excellence and relevance of its offerings. In terms of graduation outcomes, 321 students from the 2020 undergraduate cohort completed their studies within the standard four-year period. Of these, 224 graduated from the Regular Program and 97 from the BIR Program, reflecting commendable graduation rates of approximately 96.6% and 91.5%, respectively.

With regard to curriculum development, the past year saw the introduction of several new courses at the undergraduate level. These additions were made possible by newly appointed faculty members who have begun teaching their own courses, as well as the return of colleagues from doctoral studies. The new courses not only diversify the academic offerings and help reduce student-to-instructor ratios but also enrich classroom learning with cutting-edge content. Many of these subjects address emerging global themes – such as artificial intelligence (AI), political psychology, digital public policy, and cybersecurity – underscoring the faculty's commitment to academic relevance. Looking ahead, teaching and learning activities are expected to improve further with the planned recruitment of new faculty members in key areas, including Chinese Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and Public Policy.

At the graduate level, all programs experienced an increase in the number of applicants. While the overall trend is positive, the faculty remains hopeful for a modest rise in applicants to the MIR and MPE programs to enhance the competitiveness of the selection process. Academic instruction proceeded without major issues. Nevertheless, the faculty has taken deliberate steps to enhance the learning experience, particularly in the EPA, MIR, and MPE programs. These efforts included inviting a greater number of distinguished guest speakers – comprising leading academics and influential public sector executives – who brought valuable practical insights and firsthand experience in policy innovation and implementation. The past year also marked the

