

This is the first year for this ‘Summer’ project so this is a work in progress. Additionally, this is a joint project between Emporia State University and Legacy Institute. <http://legacyleader.org/>

What will I be teaching?

You will teach students introductory English and/or basic technology subjects. We should have children classes and adult classes for both computer and English. All will probably know the English alphabet and simple reading.

Are those enrolled in this class certified ESL teachers, technology teachers, certified teachers or anyone who speaks English?

Anyone who speaks English is the short answer. I will be setting up the curriculum for the technology and ESL classes for this project. I don't pretend to be an ESL expert so I'm looking for help and advice. When I taught ESL in Thailand and Sri Lanka, I used the Silent Way. Dr. Sehlaoui has advised the use of C.A.L.L. (Computer Assisted Language Learning) software. We've purchased over a dozen of these programs that we will be using.

What does a teaching day look like?

Our plan is to have each teacher should have 2 classes in morning and 2 classes in afternoon, Monday through Friday with Saturday and Sunday off.

What will the weather/temperature be like and how should I dress for it?

Hot in day -- potentially cool at night. Dress in cotton and dress in layers. NO short shorts or sunning in bikinis at job site. Save this for R&R. Try to keep belly buttons covered because of cultural sensitivities. Always remember we are GUESTS and connected with palace. We must respect local sensitivities.

What are the dates?

Option 1: From June 26th to July 15th. This group will fly from Kansas City on June 26th.

Option 2: From July 8th to July 25th. This group will fly from Kansas City on July 8th.

Option 3: From June 26th to July 25th. This group will teach both sessions, leaving from KC on June 26th.

*Those who chose option 3 can take the bonus Cambodia and Bangkok tours.

What type of housing accommodations will we have?

A Thai style house with squat toilet, mosquito nets and klong jar baths.

How much does it cost?

\$2895 for the two or four week teaching options and tour of Northern Thailand and Laos with a boat ride on the Mekong river. Add \$950 if you take the Cambodia and Bangkok tours. First deposit of \$150 is due on February 7th.

How much does it cost for additional University Credits?

University credits are optional. The basic class is 3 credits.

<u>Kansas Resident</u>	<u>3 credits</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>3 credits</u>
Undergraduate (\$165 per credit)	\$495	Undergraduate (\$217 per credit)	\$651
Graduate (\$217 per credit)	\$651	Graduate (\$296 per credit)	\$888

Additional fees include:

- \$60 internet fee.
- \$40 fee is added to **graduate** students taking their first ESU distance course.
- \$10 fee is added for registration of **non-graduate** students taking their first ESU distance course.

How many students do you have to have enrolled for the class to make?

None. If there are no students that sign up for this class, students from Legacy Institute will teach.

Will we be staying in the hill tribe areas the entire time or will we travel back to Chiang Mai on the weekends? I am hoping on having internet access during that time.

At present we are planning on traveling to Chiang Mai on the weekends where you will have access to the internet. Additional travel is always an added option at student's expense.

What is the availability of medical attention if one were to sprain an ankle or get sick and need a doctor's care?

Usually, the village has a clinic or small hospital. Serious medical attention would take at least an hour or two to get to a good hospital. ESU Study Abroad students are required to have health insurance that is valid for the country to which they are traveling.

What immunizations are required for travel there?

Your own health insurance may cover vaccines. Also, local health departments may be able to administer these vaccines. The student health center here at ESU, as **recommended** by the CDC, **advises** getting the following:

- Hep A (2 shots 6 months apart), Hep B (3 shots over 6 months), Typhoid
 - Hep A costs \$26 per shot; Hep B is \$28 per shot; Typhoid is around \$45 (at the student health center). If there is not time to complete the series, the majority of the immunity comes from the first dose of Hep A and the first 2 doses of Hep B.
- Routine updates of Tetanus (\$45), MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), and a one-time adult dose of Injectable Polio Vaccine (IPV).
 - MMR and IPV are not available at student health.
- Malaria prophylaxis is recommended, fortunately the inexpensive one will work in this area.
 - Doxycycline 100mg daily for 2 days prior to arrival, during the stay and for 4 weeks after return. Other options are available for those who cannot take tetracyclines.
- Japanese Encephalitis and Rabies may possibly be advised.
 - These are not available at student health services.

What are some of the safety precautions?

Don't travel alone, especially if you are a girl. Don't wonder off into the jungle. Don't have unprotected sex with locals (even in the big city). Don't get drunk unless you have a SOBER friend you can trust with you at all times. Have plenty of mosquito repellent and use it liberally. Everyone should sleep under mosquito net ALWAYS evenings and at night. Don't drink the water. Make sure it is bottled or at least boiled. (TRUST ME -- YOU WILL GET SICK IF YOU DRINK BAD WATER!) Everyone will probably get diarea for a few days as the internal bacteria needs to get adjusted. Nothing to worry about, this is natural. If diarrhea lasts more than a week -we need to take to hospital.

What culture training will be given about Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, etc. Etc.?

The online portion of the class that starts in early June is an orientation that will cover this material. More specifically we will cover the Thai greeting, position of the hands, famous faux pas (left hand), language differences (royalty, monks, lay), the pursuit of modernization that destroyed the pink village, average day in the life of a thai (hilltribe, urban, rural, male, female, child, etc.) We also want to showcase how Americans have been perceived in these areas by reading a book called "The Ugly American." this book is dated but is based around a fictional country in S.E.Asia and still has material that is applicable.

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