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Why should you go to this global seminar?

Program

You get to experience places that we read about and interact with locals to make what you are learning come alive.

The focus is on ethnographic research skills and practical program development applications that you can use in future jobs.

You get to see how skills you learn are applied in a specific local context, and one that on the surface seems similar but in many ways is very different.

The course meets many requirements.

This is my area of expertise! And I know where the good food is...

Place

Thailand is a very affordable destination and very tourist friendly.

Before Covid, Bangkok had more international visitors than Paris or London!

We will also visit Lop Buri, Pattaya, and Chiang Mai.

Plus, you will have the opportunity to explore other regions (and glorious beaches) and nearby countries because of the program schedule.

Did I mention the food?

Designing Programs for Sexual Health Eleanor Roosevelt College Regional Specialization

ANSC 105GS Global Health and Inequality: Sexual and Reproductive Health in Southeast Asia

 Archaeology/Biological/Sociocultural Elective for Anthropology Majors or Minors.

- Medical Social Science Elective for the Global Health Program (GHP) Major or Minor.
- Upper Division Elective for the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) Major.
- Petitionable for the Critical Gender Studies (CGS) Major or Minor.

ANSC 125GS Gender, Sexuality, and Society: Sex and Love in Thailand

- Sociocultural Core and Archaeology/Biological Elective for Anthropology Majors or Minors.
- Medical Social Science Elective for the Global Health Program (GHP) Major or Minor.
- Petitionable for the Critical Gender Studies (CGS) Major or Minor.

Monday 6-Aug	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday - Sunday
	Culture Shock (Chapter 3 +) Mini-Presentations	Thai Language Review Language Quiz	Travel to Lopburi	
Thai Language 1: Background & Greetings	WiA Ch. 3 Navigating Field-Based Assignments p. 37	AIDS and Epidemiology: Early AIDS in USA	*Guest : Luang Phi Chai Waradhammo	Wat Saen Suk (has English)
SEA Geography, Race/Ethnicity & Languages	Thai Language 3: Respect & Politeness	CDHS 1998 Good Questions, Better Answers	Identify Key Populations and Groups	Wat Saen Suk (has English)
Lunch (Group Optional)	Lunch (Group Optional)	Lunch (Group Optional)	Develop Field Research Questions	HIV NGO: Sisters
Thai Language 2: Introductions & Essentials	Walking Observation	USAID 2001 HIV-AIDS Rapid Assessment Guide	Lopburi: Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu (AIDS Temple)	HIV NGO: Sisters
ISA Orientation	Writing Observations & Discussion	SEA Religious Syncretism	Wat Phang Sam Yot (Monkey Temple)	Pattaya: Walking Street
ISA Orientation	Geography Quiz Thai Customs Review	*Guest Lecture: Luang Phi Chai Waradhammo	bat cave	Pattaya: Alcazar Show
	Thai Alphabet Thai Language Review	Gender and Sexuality in Thai Buddhism		
Cabbages and Condoms (Welcome Dinner)			Paebanrimnam Restaurant	turtle sanctuary and beach
Monday 13-Aug	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mother's Day (Queen's Birthday)	Field Report 1: Trip Field Report 2: Markets	NMAC 1997 Program Development Puzzle S1-4	WoW Ch 7 HIV Shoots Up p 227-268	
National Holiday	WoW Ch 1 Cooking Up an Epidemic p 12-42	Program Objectives Workshop	WoW Ch 8 Ants in the Sugar-Bowl p 269-300	HIV NGO: SWING
	WoW Ch 2 Landscapes of Desire p 43-83	Developing a Logic Model	Renewed Epidemics: Thailand (Snapshot)	HIV NGO: SWING
Take the opportunity to participate in an event.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Remember to wear light blue.	WoW Ch 3 The Honesty Box p 84-123	WoW Ch 5 Sacred Cows p 161-187	NMAC 1997 Program Development Puzzle S5-6	HIV Clinic: Pulse
	WoW Ch 4 The Naked Truth p 124-160	WoW Ch 6 Articles of Faith p 188-227	NMAC 1997 Program Development Puzzle S7-8	HIV Clinic: Tangerine
Send a message to your mother!	Thai Time (Conceptual/Practical)	Logic Model Workshop	Guest Lecture: Kath Khangpiboon	HIV Clinic: Tangerine
		C. C. Martin C.	and Discussion on Trans Health and Rights	Observation 2 Lumphini Park
Observation 1 MBK/Siam or Chatuchak/Lad Prao				Observation 3 Patpong/Thaniya/Pratuchai or Nana
Monday 20-Aug	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday-Sunday
Epidemiology Review Epidemiology Quiz	HUCB Ch. 5 Biomedicine, Social Science Research, a	Program Review Program Quiz	Long Fre	e Weekend
Field Report 3: Global Sex Work Districts	Assessment Writing Workshop: Choose Population	Saengtienchai 1999 "Prostitutes are better than k	overs": Wives' Views on the Extramarital Sexual Beha	vior of Thai Men
WoW Ch 9 Full Circle p 301-326	Group Work: Assessments and Interventions	Cohen 1993 Open-Ended Prostitution as a Skillful	Game of Luck	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
NMAC 1997 Program Development Puzzle 57-8	HUCB Ch. 7 Thailand's "Good" Response to the HIV	AIDS Epidemic: A Critical Examination p. 216-242	-	
	HUCB Ch. 8 An Alternative Perspective on the Thai F			
Evaluation and Program Design Workshop	Group Work: Interventions and Evaluation			
			Professor Kang in Myanmar for Toung	Pyone Festival
Monday 27-Aug	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday-Sunday
Morris 1994 Three Sexes and Four Sexualities	Review Assessments (Online Peer Review)	Assessment Presentations (Assessments Due)	Long Fre	e Weekend
Jackson 2000 An Explosion of Thai Identities	Kang 2014 Conceptualizing Thai Genderscapes	Assessment Presentations (Assessments Due)		
Review Assessments	Kang 2017 Eastern Orientations: Thai Middle-Class	Assessment Presentations (Assessments Due)		
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
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				Observation 4: OPEN - Seeing Differently
Monday 3-Sep	Tuesday	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday - Saturday
Field Report 4: Student Selected Sites	Review Program Designs (Peer Review)	Program Design Presentations (Due)		Weekend
Field Report Analysis Presentations	Review Program Designs (Peer Review)	Program Design Presentations (Due)		Check out on 8th 11:00 AM
Field Report Analysis Presentations	Course Wrap Up Discussion	Grant Proposal Reviews		
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				Class Activities
				Lectures
				Readings

