**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

**Master of Science in Global Health (MScGH) Program**

**Trip Application:**

**GSGH 832E - Thailand Global Health Experience**

**Winter 2020, 4 credits**

**OVERVIEW**

This course is a 14-day Global Health Experience trip in Northern Thailand. In addition to learning about Thai-veda (massage, herbs, and nutrition), we will be traveling around Chiang Mai and the Thai countryside to learn about world health issues such as:

* Traditional Thai cuisine and nutrition
* Organic and sustainable agriculture
* Migration and refugee issues
* Human trafficking
* Health and social influences of Buddhism
* And more!

Students will visit Chiang Mai night markets, temples, and various cultural and historical sites. Free time will be available to experience Thai-vedic as a form of self-care.

**Course Location:**

Northern Thailand: Chiang Mai and surrounding areas

**Course Dates:**

Tuition and grades are attached to the winter 2020 Academic Term, but travel occurs over the winter break. Additional course meetings may occur before (during the fall 2019 term) and after the travel dates (during the winter 2020 term).

**Travel Dates:**

**December 15-28, 2019**

Students must be present for the first day of class in Thailand on Sunday, December 15th. The course will continue through Saturday, December 28th. **Travel must occur before and after these dates (that is, you must arrive by December 15th and may leave on or after December 29th)**.

**Course Faculty:**

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**To participate in this Global Health Experience course, students must:**

* Complete this application, have an interview with the course faculty, and be accepted to participate;
* Be in good academic standing;
* Have current personal health insurance coverage and provide documentation of this coverage
* Have completed NUNM required vaccinations within the past three years, excepting those that need to be updated annually;
* Complete any required vaccinations for travel to Thailand (see <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> for more information).
* Complete an online Travel Contract prior to departure;
* Have a valid, current passport;
* Have a valid, current travel visa (if required);
* Participate in mandatory pre-trip orientation meetings;
* Pre-register and then enroll in *GSGH* *832E: Thailand Global Health Experience* course for 4 credits during the winter 2020 term;
* Pay the trip deposit, trip fee balance and tuition; and
* Plan and pay for transportation to/from the course location in Thailand.

**Course Expenses:**

* A $3,200 fee to cover the costs of in-country transportation, lodging, activities, most meals and airfare up to $1,800.
* Course tuition (four credits)

*Note:* Students who wish to participate in this travel-related course, but do not want to receive academic credit, may pay an administrative fee equal to 20% of the full tuition cost of the course. *This option can be used only if space is available after all “for-credit” students have registered*. *NUNM enrolled students who register for the travel-related course for credit may not switch to the no credit option after the deadline established for submission of the course deposit and other fees has passed.*

* Additional personal expenses: estimated to be around $100 or at the student’s discretion.

**Flight Arrangements:**

$1,800 of the $3,200 trip fee will be refunded/advanced to the student in order to cover the cost of airfare. Students are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. Faculty members are available to provide recommendations based on their prior experience. Travel should be arranged so that it does not interfere with other NUNM coursework.

**Travel-Based Course Fee Policy:**

Students must apply, interview, and be accepted to travel-based (trip) courses. Once accepted, they will sign and submit an agreement to be registered for the travel, and are required to reserve their spot with a **50% deposit at the time of registration**. **The deposit for the Thailand course is $700 (50% of the non-airfare portion of the trip fee).** The deposit will be charged to the student’s NUNM account. The deposit is used to make travel arrangements, including accommodations and other travel-related expenses. The travel deposit may be assessed several months prior to the trip itself.

After the travel deposit has been assessed, a student who wishes to drop the course must submit an add/drop form and is subject to the following refund rates:

* Deposits for travel-based courses will be refunded at 100% up to eight (8) weeks prior to the first day of class on-site in Thailand (December 15, 2019), which is Sunday, October 20, 2019.
* **If the course is dropped within eight (8) weeks of the first day of class on-site (after October 20, 2019), the deposit is non-refundable.**

Please provide your printed name, signature and the date below to indicate that you will adhere to the Travel-Based Course Fee Policy described above:

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**APPLICATION:**

**Please Provide the Following Information:**

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| **General Information** | |
| **Name:** | |
| **Date of Birth:** | **Year in School:** |
| **Program(s):** (Choose all that apply)  \_\_\_\_ Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND)  \_\_\_\_ Doctor of Science in Oriental Medicine (DSOM)  \_\_\_\_ MS in Oriental Medicine (MSOM)  \_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Studies  Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ MS Global Health  \_\_\_\_ MS Integrative Medicine Research  \_\_\_\_ MS Integrative Mental Health  \_\_\_\_ MS Nutrition |
| **Track** (2 yr, 4 yr, 5 yr, other): | |
| **Best contact e-mail:**  **Cell phone:** | |

**Essay:**

Please complete the following essay using 40-100 words (1-3 paragraphs). Provide your response at the end of this application.

* Describe why you want to go to Thailand as part of a Global Health Experience course. Include a discussion of the expectations, both positive and negative, you may have for this travel-related course.

**Application Submission:**

Please submit this completed application and your essay response in this same Word document to [mminard@nunm.edu](mailto:mminard@nunm.edu) and [lscher@nunm.edu](mailto:lscher@nunm.edu) bythe posted application deadline. Please put “Thailand Application” in the subject line of your email.

**Questions?**

Please contact [mminard@nunm.edu](mailto:mminard@nunm.edu) or [lscher@nunm.edu](mailto:lscher@nunm.edu) for more information.

**Provide ESSAY response(s) below:**