



Course Code and Course Title	Thai วิชาศน ๒๘๓ ธรรมชาติและปรัชญาของวิทยาศาสตร์ English SCGI 283 Nature and Philosophy of Science
Number of Credits	(3-0-6)(Lecture 3 hours–Laboratory0 hour/week - Self-Study 6 hours/ week)
Curriculum and Course Type	Program of Study Bachelor’s Degree Program in Bioinnovation (International Program, Multidisciplinary Program) Course Type Major Course
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Semester/Year of Study	Academic Year 2021 First Semester (1/2021) / First Year
Prerequisite	None
Co-requisite	None
Day/Time/Study Site Location	Thursday / 10.30-13.30 Faculty of Science, Mahidol University, Salaya Campus (ONLINE)
Date of Latest Revision	27 July 2021

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) CLO1 Explain key laws, theories, and principles of science in the context of application.
- 2) CLO2 Compare and contrast key concepts of the philosophy of science in the context of 21st century
- 3) CLO3 Analyze the scientific process used in solving the problem in real life.
- 4) CLO4 Propose inquiry-based scientific model suitable for given situation or problem

Course Description

Nature and philosophy of science; the history and origin of science; the measurement and scientific discovery; from Galileo to Einstein; science and STEM as inquiry; biology: theory and lab; chemistry: theory and Lab; physics: theory and lab; integrated science; contemporary science and technology

Credit hours / trimester

Lecture (Hours)	Additional class (Hours)	Laboratory/field trip/internship (Hours)	Self- study (Hours)
45 hours (3 hours x 15 weeks)	-		90 hours (6 hour/ 15 weeks)

Number of hours that the lecture provides individual counseling and guidance



1 hour / week or student requirement during prescribed date and time

Evaluation of the CLOs

Learning Measurement and Evaluation

a. Formative Assessment

Quiz & feedback for all CLOs.

b. Summative Assessment

(1) Tool and weight for measurement and evaluation

Course Learning Outcomes	Measurement method			Weight (%)
	Class Participation & Group Discussion	Written Exam	Class Project (Individual & Group)	
CLO1 Explain key laws, theories, and principles of science science in the context of application	5%	15%	-	20%
CLO2 Compare and contrast key concepts of the philosophy of science in the context of 21st century	5%	15%	-	20%
CLO3 Analyze the scientific process used in solving the problem in real life.	5%	15%	-	20%
CLO4 Propose inquiry-based scientific model suitable for given situation or problem	5%	15%	20%	40%
Total	20%	60%	20%	100%

Note: Students have the right to request a review of a grade and appeal evaluation decisions

(Mahidol University Disciplinary Measures 2010)

(2) Grading System

After completion of the evaluation process, each student is assigned a criterion-referenced grade (as shown in the table below). Evaluation and achievement will be justifying according to Faculty and University code, conducted by grading system of A, B+, B, C+, C, D and F. To pass this course, student must earn a grade of a least D.



Total Percentage of Evaluation	Below 40	40-44	45-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-100
Grade	F	D	D+	C	C+	B	B+	A

D is considered a minimal level for students to achieve learning outcomes.

Teaching Schedule 1st Semester of Academic Year 2021

1. Lesson plan

Week	Topic	Number of hours			Teaching methods/ multimedia	Instructors
		Lecture	Laboratory	Self-study		
1 12 Aug	Introduction of course discipline and class orientation. What is the nature and philosophy of Science?	3	0	6	Active lecture	Wannapong Triampo or Invited instructors
2 19 Aug	What is the nature and philosophy of Science?	3	0	6	Active lecture	
3 26 Aug	The history of science	3	0	6	Active lecture	
4 2 Sep	The history of science	3	0	6	Group discussion Active lecture	
5 9 Sep	Measurement for discovery in Science	3	0	6	Active lecture	
6 16 Sep	Measurement for discovery in Science	3	0	6	Active lecture	
7 23 Sep	From Galileo to Einstein	3	0	6	Active lecture	
8 30 Sep	From Galileo to Einstein	3	0	6	Active lecture	
9 7 Oct	Midterm examination					
10 14 Oct	Science and STEM as Inquiry	3	0	6	Active lecture	Wannapong Triampo or Invited instructors
11 21 Oct	Science and STEM as Inquiry	3	0	6	Group discussion Active lecture	
12	Biology: Theory and Lab	3	0	6	Group discussion Active lecture	



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		Lecture	Laboratory	Self-study		
28 Oct						
13 4 Nov	Chemistry: Theory and Lab	3	0	6	Active Lecture, Group discussion	
14 11 Nov	Physics: Theory and Lab	3	0	6	Active Lecture, Group discussion	
15 18 Nov	Integrated science	3	0	6	Active Lecture, Group discussion Project-based learning	
16 25 Nov	Contemporary science and technology	3	0	6	Active Lecture, Project-based learning	
17	Final examination					
	Total hours	45	0	90		

Suggested texts

- Samir Okasha, *Philosophy of Science: A Very Short Introduction*, 2002. Oxford University Press
- James Ladyman, *Understanding Philosophy of Science*, Routledge, London, and New York: 2002. 304 pages
- **Frederick Aiken, *The Nature of Science*, Heinemann;** Subsequent edition, 1991, 162 pages

Electronic Information and Websites

- Nature and Philosophy of Science by Wannapong Triampo (Hands-out)
 @ www.ilearnsci.com by Wannapong Triampo