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	_	Health and Safety Orientation	Thai Language 2: Basic Essentials	Thai Language Review Language Quiz	WoW Ch 2 Landscapes of Desire p 43-83	
1		Health and Safety Orientation	Thai Food Thai Language Review	Observation/Field Report 1 Discussion	Thai Time	HIV NGO: SWING
	11	Thai Language 1: Greetings & Introductions	Writting Observations & Culture Discussion	AIDS and Epidemiology: Early AIDS in USA	Renewed Epidemics: Thailand	HIV NGO: SWING
	12	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	-	City Tour of Bangkok	Group Walking Observations	WoW Ch 1 Cooking Up an Epidemic p 12-42	Saengtienchai 1999 "Prostitutes are better than lovers"	
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-		City Tour of Bangkok	SEA Geography, Race/Ethnicity & Languages	Identity key Populations and Groups		
		City Tour of Bangkok	SEA Religious Syncretism	Guest Lecture: Luang Phi Chai Waradhammo	Muecke 1992 Mother Sold Food, Daughter Sells Her Body	
-	4	City Tour of Bangkok	Thai Language 3: Thai Writing	Gender and Sexuality in Thai Buddhism	Develop Field Research Questions	Lumphini Park
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1	6	Cabbages and Condoms (Welcome Dinner)	Observation 1 Commercial Site			Observation 2 Red light districts: Thaniya / Patpong
Read	d		Culture Shock (Chapter 3 +) Thai Customs	CDHS 1998 Good Questions, Better Answers	WoW Ch 2 Landscapes of Desire p 43-83	
			WIA Ch. 3 Navigating Field-Based Assignments p. 37-63	USAID 2001 HIV-AIDS Rapid Assessment Guide	WoW Ch 3 The Honesty Box p 84-123	
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	9	Observation/Field Report 2 Discussion	Epidemiology Review Epidemiology Quiz	WoW Ch 7 HIV Shoots Up p 227-268	Long Free	Weekend
2	10	WoW Ch 3 The Honesty Box p 84-123	WoW Ch 5 Sacred Cows p 161-187	WoW Ch 8 Ants in the Sugar-Bowl p 269-300		
	11	WoW Ch 4 The Naked Truth p 124-160	WoW Ch 6 Articles of Faith p 188-227	Guest Lecture: Kath Khangpiboon		
	12	Program Objectives Warkshop	Review Assessments	and Discussion on Trans Health and Rights		
	1	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
	2	Developing a Logic Model	NMAC 1997 Program Development Puzzle S5-6	WoW Ch 9 Full Circle p 301-326		
	3	Logic Model Workshop	NMAC 1997 Program Development Puzzle S7-8	Group Work: Assessments and Interventions		
	2			Group Work: Interventions and Evaluation		
	-	Assessment Writing Workshop: Choose Population	Group Work: Interventions and Evaluation			
-	5	Group Work, Assessments and Interventions	Evaluation and Program Design Workshop	Review Assessments (Online Peer Review)		
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Why Sexual Health in Thailand?

Known for having an elaborate sex/gender system that recognizes more than 2 sexes/genders.

Considered one of the two successful models for HIV prevention in the developing world.

Focus on Engaged Teaching

Use of the Local Field Site Site Visits (NGOs and cultural sites)

Assignments

A Quiz but No Standard Papers and Exams Several Observations Final: Grant Proposal Practical Assignments:

Global Health

Anthro Methods

Assessment Report Grant Proposal

Field Observations Field Reports

Changemaker Seminar

Learn Skills to Make Change

Learn about Marginalized Populations and how to *support* them in Making Change



From January 14-21 discover how to make the world more just, inclusive, and sustainable through public and community service, research, social innovation, social entrepreneurship, social justice, and more. Join Study Abroad in a celebratory kickoff to a year of change making programming.

STUDY ABROAD EVENTS

12-1pm: Global Changemakers Join us for an overview of study abroad options from EAP, OAP, Global Exchange, and Global Seminars that are focused on Public Health, Environmental Sustainability, Global Development & Education **Register Here:**



GS faculty leaders will share the way that their summer programs abroad inspire participants to make change. Most of these professors are changemaker faculty fellows, and their programs focus on topics such as global health, social justice 8 sustainable development. development.

