



Minnesota Studies in International Development

# THAILAND

Fall Semester  
Spring Semester



ASIA & OCEANIA

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### TERM

Fall Semester  
Spring Semester



### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English



### HOST INSTITUTION

International Sustainable Development Studies Institute (ISDSI)



### HOUSING

Homestay



### ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA  
Juniors and seniors



### WEBSITE

[UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/asia-oceania/msid-thailand](http://UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/asia-oceania/msid-thailand)



### About MSID Thailand

Study international development in Thailand, the only southeast Asian country not colonized by European powers and a hub for manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism. Broaden your experience through an internship or research project and explore vital issues related to the environment, globalization, public health, and social justice.

### Housing & Meals

Live with a host family during both the classroom phase and the internship/research phase.

A homestay is an integral component of the learning experience and often a highlight for participants. Your family provides not only housing and most meals, but is also an important connection to Thai culture.

### Excursions

Although excursions change from semester to semester, you can expect to visit a variety of sites that may include local markets, development agencies, and other areas of interest around Chiang Mai.

### Learning Outcomes

- Foster an understanding of the global context through classroom and experiential learning
- Cultivate awareness and appreciation for development issues through engagement with diverse communities
- Translate insights gained into enriched perspectives on concepts of social justice and sustainable development
- Strengthen communication skills through acquisition of local languages and cultural awareness
- Gain cross-cultural competencies through extended engagement at a local grassroots organization



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## COURSEWORK

Delve into hands-on learning in Thailand. Spend seven weeks engaged in coursework in Chiang Mai, followed by six weeks working as an intern or conducting a research project. The semester wraps up with a one-week capstone seminar.

### Semester Curriculum

Undergraduate credits: 16

#### Courses:

- *International Development: Critical Perspectives on Theory and Practice*
- *MSID Country Analysis*
- *Beginning or Intermediate Thai*
- *Community Engagement in Thailand*

Select a track that focuses on an area of development and prepares you for your internship/research project. Available tracks include:

- *Arts and Cultural Studies*
- *Education and Literacy*
- *Entrepreneurship and Alternative Economies*
- *Public Health*
- *Social Services*
- *Sustainability and the Environment*

## INTERNSHIPS

An internship with a development agency provides an unparalleled opportunity to understand the local community and the host agency's approach to development. See firsthand how the theory learned during the classroom phase plays out in reality.

## RESEARCH

Students may select a research project at a development agency instead of an internship. Topics are designed in consultation with the agency and finalized after your arrival.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING

Most financial aid may be applied to study abroad. In addition, University of Minnesota students are eligible for \$1.5 million in University of Minnesota study abroad scholarships. For more information about other financial resources, visit the Learning Abroad Center website.

## STUDY ABROAD FITS YOUR DEGREE

Study abroad credits can count toward major, minor, liberal education, and second language requirements. Contact an adviser to find out how this program fits for you.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

"The MSID [Thailand] program is good for someone who wants to learn a lot, who wants to go on adventures, and who wants to learn experientially."

— Emma

## AN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION ABROAD

Learning from experience is the core of Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID). This program puts you in direct contact with local communities and their people in order to understand their social and economic realities. Explore the complex nature of international development and intercultural understanding through classes, field study, internships, and research. Students from a variety of disciplines—the social sciences, Asian studies, agriculture, forestry, environmental studies, business, education, public health, health sciences, and many others—will find MSID academically challenging and personally enriching.

