

The **EDUCATION ABROAD** Network

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TRAVELING TO

CHIANG MAI

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QUICK FACTS

COUNTRY'S POPULATION: 69 MILLION (UNITED STATES: 323 M)

POPULATION: 150,000 IN CHIANG MAI PROPER

POPULATION: 960,906 IN METROPOLITAN AREA

LOCATION: IN THE FOOTHILLS OF NORTHERN THAILAND

ESTABLISHED: 1296

Dive into the colorful world of Southeast Asia by living and studying in Thailand for the summer. While taking your choice of courses, you'll receive a unique perspective and understanding of the region thanks to comprehensive field trips. With all courses starting off in the charming city of Chiang Mai, you will then travel across the country feeling the course content and culture come to life.

With its steaming plates of fresh street food, magical misty mountains, shockingly beautiful beaches, mysterious saffron-robed monks and tantalizing temples, Thailand will take over your senses and win your heart. The country's rich culture, traditions and beliefs are still alive while offering a contemporary lifestyle – you'll find cheap flights and free WiFi throughout the country.

"IT WAS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME AND I TRULY LEARNED HOW PEOPLE LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD."

Tyler Michels, University of Mary Washington, Thailand Summer 2019

SUMMER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Base yourself in Chiang Mai, a city that blends a modernizing country with traditional Thai culture, and gain an understanding of Thailand's past, present and future
- Dive into the course content with extensive field trips throughout the program that take you outside of Chiang Mai
- Select to enroll in one session for a 3-week program (4 credits) or two sessions for a 6-week program (8 credits)
- Get to know about your host country with an included Orientation and fun excursions throughout the program
- Learn more about the fascinating histories, belief systems, cultures and issues impacting Southeast Asia by choosing from five diverse courses, each with a strong experiential focus
- Benefit from access to TEAN's Chiang Mai Resident Coordinator and other in-country staff for continued support throughout the summer



MELISSA WANNINGER

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

"I loved that Chiang Mai is both scenic and cultural. You will see beautiful natural landscapes such as the lush green mountains and waterfalls but also a bustling city that has a great mix of local restaurants, markets and temples."



The Education Abroad Network (TEAN)
are specialists in the Asia Pacific region with
semester, summer and internship programs
available in Australia, New Zealand,
Southeast Asia, China, Japan and
South Korea.

SUMMER PROGRAM





SUMMER COURSES

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SESSION ONE - STARTS LATE MAY (3 WEEKS)

ASIAN APPROACHES TO HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Start in Chiang Mai then spend two weeks in tropical, coastal Krabi discovering eastern holistic philosophies – along with diverse health and mindfulness-based practices, including yoga, reiki, forest therapy and tai chi – and how they can help combat modern health issues.

LIVED RELIGION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Travel extensively throughout northern Thailand, including time in its two largest cities, rural towns, and hill tribe villages visiting important religious and cultural sites. This exploration of Southeast Asia's religious landscape blends readings and lectures with field visits to better understand the history and current role of Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and indigenous belief systems in the region.

TOURISM, ETHNIC IDENTITY AND HERITAGE IN THAILAND

Spend time at three rural ethinic minority villages (Hmong, Karen and "long neck" Kayan) while being based in Chiang Mai learning about new sustainable tourism approaches which aim to foster respect and support for the cultural heritage of ethnic minorities in Thailand.

SESSION TWO - STARTS MID-JUNE (3 WEEKS)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Explore the northern Thai jungle participating in grass-roots projects that support an NGO's conservation efforts. Spend a week in Chiang Mai before moving to the rural village of Pai for fieldwork, including collecting plant ecology data and observing elephant behavior.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Live and study in both the northern town of Chiang Mai and capital of Bangkok discovering Southeast Asia's dynamic politics through lectures and visits to major international centers of policymaking, diplomacy, trade and civil society, such as Amnesty International and the U.S. Embassy.



SEMESTER PROGRAM



Experience the thrill of studying and living in Bangkok, Thailand's sprawling capital city and a global hub of culture, commerce and cuisine. Though Bangkok is a major metropolis, this semester program is the least expensive of all TEAN offerings and offers students a surprisingly affordable cost of living. Study at Mahidol University International College (MUIC), the English-speaking arm of the esteemed Mahidol University, taking a variety of classes in English along with your Thai peers. Often considered the gateway to Asia, Bangkok is a great jumping off point to explore further afield in nearby countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam, Singapore and more.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Study in Thailand's buzzing capital of Bangkok at one of the country's top three ranked schools: Mahidol University
- Explore more of what Thailand has to offer during included weekend trips to the charming northern town
 of Chiang Mai and stunning tropical southern Krabi coastline
- Benefit from access to local TEAN support staff for continued guidance throughout the semester
- Get to know your host home and university with a fun 4-day orientation that covers cultural differences, a secret field trip, a Bangkok city tour and more
- Live in modern, off-campus apartments for a taste of independent living in a big city
- Dive deep into a culture that in many ways has remained unchanged for centuries while still evolving to meet contemporary lifestyles

