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Thai writing derives from a South Indian script that came to Southeast Asia 1600 or more years ago. It is phonetic, consisting of 42 consonants and 31 vowels. Armenian writing was adapted from the Greek alphabet at roughly the same time and consists of 31 consonants and 7 vowels. Comparisons of the two are rarely made, but in Los Angeles, where Thai Town and Little Armenia overlap along Hollywood Blvd., it is possible to see signs in Thai next to signs in Armenian.

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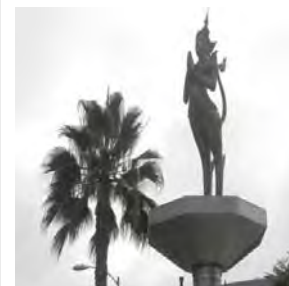
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Participation in this Visions & Voices events is available to students through a lottery. Sign up for the drawing begins September 29th. See [Details](#).

Los Angeles can now lay claim to having the largest concentration of Thais outside of Thailand itself. The community's business and cultural center is Thai Town, several blocks along Hollywood Blvd--in East Hollywood. Here, Angelenos transplanted from Thailand, their children and grandchildren, can see signs written in the unique Thai alphabet, hear Thai spoken--and sung--and enjoy the tastes and scents of their homeland. It is also a place where non-Thais can find help in acculturating themselves to the global city that LA is ever in the process of becoming.

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2011 Hollywood Thai Town Songkran Festival

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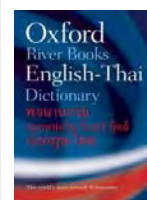
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Thai Town's Not Just for Thais



Thai, Indian, Armenian, and Salvadoran businesses share a building



Panos Bakery 5150 Hollywood Blvd
Armenian, Middle Eastern, and European desserts

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Thailand Plaza



5321 Hollywood Blvd.

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Siam Book Center



5178 Hollywood Blvd. (323) 665-4236

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Nuch Royal Thai Spa



5300 Hollywood Blvd. (323) 461-4400

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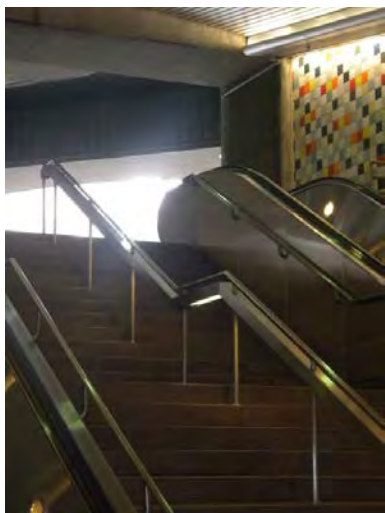
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Metro's Hollywood / Western Station

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Metro Bus and Rail Service

If the Metro Rail Service is convenient for you, the most convenient station for Thai Town is at Hollywood and Western on the Metro Red Line. It's a short walk from there to restaurants and shops. Routes, fares and schedules can be seen at the [LA Metro Home](#) website. If you use the Trip Planner on that site, you can enter "University of Southern California" and "Hollywood Western Station" as points of departure and arrival and you will see several alternative routes.

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By Car

Driving from campus to Thai Town is pretty simple. From campus, you can drive north on Vermont Street to Hollywood Blvd. Turn left, drive past Normandie and look for parking.

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