

Study Plan

Indian Studies Program

1st Year

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
TU100 Civic Engagement	3	TU102 Social Life Skills	3
TU101 Thailand, ASEAN, and the World	3	TU104 Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing	3
TU103 Life and Sustainability	3	xx xxx General Education Course Part 2	3
TU105 Communication Skills in English	3	xx xxx General Education Course Part 2	3
TU106 Creativity and Communication	3	xx xxx General Education Course Part 2	3
IDS100 Hindi 1	3	IDS101 Hindi 2	3
Total	18	Total	18

2nd Year

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
PD201 Principles of Law for Social Justice	3	PD203 Presentation and Public Speaking	3
PD202 Intercultural Communication	3	PD204 Data Science	3
PD205 Multilateralism and International Organization	3	PD301 Social Science Research Method	3
IDS102 Hindi 3	3	IDS252 Environment and Sustainability	3
IDS240 Indian History	3	IDS260 Indian Politics	3
IDS241 Culture and Society of India	3		
Total	18	Total	15

3rd Year

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
xx xxx Thematic Indian Studies	3	xx xxx Thematic Indian Studies	3
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xx xxx Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	3	xx xxx Thematic Indian Studies	3
xx xxx Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	3	xx xxx Thematic Indian Studies	3
xx xxx Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	3	xx xxx Thematic Indian Studies	3
xx xxx Free Electives	3	xx xxx Thematic Indian Studies	3
Total	18	Total	18

4th Year

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
IDS451 Indian Economic Development	3	IDS400 Seminar on Indian Studies	3
xx xxx Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	3	IDS409 Selected Topics in Indian Studies	3
xx xxx Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	3	IDSxxx Internship/Research Project	3
xx xxx Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	3		
xx xxx Free Electives	3		
Total	15	Total	9

Total Amount 129 Credits

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Degree Structure

1) General Education Courses	30 credits
2) Major Area Courses	75 credits
2.1 Compulsory Courses	48 credits
2.1.1 Core Courses	18 credits
2.2.2 Specialized Courses	30 credits
2.2 Prescribed Elective Courses	27 credits
2.2.1 Thematic Indian Studies	24 credits
2.2.2 Internship/Research Project	3 credits
3) Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses	18 credits
3.1 Chinese Studies	
3.2 Thai Studies	
3.3 ASEAN Studies	
3.4 Courses offered by International Programs	
4) Free Elective	6 credits
Total	129 credits

1) General Education Courses

30 credits

Part 1

TU100	Civic Engagement
TU101	Thailand, ASEAN, and the World
TU102	Social Life Skills
TU103	Life and Sustainability
TU104	Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing
TU105	Communication Skills in English
TU106	Creativity and Communication

Part 2 (choose 3 courses)

AS125	Introduction to ASEAN
BA291	Introduction to Business
EC210	Introductory Economics
LA100	Introduction to Law and Legal System
PY200	General Psychology
TU113	Fundamentals of Philosophy and Religions
TU117	Development of the Modern World
TU124	Society and Economy

2) Major Area Courses

75 credits

2.1 Compulsory Courses

48 credits

2.1.1 Core Courses

18 credits

PD201	Principles of Law for Social Justice
PD202	Intercultural Communication
PD203	Presentation and Public Speaking
PD204	Data Science
PD205	Multilateralism and International Organization
PD301	Social Science Research Method

2.1.2 Specialized Courses

30 credits

IDS100	Hindi 1
IDS101	Hindi 2
IDS102	Hindi 3
IDS240	Indian History
IDS241	Culture and Society of India

IDS252	Environment and Sustainability
IDS260	Indian Politics
IDS400	Seminar on Indian Studies
IDS409	Selected Topics in Indian Studies
IDS451	Indian Economic Development

2.2 Prescribed Elective Courses

27 credits

2.2.1 Thematic Indian Studies (choose 8 courses)

24 credits

IDS246	Indian Media
IDS247	Indian Film Industry
IDS248	Indian Ethnicity
IDS249	Indian Traditional Wellness
IDS316	Hindi Translation
IDS317	Indian Literature
IDS345	Science and Information Technology in India
IDS356	Technology Innovation and Economic Development
IDS364	Indian International Relations
IDS365	Indian Legal System
IDS385	Indian Heritage
IDS386	Indian Dance and Performing Art
IDS429	Selected Topics in Language, Culture, Art, and Literature
IDS449	Selected Topics in Indian Media, Economy, and Innovation
IDS469	Selected Topics in Indian Contemporary Issues

