

Vietnam: Regional Area Study

Semester:

Spring 2010

Program Focus:

Country Study

Prerequisite Courses:

Minimum 2.0 GPA
required

Application Deadline:

February 06, 2009

Program Design:

Study will focus on a broad interdisciplinary introduction to the history, language, culture and politics of this Southeast Asian country. During the first and longest component, the program will be located in Ho Chi Minh City where students will be immersed in extensive language study and introductory course work. Seven to ten days will be spent in the central region, the ancient capital and historical center of Vietnam. A final segment of the program will be offered in Hanoi, the contemporary seat of the government. Weekend and day trips will supplement and enrich each course.

Requirements Fulfilled:

IS 240 and 241 fulfill the 8-credit International Studies general education requirement.

Credits:

4 courses per semester/16 credits

7/25/08

Curriculum:**FL 101: Beginning Vietnamese (4 credits):**

A streamlined and focused course designed to produce maximum functional fluency in a short time period. Course topics and vocabulary provide students with the language patterns needed to successfully immerse themselves in everyday situations while living and studying in Vietnam. Assists students in achieving a solid foundation in conversational and written Vietnamese.

IS 240 Modern Vietnamese History (4 credits):

Covers the periods of Vietnamese history from 1802 to the present. Course focuses primarily on the past two centuries of Vietnamese history: the establishment of the country's last dynasty, French colonial conquest and domination, the introduction of Marxism-Leninism, the struggle and recovery of independence in 1945, the war of resistance against France (the Indochina War) and the war of resistance against the United States (the Vietnam War).

IS 241 Vietnamese Society Today (4 credits):

Explores contemporary Vietnamese society and culture from both inside and outside perspectives, with an emphasis on the changes since the end of the American War (1975) and the beginning of economic reforms (1986). Classes held in a participatory seminar style, with weekly readings and discussions plus guest speakers and field trips.

IS 242 Environmental Sustainability in Viet Nam: Problems and Solutions (4 credits):

The staggering growth in Vietnam has and continues to produce considerable negative impacts on Viet Nam's environmental systems, some of which suffered even before reforms reinvigorated the economy. This course will survey some of the major environmental problems Viet Nam is currently facing in both urban and rural contexts. Through lectures and fieldtrips, students will talk with experts on particular issues and experience everyday problems directly. Current strategies and possible solutions to various concerns will also be explored. Topics will include: urbanization / population resettlement, sustainable farming, biodiversity, waste management, air and water pollution, wildlife

conservation, and legacies of the war.

Program Comments:

Vietnam has entered the 21st century as one of the most politically and economically dynamic countries of Asia.

Through immersion in contemporary Vietnamese society, students will have the opportunity to do in-

depth research into the many factors that are influencing the transition from a closed post-war society to one that is currently striving to integrate more fully into the international community. This program of study will provide unparalleled opportunities to learn in a nation that is experiencing significant economic liberalization and rapid development blended with its traditional roots and a strong cultural heritage.

Additional Information:

Passport Details:

During the early portion of the semester prior to departure, you will be required to submit your passport to the Overseas Office. Your passport will be returned to you just prior to your departure. During this time frame, the Overseas Office will secure your visa. If you

plan to use your passport to travel during this time frame, please make an appointment with the Overseas Office immediately to discuss the process for obtaining a visa.

Please make sure your passport is valid for 6 months BEYOND the end of your program (December 2010). If it expires before then, please renew it as soon as possible to avoid expediting fees.

Passport Services and

Information: Please visit http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html or University Station Post Office, 1505 SW 6th Street, Portland.

Passport photos (8 required):

We recommend Action Fast Photo, located at 9889 SW Barbur Boulevard next to Barbur Foods, (\$7.50 for 2/\$.43 for each additional). Please provide your LC ID in order to receive the discount.

Visa:

A visa may be required for this program. You will apply as a group during orientation.

Health:

Please make an appointment with the student health services center to get an updated

list of immunizations that are recommended or mandatory for this program.

Insurance:

Students are underwritten and insured by Aetna/Chickering Insurance Company, an affiliate of USI Insurance Services Corporation. Program insurance is mandatory and included in the total fee.

International Student Identity Card:

The card is required for the program. You will be notified of how to obtain it when we are making your travel arrangements.

Fees To Plan For:

Fees for the following items are not included in the comprehensive program fee:

- Passport fees
- Required photographs
- Visa fees
- International Student Identity Card
- Immunizations and health exams
- Books/Supplies
- Transportation to city of departure

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