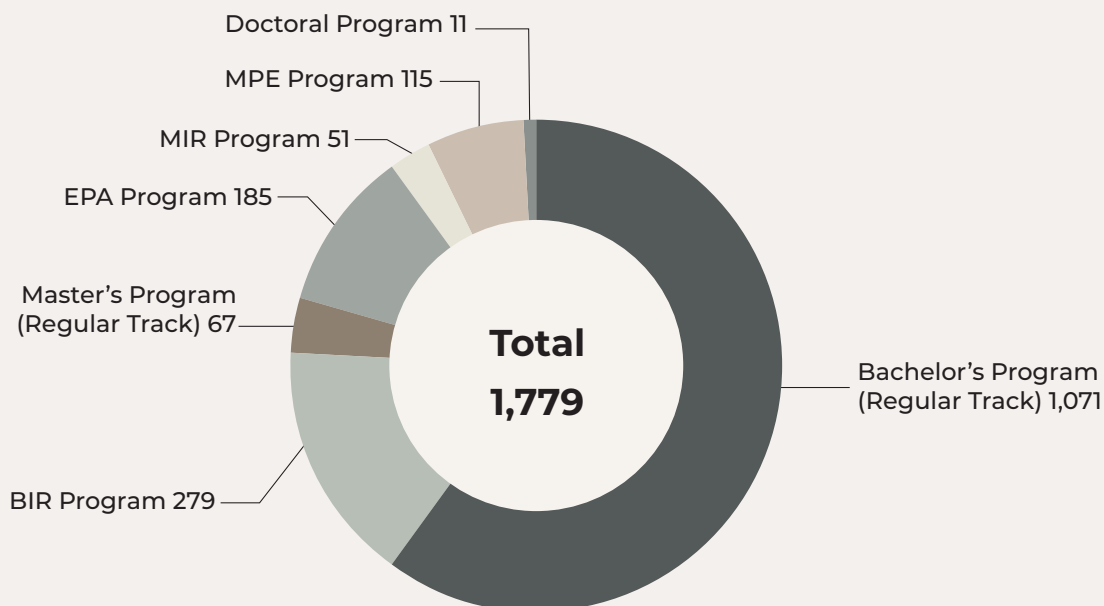




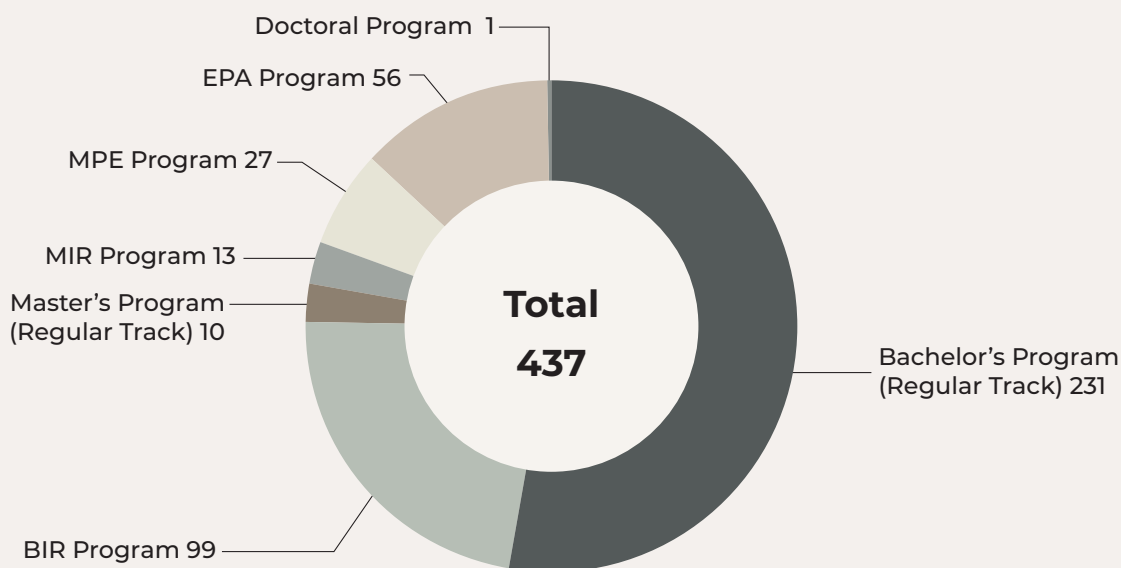
welcome resumption of international study visits, which had been suspended for several years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The MIR Program organised a study trip to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap in Cambodia, while the EPA Program led a visit to Da Nang, Vietnam. These excursions represent the first overseas study visits since the pandemic and reaffirm the faculty's commitment to providing global learning experiences. In terms of graduate outcomes, 437 students completed their studies during the most recent academic year, a figure closely aligned with the previous year's total of 444. While graduation rates varied by program, the overall completion rate remained strong – exceeding 80%.

The Faculty of Political Science also continues to uphold its commitment to promoting holistic student development beyond the classroom. Two central student organisations – the Faculty of Political Science Student Committee and the BIR Student Association (BIRSA) – play pivotal roles in liaising between students and the faculty. In addition, the faculty currently supports a total of 21 student activity and independent groups, with eight based at the Tha Prachan Campus and 13 at the Rangsit Campus. Two new independent groups were established during the past year: the Singha Board Game Club and the Model Parliament Project. Student-led activities grew significantly across both campuses, with a notable increase in initiatives by independent groups at Tha Prachan. These groups also engaged in international forums such as the Model United Nations (MUN), further enhancing the global outlook of student life. To support such vibrant student engagement, groups must secure funding to sustain their initiatives. Although the faculty allocates approximately 400,000 baht annually for student activities, this amount falls short of the full demand. In response, student groups have proactively pursued external fundraising