2.2.2 Internship/Research Project (choose 1 course)

3 credits

IDS491	Internship
IDS492	Research Project

3) Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses (choose 6 courses)

18 credits

3.1 Chinese Studies

CHI101	Chinese Listening and Speaking
CHI102	Chinese Reading
CHI103	Chinese Writing
CHI241	Chinese History
CHI242	Chinese Culture and Society
CHI246	Chinese Philosophy

CHI255	Information Technology in China
CHI353	Economics and Business in China
CHI358	Business Negotiation in China
CHI362	Politics in China
CHI378	Chinese Art and Architecture

3.2 Thai Studies

THS231	Thai Cuisine
THS233	Media and Entertainment in Thailand
THS241	Thai History
THS242	Buddhism in Thailand
THS322	Art and Architecture of Thailand
THS324	Thai Dance and Music
THS341	Modern Thai History
THS343	Society and Culture of Thailand
THS353	Economics Development of Thailand
THS374	Thai Politics

3.3 ASEAN Studies

THS271	Development of Southeast Asia
THS272	Development of Mainland Southeast Asian Countries
THS273	Development of Maritime Southeast Asian Countries
THS371	Multiculturalism in ASEAN
THS381	Political-Security Cooperation in ASEAN
THS382	Economic Cooperation in ASEAN
THS383	Socio-Cultural Cooperation in ASEAN
THS496	Seminar on Current Issues in ASEAN

3.4 Courses offered by International Programs

4) Free Elective

6 credits

Course Description

1) General Education Courses

Part 1

TU100 Civic Engagement

Study of principles of democracy and government by rule of law. Students will gain understanding of the concepts of “citizenship” in a democratic rule and will have opportunity for self-development to become a citizen in a democratic society and to take responsibility in addressing issues in their society through real-life practices.

TU101 Thailand, ASEAN, and the World

Study of significant phenomena around the world, in the ASEAN region and in Thailand in terms of their political, economic, and sociocultural dimensions. This is done through approaches, theories and principles of social science research via discussion and raising examples of situations or people of interest. The purpose of this is to create a perspective of diversity, to understand the complexity of global interrelationships, to build a global mindset and to be able to challenge old paradigms and open up a new, broader worldview.

TU102 Social Life Skills

The course investigates fundamental elements, values and meanings of art and built environment. These include analyses and criticisms of music, film, performance, drama, visual art, literature and the built environment. Connecting these works of art and environment to lives and social contexts is also another focus for the course.

TU103 Life and Sustainability

This course provides an introduction to the importance of life-cycle systems perspectives in understanding major challenges and solutions to achieving more sustainable societies in this changing world. Students will learn about the relationship between mankind and the environment in the context of energy and resource use, consumption and development, and environment constraints.

Furthermore, an examination of social conflict and change from the life-cycle perspective will be used to develop an understanding of potential solution pathways for sustainable lifestyle modifications.

TU104 Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing

Development of critical thinking through questioning, analytical, synthetic, and evaluation skills. Students learn how to read without necessarily accepting all the information presented in the text, but rather consider the content in depth, taking into account the objectives, perspectives, assumptions, bias and supporting evidence, as well as logic or strategies leading to the author's conclusion. The purpose is to apply these methods to students' own persuasive writing based on information researched from various sources, using effective presentation techniques.

TU105 Communication Skills in English

Development of English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, focusing on the ability to hold a conversation in exchanging opinions, as well as reading comprehension of academic texts from various disciplines related to students' field of study.

TU106 Creativity and Communication

Creative thought processes, with critical thinking as an important part, as well as communication of these thoughts that lead to suitable results in social, cultural, and environmental contexts, at personal, organization, and social levels.

Part 2 (choose 3 courses)

AS125 Introduction to ASEAN

An introduction to the history and the aims of the establishment of ASEAN community. It includes the overview of ASEAN countries in social, political, economic, cultural and ideological aspects.