1-2pm: Global Seminars

Register Here:



Sex and Health in Southeast Asia

HEALTH

Courses ANSC 105GS: Global Health and Inequality: Sexual and Reproductive Health in Southeast Asia ANSC 125GS: Gender, Sexuality, and Society: Sex and Love in Thailand

2018 | Summer Session II

What are Global Seminars? UCSD Global Seminars are 5 week long, summer study abroad experiences led by a UCSD professor. Students enroll in 2 English-taught courses (8 UCSD quarter units) and class sizes are

Global Seminar: Sex and Health in Southeast Asia Dredge Byung'chu Kang PhD MPH

Anthropology, Global Health, Critical Gender Studies Eleanor Roosevelt College Regional Specialization

Alexandra Escobar (2018 Participant)

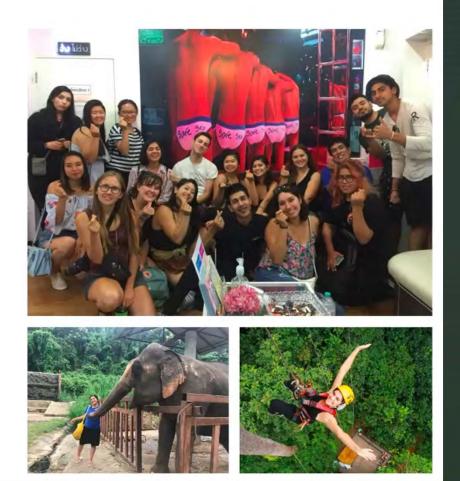
The Global Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand was an incredibly eye-opening experience for me for many reasons. Through the group tours to many non-profit foundations, we got to visualize first-hand how vast gender disparities in access to healthcare are... The seminar also included an up close look at several clinics and hospitals that were on the front-lines of antiretroviral administration of at risk populations. In addition to these tours, we were lucky enough to have several guest speakers including a Buddhist Monk and a transgender advocate for representation.

We had ample time on the weekends to complete our own travels and I was lucky enough to travel with friends to Chiang Mai, Vietnam and Cambodia. Thailand is incredibly affordable and Professor Kang made sure to show us where to spend our money on the most delicious food. The Bangkok Global Seminar was an amazing addition to my summer and Global Health/Anthropology course work!

Monica Banuelos (2018 Participant)

Global Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand

- Became more passionate about HIV prevention/care and transgender health care
- Learned more about grassroots public health programs
- Switched from General Biology to Global Health



"Very Satisfied"

Q3. Please indicat	e your level of satisf	action with this study abroad program:
Count	Percent	
10	90.91%	Very satisfied
1	9.09%	Moderately satisfied
0	0.00%	Moderately dissatisfied
0	0.00%	Very dissatisfied
11	Respondents	

"Life-Changing"

Count	Percent			
6	100.00%	-		
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	Count	Percent		
	1	16.67%		Absolutely amazing program
	1	16.67%		I thoroughly enjoyed the program
	1	16.67%		Staff genuinely cares about the students
	1	16.67%		Stay in more than one city
	1	16.67%	-	The course content was enlightening, and the added bonus of experiencing it in person wa life-changing!
	1	16.67%		Very fun, withfield trips and field work that connected with what we were learning. The course material & classes were benefited significantly by the location.

My Area of Expertise

lease pro	ovide any comi	ments you	may have	about the above statement:
Count	Percent			
5	100.00%	-	-	
-	Count	Percent		
	1	20.00%	•	Experience and hands on learning made me learn more than if it was traditional lecture & readings
	1	20.00%	-	Not a lot of assignments or quizzes, but I understand it is for us to enjoy the country
	1	20.00%	-	Over the course of the 5 weeks, I felt that I got a very thorough introduction to gender and sexuality in Thailand, as well as its HIV/AIDS epidemic. I liked that we weren't just readin or being lectured about the topic, but we actually got the chance to live amongst what we were learning about. It made the material a lot more memorable and helped make the connection between what we learn in theory and how that is applied in a career-context, particularly for Global Health and Anthro majors.
	1	20.00%	-	The book for the course was very academic and was a good way to start of the global seminar as background knowledge.
	1	20.00%		The work was beneficial to us and allowed for an ever further understanding on the topics we were focussed on

My Area of Expertise

Q7. Please indica	te your leve	l of agreem	ent with your statement: The faculty leader had adequate knowledge of the subject mat
Count		Percent	
10	1	00.00%	Strongly agree
0		0.00%	Moderately agree
0		0.00%	Moderately disagree
0		0.00%	Strongly disagree
10	Respond	ents	
	1 20.0	00% 💻	Gender and sexuality in Thailand and the country's HIV/AIDS epidemic are Professor Kang's research focuses, and it definitely shows in the amount of knowledge and enthusiasm he brought both to the classes and our overall experience in Thailand.
	1 20.0	0%	He had copious ammounts of knowledge regarding the course and culture.
	1 20.0	0%	Professor Kang is an expert on his topic and could explain anything beautifully which made
			this program that much more impactful and interesting
	1 20.0		