opportunities – an effort that not only ensures program viability but also contributes to students' experiential learning. Special appreciation is extended to the Political Science Association of Thammasat University Under Royal Patronage, which generously contributed over 300,000 baht in support of student activities, continuing its long-standing tradition of assistance.

### Total Student Enrollment (as of Present) (Unit: Persons)



### Number of Graduates for the Academic Year 2023 (Unit: Persons)





# Knowledge Production and Dissemination



Over the past year, the Direk Jayanama Research Center, operating under the faculty's Research and Academic Services Division, awarded a total of 16 research grants to faculty and staff, amounting to over 1.6 million baht. Of these, 11 grants supported faculty members exploring a diverse array of topics, including the determination of voting age in Thailand, integrated innovation policy development, the behaviour of small states in global politics, public sector human resource management, and Thailand's relations with Latin American countries. The remaining five grants were awarded to staff members to transform routine administrative tasks into research projects, under the innovative "Routine to Research" (R2R) initiative. All funded projects under the faculty's grants were successfully completed within their contractual timelines, producing research of commendable quality. Additionally, faculty members secured external funding for 19 research projects, collectively valued at approximately 43.86 million baht. These externally supported projects predominantly focus on policy-oriented research and the synthesis of strategic plans, with funding primarily sourced from domestic government agencies. It is worth noting that this tally accounts only for projects led by faculty as



principal investigators, excluding numerous other collaborative research efforts. Collectively, these achievements underscore the faculty's stature as a leading centre for political science research.