EC210 Introductory Economics

The general principles of Microeconomics. In the Microeconomics section, topics covered include the supply of and demand for goods, consumer behaviour,

production and costs, structure and output of production units under perfect and imperfect competitive markets, the concept of market failures, and the role of government intervention. In the Macroeconomics section, topics covered include objectives and problems in Macroeconomics, the determination of national income, money and the banking system, introduction to fiscal and monetary policies used for economic stabilisation, and the application of economic indices to analyse the economic situation. In the international Economics section, topics covered include the importance of international trade and finance, as well as the conflict between free trade and market protection.

TU113 Fundamentals of Philosophy and Religions

Philosophical and religious concepts affecting man's attitudes, morality, and ways of life. This course seeks to stimulate critical thinking through students' analysis of diverse phenomena. This understanding can then be applied in social situations.

TU117 Development of the Modern World

The development of world societies from 1500 A.D. to the present, emphasizing linkages between economy, politics, administration, culture, and science and technology as the foundation for a transformation to the modern world.

2) Major Area Courses

2.1 Compulsory Courses

2.1.1 Core Courses

PD201 Principles of Law for Social Justice

The focus of this course is to equip students with the ability to appreciate and understand key principles that underpin the theory and practice of rule of law in different societies. By examining the dynamics between religious, societal, and legal norms, the course aims to demonstrate the intertwined nature of legal systems and their respective societies. Ultimately, students should be able to demonstrate a sound knowledge in legal principles, and display competence in applying this principles to further analysing the conduct of rule of law in different

national contexts. This module is intended to form a foundation for the study of specific legal system relevant to students' chosen area of specialisation in the later years of the degree program.

PD202 Intercultural Communication

Intercultural communication theories, roles of culture, cultural values, verbal and non-verbal behaviours, English as a lingua franca, stereotypes, social groups, gender, identity, cultural awareness, intercultural communicative competence.

PD203 Presentation and Public Speaking

Important skills for public speaking in various forms of event. Students learn to develop their leadership characteristics as well as the ability to select information for presentation effectively.

PD204 Data Science

The interdisciplinary fields of mathematics, statistics, computer and problem solving to extract insights from data for analytic purpose. The ability to create new methods to gather and analyse data. The skills to make sense of big data in order to analyse and use data for decision makings or problem solving.

PD205 Multilateralism and International Organization

Study of multilateralism and international organization after World War II which identify the collaboration between countries in areas of peace and security, human rights, monetary policy, and economics. World order and global governance which are functioned through multilateralism and international organizations. The power and role of major powers and other countries in international arena.

PD301 Social Science Research Method

Basic principles, philosophy, and techniques of social science research, research design, data collection methods - quantitative and qualitative, and evaluation of research results.

2.1.2 Specialized Courses

IDS100 Hindi 1

Hindi language introduction, Hindi alphabets, study of Devanagari script, pronunciation, vocabulary, phrases, Hindi sentences structure, introduction of four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, introduction of basic Hindi grammar. Hindi language structure and usages, oral and written expression.

IDS101 Hindi 2

Development of proficiency in basic communication skills through analyses of texts. The language of daily communication on topics to daily life of public life such as Hindi vocabulary, sentence structure, dialogue writing, letter writing, paragraph writing, text (prose and poetry), Hindi grammar, oral and written expressions.

IDS102 Hindi 3

Development of skills, particularly through analyses of texts from Hindi literature, magazines, and newspapers, as well as audio-visual materials on subjects related to Hindi culture and society. Improvement of language skills for practical work and academic usages. Sentence analyses, essay writing, letter writing, text (prose and poetry), story book, Hindi grammar, history of Hindi literature, and project works.

IDS240 Indian History

Trace the history of Indian from Indus valley civilization, Vedic period and Mauryan and Gupta period, various kingdoms, Delhi Sultanate, Mughal Empire, British rule in India, Indian freedom for independence, and India after independence.

IDS241 Culture and Society of India

Indian culture and society: social structure, family system, marriage system, class and caste system, social life, social mobility, sport culture, and urban and rural community in India.