My Area of Expertise

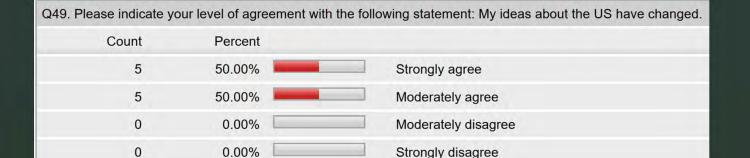
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	10	100.0	0%		Strongly agree
	0	0.0	0%		Moderately agree
	0	0.0	0%		Moderately disagree
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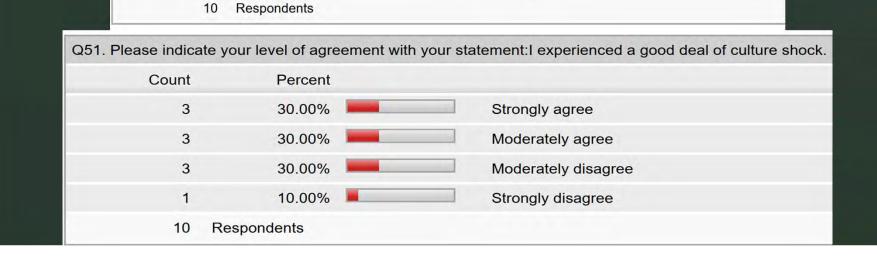
What you can expect to pay in for meals and other local essentials...

Q44. Approximately how much additional money do you think a cost conscious student should budget during the term for essential in-country spending on such items as local transportation, meals not covered in the program fees, toiletries, etc.?

Count	Percent		
2	20.00%	\$0 - \$300	
5	50.00%	\$301 - \$600	
0	0.00%	\$601 - \$900	
3	30.00%	\$901 - \$1,200	

You're ideas of the world might change...





You might decide to change career trajectories...

1. Please in	dicate your le	evel of agre	ent with the following statement: This program has made an impact on my career plans.	
Cou	unt	Percent		
	5	50.00%	Strongly agree	
	4	40.00%	Moderately agree	
	0	0.00%	Moderately disagree	
	1	10.00%	Strongly disagree	
	10 Respon	dents		
Count	Percent		nay have about the above statement:	
1	100.00%	-		
	Count	Percent		
	1	100.00%	Considering alternative careers because of the things we learned academically experiences I had in Thailand.	and the
1	Respondents	•		

Be open to think differently about gender, sexuality, and how it relates to health

Q67. What w	vould you tell fut	ure students about ge	ender issues in your host country?
Count	Percent		
9	100.00%	-	
	Count	Percent	
	1	11.11%	Be careful with the ladyboys.
	1	11.11%	Be open minded about the gender issues. Be empathic.
	1	11.11%	Be open minded because genders are way more fluid
	1	11.11%	gender in Thailand is nothing like you here about from foreigners. LGBT face many issues that you just don't see because it is assumed that if there are many LGBT people that it is widely accepted.
	1	11.11%	Kathoeys are normal
	1	11.11%	Thailand is probably one of the friendliest/accepting countries in the world when it comes to gender identity and sexuality.
	1	11.11%	There are many programs in Thailand about gender issues, like programs for trans people and for sex workers.
	1	11.11%	They are completely different than what we are used to but it seems more efficient and calm in terms of discrimination for example
	1	11.11%	To not assume that gender is binary

Count	Percent	
1	16.67%	Bring a bowl or Tupperware so you don't have to eat soup out of a bag from the street!
1	16.67%	Bring less clothes! There is a lot of cheap clothing and fresh for the summer heat here.
1	16.67%	Don't go if you're not comfortable with opening up your perspective on sexuality
1	16.67%	I'm not sure what specific or even broad advice could be given, maybe just to come with space in your luggage so you can fit anything you take back and also just pack lightly
1	16.67%	Just have fun and make sure to bring umbrellas and raincoats and a couple of your favorite snacks and microwavable meals since some nights you just don't want to go out to get food
1	16.67%	Try eating street food (look for tthose that have many customers and look clean). Try thing that are not in the U.S.

Tips from Students

Safe and Stable Country for Tourists

https://www.adventurouskate.com > solo-female-travel-t...

Solo Female Travel in Thailand - Is Thailand Safe?

Looking to plan a **solo trip** to **Thailand**? **Thailand** is an excellent destination for **traveling** alone as a **woman**! It's easy, very safe, and welcoming. Why Travel Solo to Thailand? • Thailand Safety Tips • How to Get Around Thailand...

Top 10 Solo Female Travel Destinations

Women and LGBT Tourists not Harassed



Most Queer Friendly Country in the World for Tourists....



Obviously there is still room for improvement, but the attitude towards homosexuality in Thailand is quite open. I have been to quite a few countries, and in no other have I seen homosexuals live their sexual orientation so

openly.

Dream To Travel: Why Is Thailand So LGBTQ-Friendly

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In Thailand, we believe that diversity is amazing...

Sources: https://www.inthailand.travel/gays-in-thailand/ https://inmagazine.ca/2020/05/dream-to-travel-why-is-thailand-so-lgbtq-friendly/

Most Queer Rights in the World?

