

## Costs of living

Even if the Double Degree has a price of today 5.000 Euros covering all the administration fees and the school fees at CMMU (do note that Thai students pay a lot more in order to study one year at CMMU), the costs of living are cheaper compared to France, especially if you are willing to make savings, e.g. by living in a small room or saving on electricity. All prices are stated in Thai Bat (and converted at the release of the document at a actual conversion rate of 0,03 Euro/ THB). If you want to you can always spend more than the average, this is just to have a rough idea of how much expenses you should expect.

### Overview:

	0,03	Minimum (THB)	Average (THB)	Minimum (EUR)	Average (EUR)
Housing (Condominium)	฿	8.000,00	฿ 12.000,00	€ 240,00	€ 360,00
Electricity	฿	400,00	฿ 800,00	€ 12,00	€ 24,00
Water	฿	200,00	฿ 200,00	€ 6,00	€ 6,00
Internet	฿	600,00	฿ 1.000,00	€ 18,00	€ 30,00
Smartphone (Inet+Call)	฿	200,00	฿ 500,00	€ 6,00	€ 15,00
Food	฿	4.000,00	฿ 8.000,00	€ 120,00	€ 240,00
Books	฿	1.000,00	฿ 1.000,00	€ 30,00	€ 30,00
Sport (Gym)	฿	0,00	฿ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Banking fees, etc.	฿	160,00	฿ 400,00	€ 4,80	€ 12,00
Public transportation	฿	800,00	฿ 1.200,00	€ 24,00	€ 36,00
Travelling	Depends on your budget				
<b>Monthly spendings</b>	฿	<b>15.360,00</b>	฿ <b>25.100,00</b>	€ <b>460,80</b>	€ <b>753,00</b>

### Housing

The cheapest way is to share a flat with somebody. If you feel ok to share one big room with a partner or close friend this will be of course the cheapest alternative.

The easiest option is to lease a so called "Condo" (=Condominium), meaning a fully furnished serviced apartment with all services included. The advantage is that it includes normally a swimming-pool, mostly a (more or less good equipped) gym and sometimes some additional features with questionable benefit (like a sauna in Thailand that nobody is ever using). Usually there is a security service and a 24 hours reception where they speak english and provide you with an english contract.

The deposit is 1 or 2 month rent payable in cash at arrival and also the rent is normally paid in cash directly at the reception desk or to the owner.

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## Electricity

Be careful, there are several rates of electricity. The official government price is 3,5 THB per kWh. But some condos (see housing) charge higher prices (up to 15 THB/kWh) in order to make additional money. In every case you have to accept the price provided by the lesser, so when you look for accommodation ask for the electricity price.

You can save a lot by reducing the use of the air-condition which is accountable for around 80 percent of the energy consumption.

## Water

Water is always to pay to your landlord / apartment owner / administration and it rarely exceeds 250 THB per month. For the washing, either there are washing machines in the apartment or you have a public area in the building with machines and dryers at around 40 THB (=1 Euro) per washing or hour of drying.

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## **Accommodation**

For the housing the easiest way is to book a decent hotel for the first days (shouldn't be more than 1.000 THB per night for a big room for 1-2 persons) and walk around in the areas you want to stay and look for accommodation. So you can visit on your own the different possibilities and negotiate the final price and see if you like the neighbourhood (See next chapter on areas of Bangkok).

Some suggestions for apartments near the campus (just go there, have a look at the rooms, negotiate a good price and sign the contract on the same day!):

## Agents

You can find an agent that is looking for a housing for you and that will show you some suggestions. Agents are paid a commission by the lessor, no worries.

You can call Orn (+66 87-915-7024) and say hello from Karen, she found our apartment.

## V.P. Tower: ( <http://www.vptower.com/> )

Cheap fully serviced apartments not far from Victory Monument BTS and in walking distance to the CMMU shuttle van. Rooms from 10.500 THB (1 person 32 m<sup>2</sup> studio) till 30.000 THB (suite for 2-3 persons with 2 bed-rooms, a kitchen and a living room).

The building has a nice outdoor swimming pool and a 24h english speaking reception.

The rent is quite cheap but they charge for example a higher price for electricity.

Contact: Peter Virawat (+66 94-346-6600), say hello from Ludwig and ask for a good price.

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## Pathumwan Resort ( <http://www.condopass.com/condominium/pathumwan-resort/176> )

A slightly older building and therefore cheaper than the completely new condominiums located in 5 min distance to Phayathai station (BTS and the terminus of the Airport-Rail

link to Suvarnabhumi Airport. Apartment). CMMU is 10 min by taxi (walk to the opposite road!) or 2 stations by BTS and then you can take the free CMMU shuttle. Prices are usually negotiated with the owners of the apartments (1-3 bedroom appt.). Phayathai Road Ratchatewi Thanon Phayathai Bangkok 10400 Thailand

The Complete Ratchaprarop (<http://www.prinsiri.com/en/condo/information/02/?id=12> )

A bit newer but also more expensive condominium in walking distance of CMMU (15-20 min or 1 min by taxi). Exchange students use to share rooms (1-2 bedroom apartments with a small living room starting at 15.000 THB till 45.000 THB) here. Ratjaprarop road.

Check online and visit buildings

- <http://www.bangkokcondofinder.com> (or app)
- <http://www.bangkokcondo.org>
- Just google “condominium Bangkok”

## Surroundings

### Around CMMU

The CMMU campus is located in the Phayathai district area near Victory Monument (anusawari chai samoraphum or just anusawari). Google “College of Management”.

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To reach University is not very convenient and easy. **Taxis** often do not know that “Soi Hok Gao” (number 69) is in the south of Vipawadee Rangsit Road, so they tend to go too far north. Be careful and in case of doubt just let the driver call the reception staff to ask for help finding the building. You can tell them to pass by Ding Dang road.

There are some **busses** that go to CMMU (24,69,92,107,129,138,๑๒.24,๑๒.69,๑๒.92,๑๒.129,๑๒.138) but depending on where you live there is also the possibility to go to **BTS Sanam Pao** and from there you can take a free **shuttle** provided by CMMU. The shuttle normally starts 2 hours before class and finishes one hour after class (mo-fr 4 pm - 6pm and sat-sun morning). You can check the times on the dedicated website<sup>2</sup> where you also have a life taking system to get an idea of your waiting time for the next passage:

	8.00 - 9.30	9.30 - 12.00	12.00 - 14.00	14.00 - 16.00	16.00 - 16.30	16.30 - 19.00	19.00 - 20.00	20.00 - 22.00
Mon - Fri	---	---	Service	---	Service	Service	Service	Service
Sat - Sun	Service	---	Service	---	Service	Service	---	---

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.eye-fleet.com/east/ibs.htm>