IDS252 Environment and Sustainability

Introduction to environment and sustainability; social and political impact; sources of risks affecting human systems; Understanding geospatial dimensions; Environment targets and indicators; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Climate change and disasters; Agriculture and food security; Urban and rural transformation; Role of gender and education; Energy and natural resources; Policies, strategies and essentials for sustainable future; Role of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP).

IDS260 Indian Politics

Approaches to the study of Indian politics and nature of the state in India; Liberal, Marxist, and Gandhian. Indian constitution: basic features, debates on fundamental rights and directive principles. Institutional functioning: Prime Minister, Parliament and Judiciary. Power structure in India: Caste, class, and patriarchy. Religion and politics: debates on secularism and communalism. Parties and party systems in India.

IDS400 Seminar on Indian Studies

Seminar on Indian Studies in the issue on history, language, culture and society, religious, politics, business, and academics.

IDS409 Selected Topic in Indian Studies

Selected topic on current issues in India in social and economic dimensions.

IDS451 Indian Economic Development

Indian economy, growth rate and statistics; Economic indicators; Trade and investment policies; Primary sectors contributing to economic development; Recent developments and government initiatives; Key challenges; International economic organizations and India; Indian economic integration in the Asia Pacific region: Discussion and case studies.

2.2 Prescribed Elective Courses

2.2.1 Thematic Indian Studies (choose 8 courses)

IDS246 Indian Media

Role, objective functions and achievements of Mass Media; Relation between Mass Media and Mass Culture and their development; Mass Media in Rural-Urban divide. Changing trends of Mass Communication user the process of globalisation; Private and Public Media; Technology in the development of Media; Societal implications of new technologies of information, communication, and digital media.

IDS247 Indian Film Industry

Introduction to popular Hindi cinema; Post-independence Hindi cinema; Cultural backgrounds of Hindi cinema; the Masala film. Bollywood: Romance, consumerism, and diaspora and Bollywood in global society. Bollywood: Social pressure and the new economy.

IDS248 Indian Ethnicity

History of ethnic group: migration and social life, races and its type in India, social and economic of different ethnic groups, issues and policies of ethnicity.

IDS249 Indian Traditional Wellness

Origin and development of yoga, the yoga therapy: doctrines and concepts. Applications of yoga. Practical yoga: Asana, Pranayama, Dharana Dhyana, Bandha, Mudra, Shat Kriya. Methods of teaching yoga and government policy towards yoga in India. Philosophy and history of Ayurveda; the basic principles of Ayurveda; Ayurvedic treatment in the contemporary India, government policy for Ayurvedic industry.

IDS361 Hindi Translation

The basic principles of translation practice of translating Hindi to Thai or English and vice versa. Practice in translating various texts, such as business issues from Hindi to Thai or English, and vice versa. Translation from Hindi to English or Thai and vice versa at a higher level; practice in translating major literary works and films, principles and techniques of interpreting Hindi to English or Thai or Thai and English or Thai to Hindi.

IDS317 Indian Literature

The Vedas, the Mahabharata, the Ramayana, Manavadharmashastra, Kalidasa's works, poems of Medieval saints, Shilappadigaram, the Jatakas and ancient tales which include Panchatantra, Hitopadesha and Kathasaritsagara.

IDS345 Science and Information Technology in India

Introduction to ICT and Digital Economy: Overview of key ICT technologies like fixed, mobile, internet, broadband, artificial intelligence (AI), internet of things (IoT), cloud computing, big data, three dimensional (3D) printing, digital finance and payments, etc.; Linkages of ICT to economic development; Digital India and Thailand 4.0; Role of internet, e-trade and e-commerce; Digital infrastructure; Understanding digital divide; Digitalisation, value chains and micro small and medium enterprise (MSME); Digital privacy, safety, and security; Need of new skills; Discussion and case studies.

IDS356 Technology Innovation and Economic Development

Introduction to science, technology and innovation (STI); Innovation tools, modes and means; Institutions and infrastructure for STI development; STI policy and investments; Key science and technology sectors; Research, education, and training system; Entrepreneurship and innovation; Technology collaborations and sharing; National and regional STI platforms; STI for sustainable development goals (SDGs); STI initiatives, best practices and case studies from various sectors influencing social development.