OPEN SOCIETY

Thailand takes lead in LGBT rights

Analysis | 16.10.2020 | 3.5 Minutes @ Southeast and East Asia





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LGBT life is omnipresent in Thailand. Gay and lesbian characters play various roles in TV shows. Prominent bloggers and YouTubers of the LGBT community have tens of thousands of viewers. Last year, Thailand also had its first transgender candidate for prime minister, Pauline Ngarmpring.

If you're thinking this is just another tourism board attempting to slip their sticky fingers into our pink pockets without taking real action to support LGBT rights, think again. Here's five fast facts on why Thailand is a true leader in LGBT rights.

5. Legal rights

Homosexual activity has been legal in Thailand since 1956

To put this in perspective, homosexuality only became legal in the USA in 2003 after the Supreme Court ruled in favour of us during Lawrence v. Texas.

4. Government protections

Sexual orientation and gender identity are specifically protected in the Thai constitution

While there are no stand alone laws protecting the LGBT community, both "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" are specifically mentioned and protected from discrimination in the Thai Constitution.

3. Bangkok's gay village

Thailand has the largest and loudest gay villages in Asia

Gay travellers in Bangkok must visit Silom to experience the country's (if not the continent's) livellest gay village. Outside of the capital, raucous gay districts are found in Phuket, Pattaya and Chiang Mai. Even smaller cities are peppered with cabarets and gay hangauts!

2. Military service

Thai LGBT people can serve openly in the military

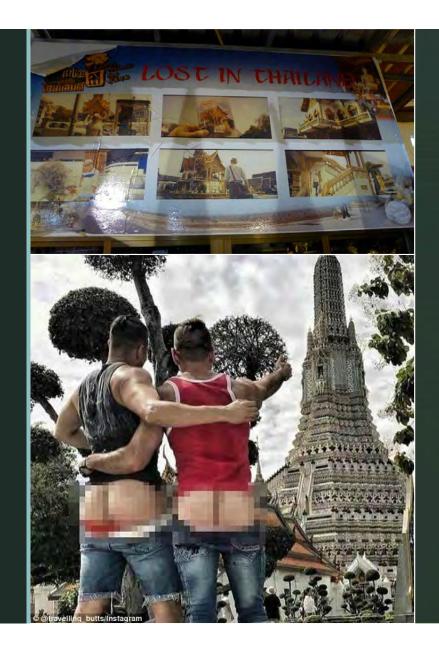
Again, unlike America where Trans people were recently banned from serving, Thailand welcomes anyone into its military ranks.

1. Kathoey

Transgender people are widely accepted

While there are many roads to pave when it comes to transgender rights in Thailand, the community as a whole is widely accepted and in some ways celebrated. The popular opinion of trans people is extremely favourable and trans individuals are well represented in pop culture and Thai television. And although it was overturned lost year in an unfortunate defeat, transgender people were legally allowed to change their gender from 1932 – 2018!

Sources: https://www.freiheit.org/southeast-and-east-asia/thailand-takes-lead-lgbt-rights https://www.outadventures.com/gay-travel-blog/gay-thailand-travel/



Familiarity with My Research Field Site

Start with Lectures on Culture and Language

Buddhist Country:

Respect Local Laws and Customs

5 Precepts (similar to 10 Commandments)

No Killing

No Stealing

No Lying

No Intoxicants

No Sexual Impropriety

E.g. No Nudity or Alcohol at Sacred Sites

Thailand

Southeast Asia

One of the most fascinating parts of the world

Approximately the same size and population as France



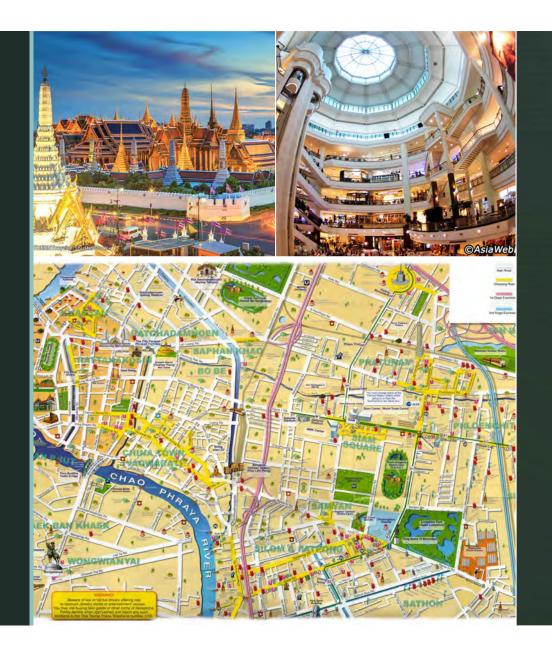


Bangkok

Capital of Thailand

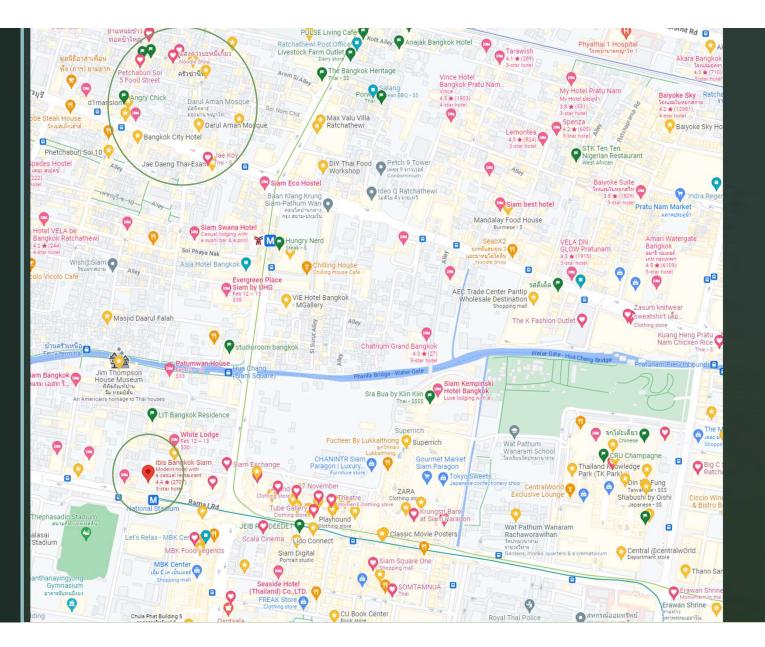
Among the largest and most vibrant cities in the world.

The most internationally visited city in the world since 2012.



Bangkok

Temples ...to the Buddha ...to Capitalism (shopping is excellent)



Very Central Location some of my favorite food...

Cabbages & Condoms

Restaurant in Bangkok world most weirdest restaurants

Live Love Thailand

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Participant Observation Assignments

Local Shrines:

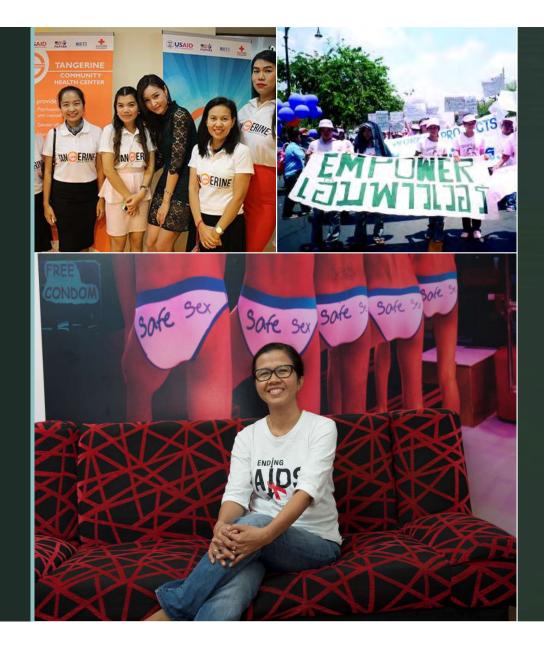
Fortune

Luck

Love

And other things...





Excursions: NGOs and Clinics BKK

SWING Foundation Sex Workers Tangerine Clinic Trans Women





Excursions: Pulse Clinic Private Clinic for Generic PrEP



Culture, Art & Entertainment Events

Local Restaurants

Cat Cafe



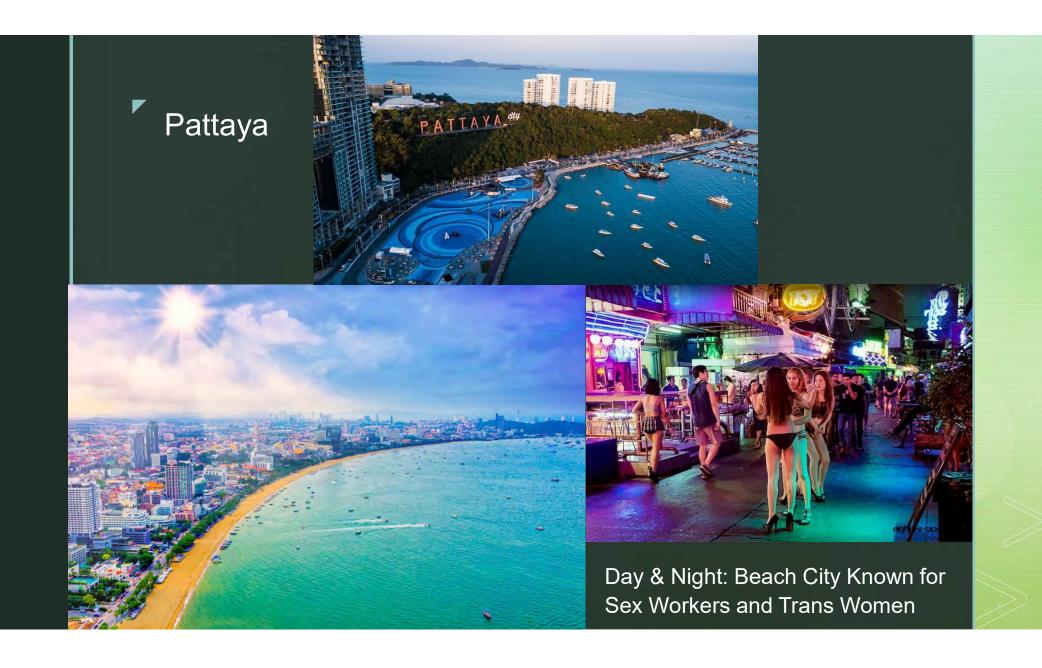




Day trips to famous historical, cultural, and natural sites.