Research production serves as the cornerstone for expanding academic frontiers and disseminating knowledge to society. The faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University continues to make significant strides in this regard. Between 2024 and 2025, faculty members published nine articles in internationally recognised journals indexed by Scopus. Although this represents a slight decline from the previous period's 13 publications, five of these nine articles appeared in first-quartile (Q1) journals – consistent with the previous cycle – and two were published in second-quartile (Q2) journals, marking an increase from one in the prior period. First-quartile journals represent the highest echelon of academic publishing and are widely esteemed within the global scholarly community, followed closely by second-quartile journals. These accomplishments have reinforced the faculty's esteemed reputation both nationally and internationally. According to the 2025 QS World University Rankings, Thammasat's Politics and International Studies program ranks between 201<sup>st</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup> globally, positioning it as the university's second highest-ranked program (tied with English Language and Literature) and affirming its status as the second premier Faculty of Political Science in Thailand.

Beyond journal publications, the faculty has significantly expanded its contributions to knowledge through book publishing. Over the past year, faculty members released 14 books – nearly double the output of the previous year. Three titles were published in-house, while the remainder appeared through external publishers and organisations. Moreover, the faculty manages two academic journals, *Ratthasatsarn* and *Ratthasatnithet*, each maintaining a submission-to-publication ratio of approximately 5:2. Throughout the year, articles and abstracts accessed via the ThaiJO system garnered approximately 17,000 and 12,000 views, respectively.

In the arena of public engagement, the faculty organised 29 seminars over the past year, most of which received highly positive feedback. Reflecting evolving societal behaviours, the faculty increasingly adopted online and hybrid seminar formats, thereby broadening accessibility and participation regardless of location or time constraints. Numerous seminars were co-hosted



with external academic partners and allied organisations to foster interdisciplinary knowledge exchange and collaborative policy development. While traditional on-site seminars continue, the faculty now selects topics and speakers with heightened deliberation, resulting in more impactful outcomes. A notable example is the seminar “‘Singhadang?’ 75 Years of Political Science at Thammasat,” held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, commemorating the faculty’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The panel featured distinguished speakers – Professor Emeritus Noranit Setthabuttra, former President of Thammasat University Council, Professor Emeritus Dr. Anek Laothamatas, former Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, Professor Dr. Supasawad Chardchawarn, Rector of Thammasat University, Associate Professor Dr. Saitip Suktiphan, Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court, and Associate Professor Dr. Tavid Kamolvej, Deputy Governor of Bangkok. The event attracted overwhelming interest, with attendance nearing the capacity of the room. Another prominent seminar, “The US Election and the Landscape of US Foreign Policy: Implications for the World and ASEAN,” was held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at the Tha Prachan campus. The keynote speaker was Professor Dr. Kantathi Suphamongkhon, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was followed by an engaging panel discussion.

Recognising the importance of accessible knowledge dissemination, the faculty has prioritised producing online media. Over the past year, it launched the Direk Interview series, comprising five video interviews with faculty and scholars discussing topical issues, alongside the Direk Podcast series, which released 13 audio episodes. These programs are widely available via Spotify, YouTube, and SoundCloud. A special commemorative project was the production of “The Journey to Today: 75 Years of Political Science at Thammasat,” an online series of 13 episodes featuring interviews with former faculty members discussing the faculty’s rich history and societal contributions.

Importantly, the faculty has aligned its content development with emerging contemporary needs, emphasising future-oriented skills such as artificial intelligence (AI). This focus inspired the creation of popular new courses, including “Techniques for Using ChatGPT in Work and Daily Life” and “Techniques for Designing Content with AI for Social Media Publicity.” The faculty remains committed to meticulous course design, the appointment of qualified instructors, and rigorous evaluation to uphold high standards – an ongoing challenge, especially for short-term training programs.









## Toward Internationalisation

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The past year has marked a period of substantial progress in the faculty's efforts to internationalise its academic programs, both through the expansion of partnerships and the successful transformation of existing collaborations into tangible initiatives. Notably, the faculty has made significant strides in the implementation of double degree programs in collaboration with leading international institutions. Operational guidelines for these programs have been finalised, and the first cohort of qualified and selected students from the BIR program has been sent to study at three partner institutions: Meiji University (Japan), the University of Bristol (United Kingdom), and Aberystwyth University (United Kingdom). These students will spend two academic years at the partner institutions and, upon graduation, will receive degrees from both the host universities and Thammasat University. With these developments, the faculty now proudly offers three fully operational undergraduate double degree programs – an important milestone in its academic history.