IDS364 Indian International Relations

Indian foreign policy: Historical origins, determinants, the institutions of policy-making. Non-Alignment Movement, major issues in Indian foreign policy, conflict and co-operation in South Asia, India and the major power, India and the United Nations system and India and the emerging international economic order and the interaction between India and multilateral agencies.

IDS365 Indian Legal System

Understanding about concepts of law and Indian judiciary system; the Indian legal history in context of common law, adversarial system of law, process of law, public interest litigation, impartiality of judges, judicial review, separation of

powers, division of power, checks and balances, basic structure, collegium system in appointment of judges, and impeachment; Integrated system of judiciary comprising of courts to administer both central and state laws; the procedure, importance, and impacts of the functioning of Indian judiciary.

IDS385 Indian Heritage

Developments during the ancient, medieval, and modern periods of Indian history; cultural root and undying spiritual foundation of India; salient features of Indian cultural heritage, elements of Indian cultural heritage: language, cuisine, and architecture: geographical spreading of Indian heritage through trade, learning, indentured labour or religious ambassadors; geographical narration of regional connectivity.

IDS386 Indian Dance and Performing Art

Indian Classical dance, Bollywood dance, Indian folk dance: technique, movement, musical rhythm, phrases, and choreography.

IDS429 Selected Topics in Language, Culture, Art, and Literature

Selected topic on current issues in India focuses on language, culture, arts, and literature.

IDS449 Selected Topics in Indian Media, Economy, and Innovation

Selected topic on current issues in India in the subject on economics and technology.

IDS469 Selected Topics in Indian Contemporary Issues

Selected topic on current issues in India in the subject on socio-political and contemporary issues.

2.2.2 Internship/Research Project (choose 1 course)

IDS491 Internship

Internship is build around working eight hours a day for 15 weeks with a government agency, political party, or business company. Students are given

assignment and evaluated by the organization. Students must write report reflecting how they goals and objective of their internship are met or missed. Description of the organization/business and their mission, what students have learned from their internship. The report must include what they learned that they had not known before and their observations on how the real world works.

IDS492 Research Project

Quantitative and qualitative research, research design, literature review and writing of research outline. Conducting research under supervision of research mentor.

3) Elective Courses/Minor Area Courses (choose 6 courses)

3.1 Chinese Studies

CH101 Chinese Listening and Speaking

Intermediate Chinese communication: the alphabets, tones, basic conversational skills, and grammar. Intermediate speaking and listening.

CH102 Chinese Reading

Reading techniques, surveying the text, finding the main points and their relation, finding the subsidiary points and their relations, summarising text.

CH103 Chinese Writing

Fundamentals and techniques of written expository and persuasive composition. Analysis of literary, exposition, and persuasive texts.

CH1241 Chinese History

The course introduces history of China from ancient times to the founding of the People's Republic of China, however, by stressing more on the present than the past. Ancient history refers to the period of time from pre-Qin to Qing Dynasty. Modern history then focuses on the late Qing, the revolution of 1911, up to the establishment of the new China. Lecture, Powerpoint presentation assignment and a proper amount of classroom discussions will be engaged in integration. After

course completion, students will also be able to perfectly and systematically understand each phase of Chinese history.

CHI242 Chinese Culture and Society

The course introduces the cultural patterns and social structures of China in terms of both continuity and change. Through readings, lecture and discussions, the complex process of a people with a rich tradition and history moving forward is explored.

CHI246 Chinese Philosophy

A review of the history and development of classical Chinese thought and wisdom and its enduring influence on Chinese art, traditions, beliefs, way of life, and contemporary Chinese society and culture.

CHI255 Information Technology in China

This course is designed to prepare students of working in the industry in the information processing fields as well as for business and computer-related courses. Above all, it aims to provide a basic knowledge of computer hardware and software, introduce the business areas which would be applicable, provide an introduction to business organization and information systems in China, and provide knowledge of the capabilities of generic software.

CHI353 Economics and Business in China

The economic and business system of China, including Chinese economic and business history from colonialism, the communist revolution and economic reformation in the 1980's until the present.