Ayutthaya









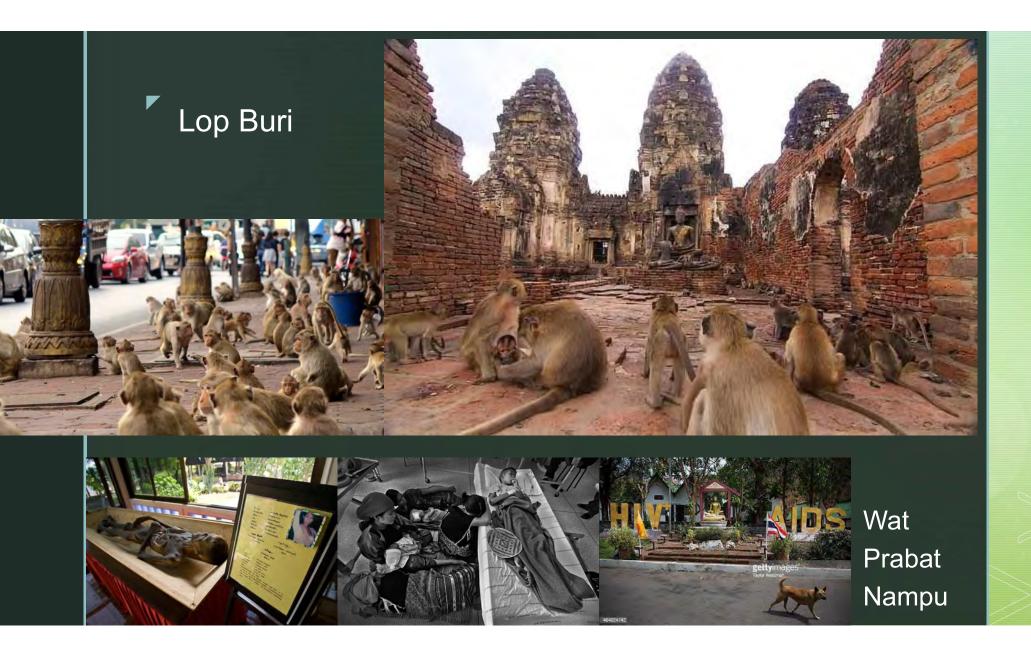


Excursions: Lop Buri Monkey Temple and Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu AIDS Temple

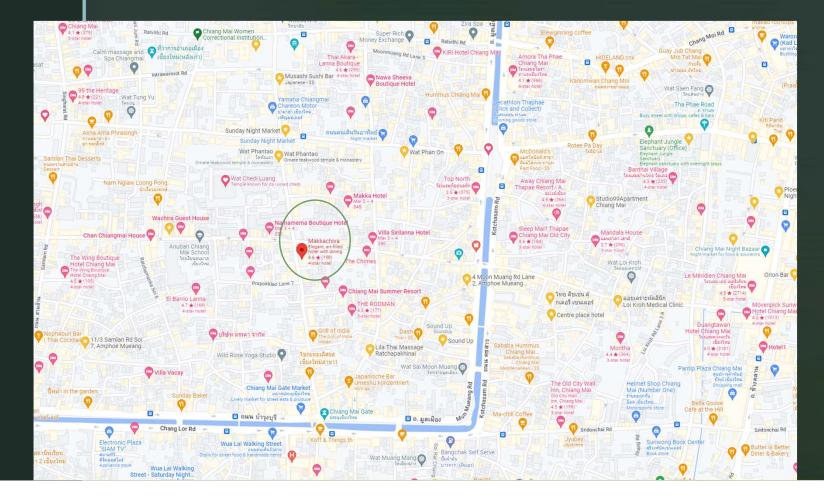




With an estimated 580,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Thailand today, this Kingdom has the only recent success story in Asia in preventing the spread of this virus. At Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu Temple 120 kms North of Bangkok, a Buddhist monk Alongkot Dikkapanya turned a normal temple into a hospice to care for fully-blown AIDS patients. He added a museum, one



Excursions: Chiang Mai very centrally located within the old walled city explore Northern Thailand