In addition, the faculty has successfully launched, for the first time, twinning master's degree programs in collaboration with foreign institutions. Following two years of negotiations and detailed planning, the faculty has begun admitting the first cohort of students from the EPA, MIR, and MPE programs who meet the requisite academic and English language standards. These

students are eligible to participate in the twinning program with the Université de Bretagne-Occidentale in France. Under this arrangement, participants will register for supplementary courses – either online or onsite – at the partner university. Upon successful completion, they will receive an additional master's degree from the Université de Bretagne-Occidentale. This initiative represents a significant step toward aligning the faculty's graduate education with international standards.

Looking ahead, the faculty is currently engaged in negotiations with several universities in Japan and Hong Kong to establish additional double degree programs. If these efforts come to fruition, the faculty will be well-positioned to emerge as one of the most internationally connected political science faculties in the region. These double degree and twinning programs not only serve to enhance students' academic experiences and global perspectives, but also reinforce the faculty's vision of becoming a regional center of excellence in political science education.

Furthermore, the faculty has signed or renewed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with four international institutions over the past year: Institut d'Études Politiques de Toulouse (France), the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS, Belgium), Ewha Womans University (South Korea), and the University of Bristol (United Kingdom). Each MOU outlines different areas of collaboration, including student and faculty exchanges, joint teaching and academic programs, as well as the exchange of information and co-production of research. However, the signing of MOUs represents only the initial step; consistent follow-up and coordinated implementation efforts are necessary to transform these agreements into impactful academic outcomes.

The faculty's international orientation is also evident in the presence of students, scholars, and researchers from abroad. Over the past year, the faculty welcomed 22 exchange students – 21 undergraduate and one graduate – from countries such as Laos, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, and the United States. In terms of academic personnel, the faculty continues to serve as a hub for international scholars conducting research in political science, particularly on issues pertaining to Thailand and the Southeast Asian region. Over the past year, the faculty hosted six visiting professors and researchers from institutions including Harvard University, Waseda University, and Princeton University.



These scholars were able to collect data, conduct research, engage with the faculty's academic community, deliver lectures, and share their work through seminars and online platforms. Importantly, the relationships formed with visiting scholars often continue beyond their stay, leading to collaborative research projects, co-authored publications, and long-term partnerships with their home institutions.

Recognising the vital role of visiting scholars in expanding its global academic network, the faculty has launched a new initiative: the Visiting Postdoctoral Fellowship program. This fellowship is intended for individuals under the age of 40 who have obtained a doctoral degree from an accredited foreign institution. Fellows will be based at the faculty for a period of six to 12 months and are expected to contribute to its academic output, including the publication of articles in international peer-reviewed journals.







## Building Financial Sustainability

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Over the past year, the global economy has experienced significant volatility, particularly since the beginning of 2025. While the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University is a non-profit academic institution with a strong sense of social responsibility, such circumstances demand rigorous and strategic financial management. Ensuring financial sustainability remains a fundamental prerequisite for the faculty to advance its educational and scholarly missions. In response, the faculty has undertaken a wide-ranging financial adaptation process since the previous year. Key measures include proactive external fundraising, sales of publications and souvenirs, organising events such as the “Singhadang Virtual Run,” expanding public relations efforts for all academic programs, launching short-term training courses tailored to community needs, and eliminating non-essential expenditures. These actions have enabled the faculty to operate more efficiently, while continuing to provide quality teaching, research, academic services, student support, and staff welfare – ultimately within a surplus budget framework.

For the fiscal year 2024, the faculty reported total revenue of 74,959,033.73 baht and total expenditure of 61,962,648.93 baht, resulting in a budget surplus

of 12,996,384.80 baht. This represents a decrease of approximately 12% from the previous fiscal year, largely due to the resumption of full, on-campus operations following earlier disruptions. Simultaneously, several expense categories that had been significantly reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic have now returned or even increased. These include costs associated with overseas study trips for students, travel expenses, hospitality for international guests, staff seminars, campus visits by external parties, ceremonial events, and financial support for exchange students with partner universities. These expenditures, once suspended during the pandemic, have now resumed to pre-pandemic levels. In addition to regular expenses, the faculty has also begun investing in critical initiatives to support its future development. These include infrastructure upgrades, the adoption of modern information technology systems, and the launch of the “Visiting Postdoctoral Fellowship” program – designed to enhance the faculty’s global academic network.

