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URBANA15

Study Abroad As Missions

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Why Study Abroad?

- Boldly engage a beautiful world
- Cross-cultural competency
- Faith enlarging
- Opportunity for mission



Challenges in Study Abroad

- Permanent spring break
- Spiritual isolation
- Community looks different
- Displaced and anonymous
- Questioning and doubt



Study Abroad Differently

InterVarsity Study Abroad Vision:

- Follow Jesus into new places
- Connect with Christian community everywhere
- Live spiritually courageous lives overseas

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<https://vimeo.com/66860475>

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Discuss the ways that these three students in the video found Christian community and lived spiritually courageous lives overseas.

Study Abroad Differently

- Weekend retreats
- Spring break trips
- Virtual small groups



A different kind of semester program:

Transforming
the next generation to own
and end poverty.

GO ED Semester
Study Abroad

WWW.GO-ED.ORG

Earn 15 Units of Coursework
Explore Cross-cultural Vocation
Live in Intentional Community

Engage with Poverty & Injustice
Serve in a 4-week Learning Practicum
Grow in Christian Spiritual Formation



IVCF/GO ED Full-credit Semester:

- Earn 15 units of coursework
- Explore cross-cultural vocation
- Live in intentional community
- Engage with poverty and injustice
- Serve in a four-week learning practicum
- Grow in Christian spiritual formation

A semester unlike any other

Transformation: What We Believe

- Christ, the primary agent of transformation, calls us to signpost and participate in his Kingdom.
- Greater **depth** of transformation in us is proportional to greater **breadth** of transformation in the world.
- Transformation is the means and the ends of GO ED. semester study abroad programs.



A semester unlike any other

Transformation: 5 factors

1. Cross-cultural learning environment:

- Beauty that opens us up to God
- Necessary for learning your own culture
- Distance proportional to worldview shift



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2. Relevant Academic Courses:

- Social Context of Community Development
- Local History and Religion
- Local Cultural Arts
- Theme Course
 - Exclusion and Exploitation: Marginal People of the Mekong
 - Issues in Peacebuilding: Genocide and Reconciliation



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3. Life in Community:

- Restoring community in the global body of Christ
- Practice being in community
- Transformation through community
- Engaging in community post-program



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Transformation: 5 factors

4. Guided Spiritual Formation: Owning Poverty

- Explore intersection of spiritual & material poverty
- Realign life to how God defines rich and poor
- Internalize the posture of poverty
- Respond to poverty in love, not in fear and guilt



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Transformation: 5 factors

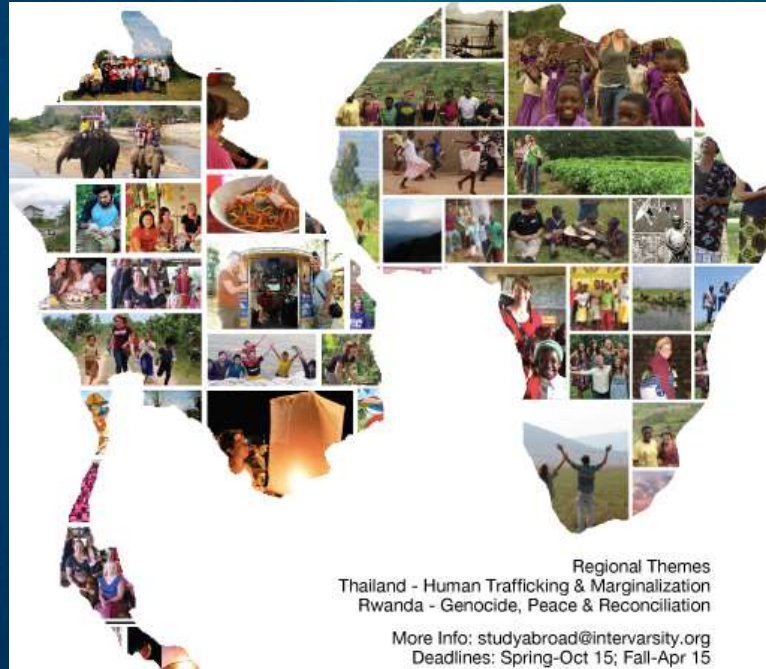
5. Supervised Field Practicum:

- Adjustment to cross-cultural work context
- Exposure to challenges of community transformation
- Contribute appropriately to real world needs
- Practice investing in relationships
- See God at work in his world



A semester unlike any other

Transformation:
**Where will
you go?**



Regional Themes
Thailand - Human Trafficking & Marginalization
Rwanda - Genocide, Peace & Reconciliation

More Info: studyabroad@intervarsity.org
Deadlines: Spring-Oct 15; Fall-Apr 15

GO ED.Mekong **GO ED.**Africa

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Program costs - \$14,000 includes:

- Tuition (15 credits)
- Room and board
- International travel
- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Program excursions

Save \$50 by completing
the basic application
and essays by Jan. 8th.

Apply at:
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Make the Most of Study Abroad

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1. Dreaming phase:
 - How has God aligned your gifts and passions with needs in the world?
 - What would challenge you most to depend on God?

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2. Discernment phase:

- Are you thinking about study abroad as an academic choice or a missional choice?
- What would it look like to consider now a way of *studying abroad differently*

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3. Preparation phase:

- Who will be a sending team for you?
- What are the areas of struggle that you can identify now?
- What resources and opportunities can you commit to now?

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4. Arriving and Traveling:

- What choices can you make in the first four weeks to center the semester around Jesus?

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5. During your semester:
- What sacrifices will it take for you to truly connect with your community?
 - How might God invite you to be courageous overseas?

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6. Returning:

- How can you make time in the first four weeks of returning to...
 - Reflect and hear from God
 - Process with people who know you
 - Integrate what you learned onto campus

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7. Advocating:

- How can you partner with InterVarsity and other places to promote study abroad as a missional experience?

Questions?

Commissioning and Prayer