

Cambodian Culture and Civilization

May 23 - June 10, 2022



Immerse yourself in Cambodian culture, history, society, and language during this 3-week program. You'll be introduced to Southeast Asia and the contemporary issues facing Southeast Asia as a region. The focus of this program will include social science and humanities themes – politics, sociology, history, language, economics, archeology, globalization, environment, culture, dance, and more. This program is designed to give you an understanding of the social, political, and economic issues confronting Southeast Asia and its people.

Program Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the rich culture and history of Cambodia
- Spend approximately 10 days in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia
- Learn about the Cambodian Genocide by visiting significant sites like the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum.
- Visit the ancient temple sites of Angkor Wat
- Participate in a two-day service learning project while in Siem Reap

The Faculty

Paul R. Edleman, professor of Political Science and Communication at Sauk Valley Community College and Kathleen Westman, professor emeritus of Sociology, Women Studies, Leadership Studies at Waubesa Community College, will serve as the on-site program directors.

Life Abroad

You will experience a rich array of Cambodian culture while abroad. Through this program, you will gain knowledge on the Cambodian genocide, US involvement in Cambodia during the Vietnam war, environmental issues facing contemporary Cambodia, contemporary politics of Cambodia, the history of Angkor Wat, poverty in Cambodia, and a basic introduction to the Khmer language. Instruction will be through lectures with the Center for Khmer Studies, assignments, and field excursions throughout the program. While abroad, you will stay in hotels and will have additional time for personal pursuits.



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About Cambodia

Today Cambodia is an independent country in Southeast Asia that has had a complicated and rich past. Its ancient history of Khmer kings makes way for influences from other Southeast Asian powers, France and Japan. Later it was ruled by the Khmer Rouge and subsequently the Vietnamese-backed People's Republic of Kampuchea. Ultimately it gained its full independence in the 1990s, and today is a growing economy with plentiful natural resources.

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Coursework

You will enroll in a 1-2 courses for a total of 3-6 credits for this summer program. Course listings for Summer 2022 are:

- **SEAS 225** Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World
- **INTL 201** Study Abroad Programs
- **SEAS 590** Advanced Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies
- **INTL 501** Study Abroad Programs



Program Costs

Seminar Costs: \$ 3435

A per-participant \$500 grant from the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies has been applied to the final program cost.

Seminar Costs include housing, most meals, excursions, three to six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit and NIU International Travel Insurance.

Additional Costs May include: academic program enhancement fee, passport and visa, airfare, additional meals, personal in-country transportation, textbooks, purchases of a personal nature and independent travel.

Financial Aid can be used for study abroad, including: Pell Grant, SEOG, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or you're privately awarded scholarship

Did you know...?

Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious monument and was featured prominently in the movie Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

There is no McDonald's in Cambodia.

Cambodians use US Dollars as a regular currency in addition to their own Riel

Cambodian New Year is celebrated in April, marking the end of the harvesting season

The official religion of Cambodia is Theravada Buddhism

Application Information

Deadline: March 1, 2022

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