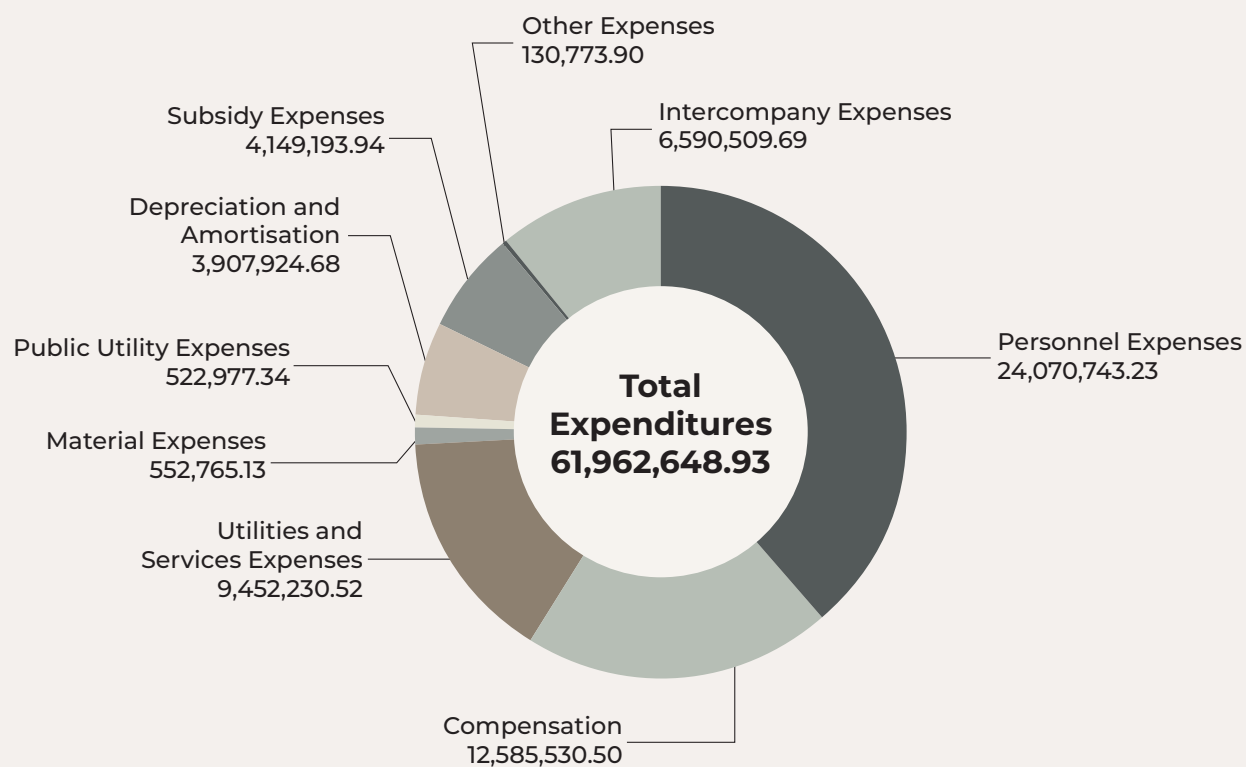
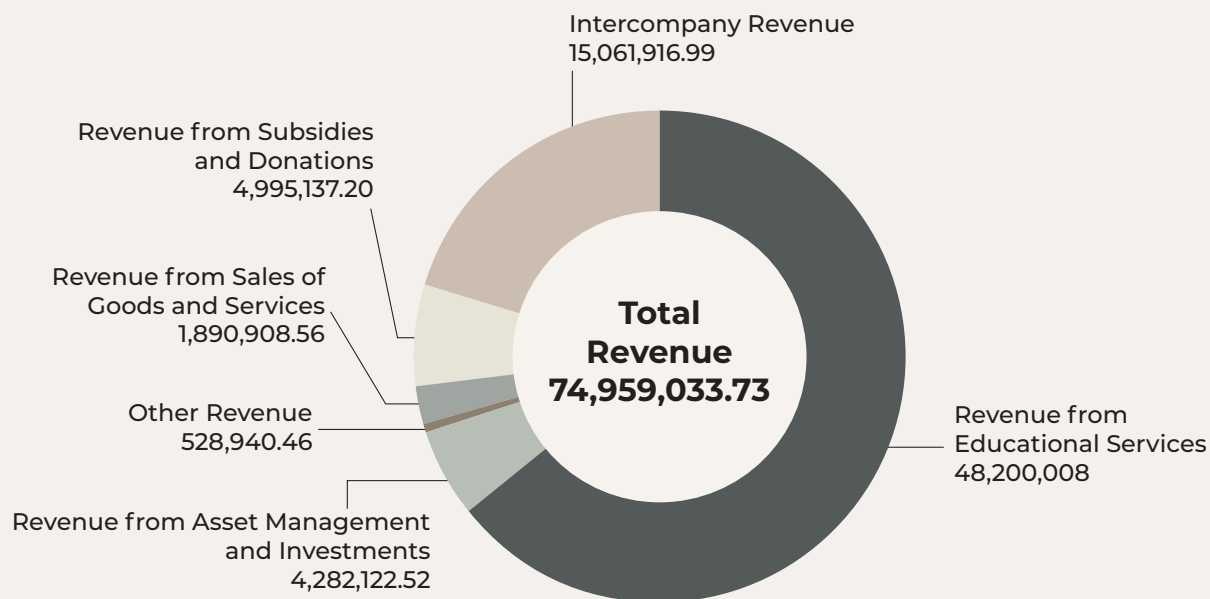
As of the 2025 fiscal year, the faculty continues to maintain a budget surplus for the sixth consecutive year, reflecting its firm commitment to financial discipline. Preliminary financial reports from the first quarter show revenues exceeding expenditures, with strong indications that this trend will persist through the end of the fiscal year. Maintaining sound financial management remains a top priority. All expenditures are thoroughly reviewed post-budget approval to ensure necessity and cost-effectiveness. The faculty also conducts strict price verification and negotiation procedures, while simultaneously seeking opportunities to expand its revenue base. These efforts have been further strengthened by the implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which has significantly improved organisational planning and financial analysis.