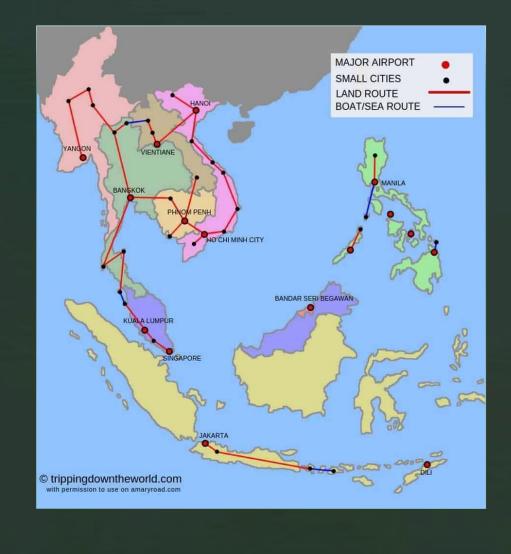
Doi Suthep

Chiang Mai

rice paddy terraces







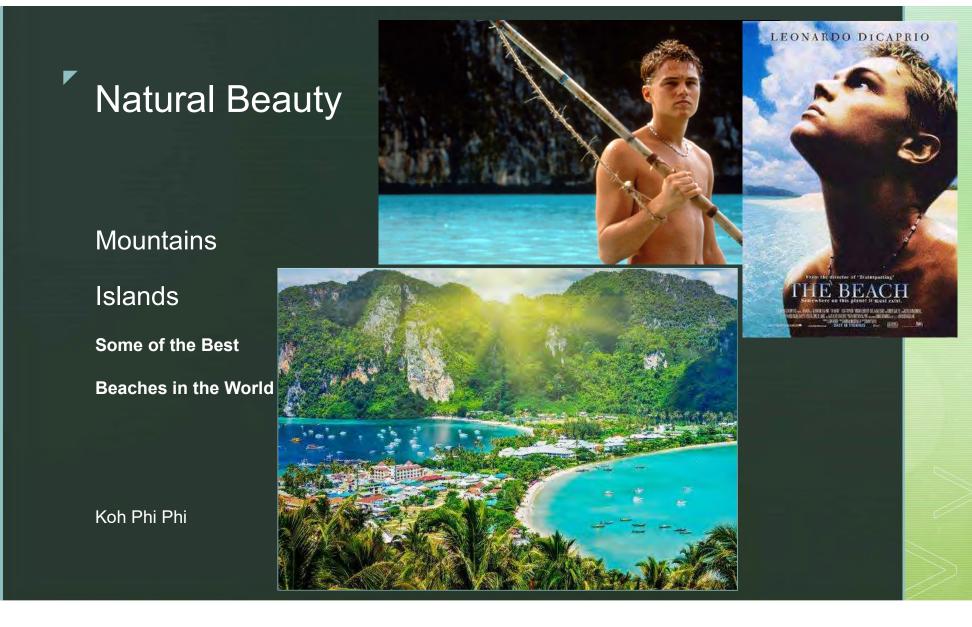
Course Schedule Structured for Travel Time

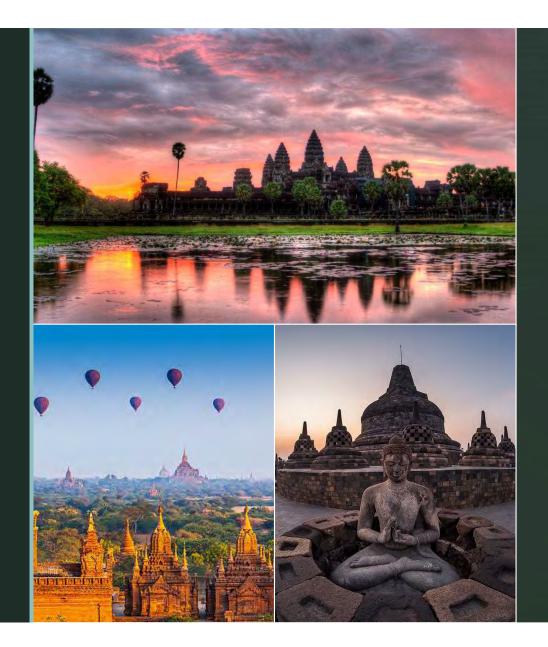
Opportunity to Take Trips

BKK is the Hub for travel in Southeast Asia

Challenge Yourself to Try New Things







SE Asia Hub

Ancient Kingdoms and Buddhist Sites

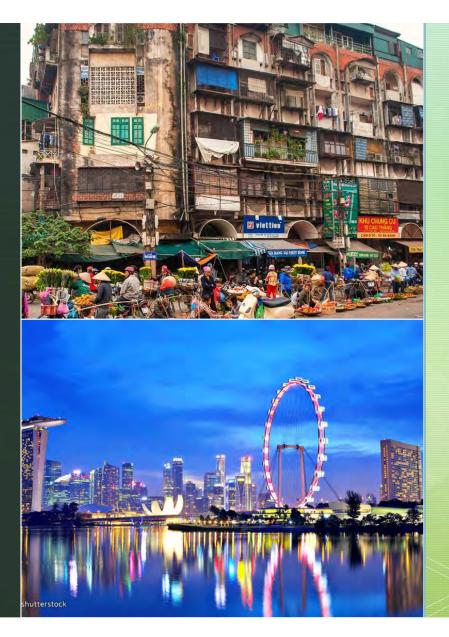
Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Bagan, Myanmar

Borobudur, Indonesia

SE Asia Hub Modern Metropolises

Hanoi, Vietnam



Singapore



SE Asia Hub

Continuing Local Traditions

Penang, Malaysia

Bali, Indonesia

Did I mention the food?

Do you like Thai food?

One of the best places in the world for food!

4 regional cuisines (my favorite is Isan – Northeast)

Michelin rated food carts

Basic dish approx. \$2 on street or in a food court I have a lot of recommendations...

Try Thai food you cannot get in the US!



"Medium" Size for \$10 the green is Thai bird chilis

"Extra Large"





































Shan

Ethnic minority in Northern Thailand

Try it but make sure to ask...



 Not all parts are edible or desirable...especially not the poisonous tip on scorpion tails





Eating Je Two types of vegetarian:

Most Thai food has fish sauce

Western: mangsawirat มังสวิรัติ

Chinese: je เจ

more restrictive (aromatics)

but good for karma ;]

Just about every food court will have a Je stall

Plate of red rice with 3 vegetarian dishes = \$2 Vegetarian food is typically a little more expensive than typical Thai food, which here would have been \$1.50



Questions?