

ALS/CSES 3954 - Study Abroad – Thailand:

Cultural immersion through food, culture, and Agriculture First Summer Session – May 22- June 6, 2019



Program Highlights

Program Overview

The core of this unique experience is a two-week trip to Thailand that explores food, culture, and agriculture across several ecological regions of Thailand. While in Thailand, we will visit cultural and historical sites, universities, and most importantly, we will learn about local food, cook with the locals and experience their “food culture”. Furthermore, through the service learning experiences, we will explore the contributions from smallholder farmers to food security, as they are the majority and at the forefront in terms of food production and agriculture.

Excursions

Chiang Mai

- Visit the daily open markets and grocery stores (on a daily basis).
- Cooking school (several)
- Visit Maejo University
- Visit ECHO Asia
 - Seed saving; various biological disease control methods that ECHO uses – techniques that can be easily used by smallholder farmers.
- **Learn about Thailand’s agricultural production systems:**
 - Rice, Coffee, Fruits and vegetables, Dairy farms and many more...

How to Apply

- Register for first summer Session -ALS 3954 – Study Abroad Thailand
- Visit the GEO website for application materials. (<https://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/>).
- Submit completed application online

Resources and Financial Aid

- **Scholarship and Financial Aid Office**
(www.finaid.vt.edu)
- College of Agriculture and Life sciences
- Global Education Office (GEO) (<https://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/>)

Estimated Cost

- **Program fee: \$3,200. The program fee includes all lodging, most meals, in country transportation, cooking classes, entrance fees to tourist sites etc. Tuition not included.**

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