In terms of investments, the faculty manages its modest accumulated funds with the goal of maximising returns. In fiscal year 2024, this approach yielded a notable average return rate of 5.71% – well above the inflation rate and significantly higher than the previous year’s return of 2.6%. Looking ahead, the faculty anticipates that global economic uncertainties will present new challenges for investment performance in fiscal year 2025. Nevertheless, the faculty remains committed to prudent financial stewardship and will continue working diligently to generate returns that support institutional development and ensure long-term financial growth.

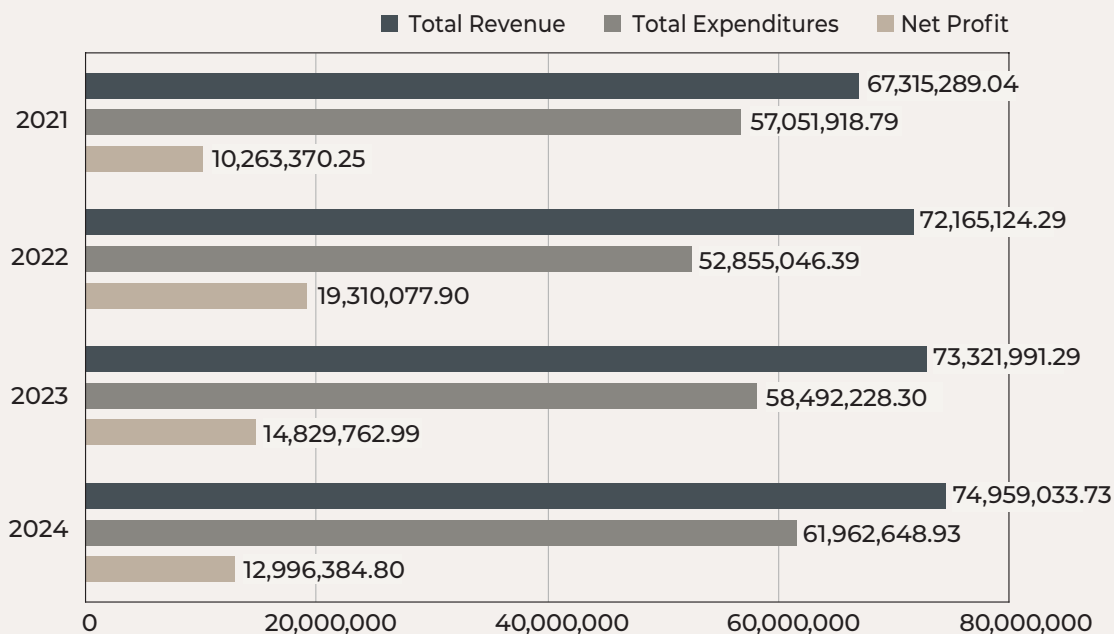




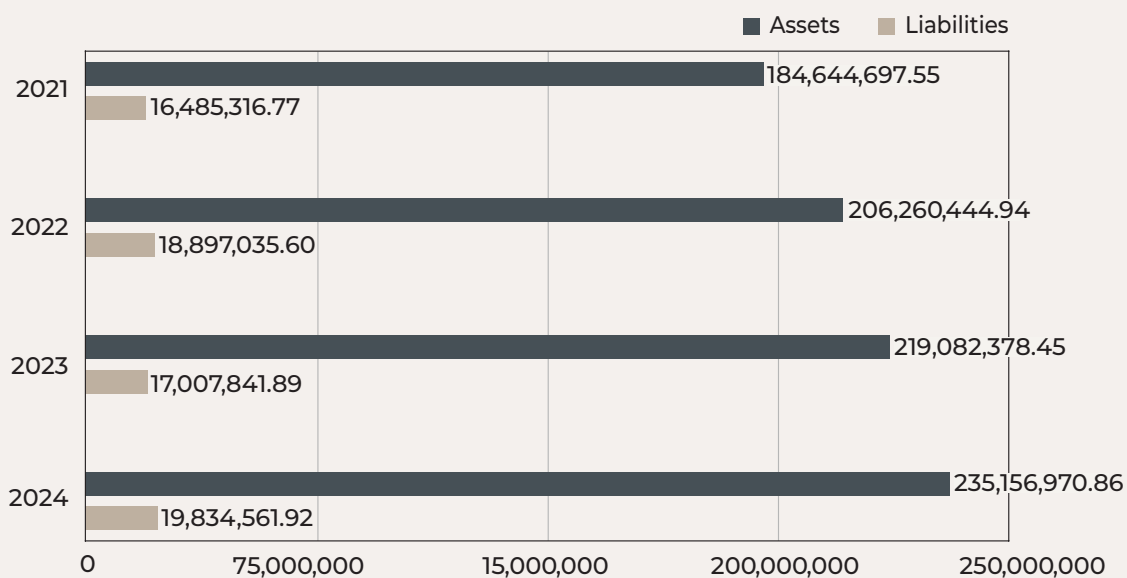
## Financial Performance (Fiscal Year 2024) (Unit: Baht)



## Comparative Financial Performance (Unit: Baht)



## Comparative Financial Status (Unit: Baht)



## Organisational and Personnel Development



The Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University has undertaken comprehensive organisational development initiatives across multiple dimensions, including personnel management, human resource development, and internal communication. A significant achievement in this regard was the comprehensive revision of the performance evaluation criteria for academic staff – marking the first such reform in over two decades. This revision aims to better reflect the evolving nature of academic work, meet faculty members' expectations, and align with the faculty's strategic objectives. In parallel, the faculty has also initiated enhancements to the performance evaluation system for administrative personnel. The primary goal is to establish a system that is fair, transparent, adaptable, and more effective in motivating staff. Full implementation of these improvements is expected within the next year. Furthermore, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) has also been promoted to support a variety of administrative and academic functions, including drafting official documents, designing promotional materials, translating texts, and organising meetings. To further strengthen operational efficiency, the faculty has upgraded its information systems. Notable developments include the implementation of an online graduate admissions system, a major upgrade of the internal internet infrastructure at the Tha Prachan campus – resulting in internet speeds more than ten times faster than before – the installation of a high-performance local area network (LAN), the creation of a digital personnel database, the introduction of authentication



systems for accessing university and faculty networks, and a pilot program to use smart televisions in classrooms as a modern replacement for traditional projectors.

Simultaneously, the faculty has developed and begun implementing a distinctive and modern corporate identity. All promotional materials are now designed in strict accordance with this identity – covering elements such as color schemes, typography, and layout – which has significantly enhanced the faculty's visibility and consistency, particularly across digital platforms. This development is evident on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, as well as through the faculty's newly redesigned website (<https://polsci.tu.ac.th>), which was launched last year – the first major redesign in a decade. The ongoing refinement of the faculty's corporate identity is expected to yield increasingly tangible results.