CHI358 Business Negotiation in China

Chinese social etiquette and values of various regions: the north, the central region, the east, and the south. The course also covers principles, techniques, and skills in trade negotiation with Chinese entrepreneurs, as well as Chinese business culture.

CHI362 Politics in China

The course contents are as follows: development and evolution of politics after the establishment of the People's Republic of China, including land reform, cooperative movement, socialist transformation of ownership, the anti-rightist movement, the people's commune organization, the cultural revolution, and up until Deng Xiaoping's reform and opening up. China political system in all aspects will be investigated; such as political party system, the system of the National People's Congress, central and local government, etc.

CHI378 Chinese Art and Architecture

History of Chinese arts and architecture as well as their characteristics that influence Thai society such as constructions, painting, calligraphy, Tai-chi, etc.

3.2 Thai Studies

THS231 Thai Cuisine

The philosophy and origin of Thai cuisine as well as its basic techniques and ingredients; methods of blending and balancing the varied flavours to create a stimulating array of tastes; demonstrations include.

THS233 Media and Entertainment in Thailand

A survey of the role of mass media in Thai society, national policies on media, control and the relationship between the media and the government, as well as other institutions with emphasis on the media's rights and responsibilities to society.

THS241 Thai History

Historical dimension of Thai politics, economics, socio-cultural contexts, and social developments.

THS242 Buddhism in Thailand

An examination of the role of Buddhism in Thailand including practices and doctrine, sects, and organisational structure as well as the function of Thai religious institutions in a social and political context.

THS322 Art and Architecture of Thailand

The characteristics and development of art and architecture in Thailand from the Sukhothai period to the present and the influence of other civilisations on Thai art and architecture.

THS324 Thai Dance and Music

The principles and fundamental theories of Thai dance, as well as demonstrations of standard Thai dance for further learning. An introduction to the basic elements of music, the art of music, stylistic characteristics and a brief overview of the history of Western and ASEAN classical music, folk music, and period of music. Students will develop their capacity to understand and appreciate music.

THS341 Modern Thai History

An interdisciplinary exploration of modern Thai history in the social and political aspects, from the Bangkok period (1782 A.D.) to the modern nation-state of the present time. Emphasis on the modern era when the kingdom confronted western colonisation, and its reactions from within, as well as a series of nationwide reforms, and the processes of change and persistence of the nation-state up to the present.

THS343 Society and Culture of Thailand

Investigating diverse aspects of Thai society and culture based upon case studies from social science research by Thai and international scholars emphasizing analytical and critical approaches.

THS353 Economics Development of Thailand

Thai economic development in comparative perspective; trends in long-term perspective, growth and crises; role of agriculture; industrial policy and development; role of foreign investment; government, state enterprises and private sector; debates over ethnicity, and entrepreneurship in Thailand; service and informal sectors; demographic change, employment and migration; education and human resource development; environmental challenges; trends in income distribution; poverty measurement and policies; financial sector development; regional, global trade and capital movements.

THS374 Thai Politics

The patterns and unique characteristics of Thai politics, examining influential factors, such as, historical, social, and economic development, as well as changes in the political structure. Included is a survey of political and government issues.

3.3 ASEAN Studies

THS271 Development of Southeast Asia

Historical background and development of countries in Southeast Asia before World War II

THS272 Development of Mainland Southeast Asian Countries

History and development of mainland Southeast Asian countries after World War II

THS273 Development of Maritime Southeast Asian Countries

History and development of maritime Southeast Asian countries after World War II

THS371 Multiculturalism in ASEAN

Cultural diversity in Southeast Asia, political recognition of cultural differences, cultural assimilation, cultural change, and cultural competition.

THS381 Political-Security Cooperation in ASEAN

Principles of cooperation in ASEAN and its framework in political security cooperation.

THS382 Economic Cooperation in ASEAN

Principles of cooperation in ASEAN and its framework in economic cooperation.

THS383 Socio-Cultural Cooperation in ASEAN

Principles of cooperation in social and economic dimensions.

THS496 Seminar on Current Issues in ASEAN

Seminar in current issues in Southeast Asia in social and economic dimensions.