In terms of human resources, the faculty has recruited new staff to replace approximately 16 percent of academic support personnel who resigned or retired. These positions were filled relatively swiftly with individuals who are not only highly qualified but also well-aligned with the faculty's organisational culture, thereby ensuring operational continuity and stability. In addition, there have been changes at the mid-level management tier, along with efforts to promote staff to professional-level positions. To support this, the faculty has provided financial assistance and organised off-site workshops to help personnel prepare the necessary documentation for career advancement. These workshops, led by subject-matter experts, offer valuable knowledge, practical guidance, and opportunities for peer consultation and knowledge exchange. As a result of these initiatives, the faculty attained a noteworthy milestone: for the first time in over a decade, one staff member was promoted to the position of Senior Professional Officer. The faculty has also placed strong emphasis on continuous professional development, organising three in-house training sessions and enabling staff to attend 35 training programs offered by external institutions over the past year.

Regarding academic personnel, the faculty has established a six-year manpower planning framework to guide recruitment and workforce management. This framework offers strategic direction and enables more focused and effective planning. Over the past year, the faculty recruited one new lecturer and welcomed back two faculty members who completed their doctoral studies. These individuals have resumed their duties and are expected to play key roles in advancing the faculty's mission.

## Physical Improvement

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One of the most gratifying developments at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, over the past year has been the inauguration of the student lounge on the ground floor of the Faculty Building at the Rangsit Campus. This facility was made possible through a generous development grant of over 4 million baht from the Anand Anantakoon Foundation, under the leadership of Mr. Anand Anantakoon. The official opening ceremony took place on the morning of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. In recognition of this extraordinary generosity, the faculty has named the space the “Anand Anantakoon Student Lounge.” Since its opening, the lounge has greatly enriched student life by fostering a vibrant and welcoming environment, thereby revitalising a sense of community within the faculty. In addition to this milestone, the faculty is currently undertaking two further infrastructure enhancement projects: the complete renovation of all restrooms at the Tha Prachan Campus and the refurbishment of the dining area used by students in the MPE program at the Rangsit Campus. Both projects are in progress and scheduled for completion before the start of the new academic year in August 2025, ensuring improved

facilities for students and other campus users. The restroom renovation project, valued at over 4 million baht, includes upgrades to sanitary systems, plumbing, bathroom fixtures, and interior finishes. The dining area refurbishment project is estimated to cost between 500,000 and 600,000 baht and is entirely funded by donations. The faculty would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all benefactors who have supported these initiatives.

In parallel with these major renovations, several upgrades to teaching infrastructure and building safety have also been implemented. These include the acquisition and installation of nine new classroom projectors at the Rangsit Campus and the installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Tha Prachan Campus, the latter fully funded by a donor. A number of additional physical development projects are currently underway: the modernisation of the CCTV system at Tha Prachan – the first major upgrade in over 15 years (currently in the procurement phase), the design and development of a new student common room at the Tha Prachan Campus (currently in the design phase and open to public input), and the transformation of Room R.406 at Tha Prachan into a Smart Classroom, with funding support from a private company (currently in the contractor selection phase).

Notably, in March 2025, a seismic event directly affected the faculty's buildings. In response, the faculty acted swiftly by closing off all potentially affected areas and initiating a comprehensive structural assessment at both the Tha Prachan and Rangsit campuses. Each campus underwent three to four rounds of inspection, beginning with an internal assessment by faculty personnel, followed by evaluations conducted by licensed building engineers and experienced technicians. The results confirmed that all faculty buildings remain structurally sound and safe for continued use. While minor cracks were observed in certain locations, these were identified as superficial, pre-existing issues limited to plaster surfaces, with no impact on the structural integrity of the buildings.





## Support the Faculty

The Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, is committed to advancing its core missions in education, research, and academic services. However, in the current climate of increasing uncertainty and volatility, the faculty is facing growing financial constraints. This necessitates prudent budget management to ensure efficiency and long-term financial sustainability, in line with our foundational principle of being a non-profit academic institution.

Should you wish to support the faculty's ongoing efforts, contributions can be made to the "Political Science Fund", which was established as a channel for mobilising resources to enhance the quality of education, provide scholarships to students, support academic service initiatives, maintain and improve physical infrastructure, and procure or upgrade teaching equipment. Donations can be made via the e-Donation system by scanning the QR code provided below. The faculty sincerely thanks you for your generous support. All donations are eligible for double personal income tax deductions under Thai tax regulations.



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