

College of Charleston Summer 2012 Cambodia and Thailand

Program Dates:

May 31- June 28,
2012

Program Fee:

\$4,350*

(*subject to change and does not include tuition)



Program Courses:

(students enroll in both courses)

POLS 339/PSYC 410: Poor Peoples' Movements (The Psychology and Politics of Poverty)

POLS 379/PSYC 410: Emerging from Violence (Surviving Genocide & Oppression)

Program Information:

This program will provide students with an opportunity to explore and experience first-hand two countries - Cambodia and Thailand - one of which has experienced genocide, the other of which has more successfully negotiated the post-colonial world, but both struggle to meet the needs of their people. The program will explore how histories of violence (the evidence of which is still ever-present) become incorporated into people's individual and collective cultural narratives and how the underlying political, social, and psychological forces have shaped (and continue to shape) these cultures as they grapple with the barriers to healthy functioning and well-being associated with poor living conditions. The program will also explore various levels at which these cultures make better lives for themselves and their children through individual and community efforts, governmental programs, and foreign influence in particular to the UN and NGOs.

The program is action-packed with visits in Cambodia to the beautiful capital, Phnom Penh, the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, the Choeun Ek Killing Fields Memorial, the temples of Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, and the rural areas around Battambang. In Thailand, the program will visit Chiang Mai, with a possible side visit to the Burmese border to see refugee life first-hand.

Program Directors:

Dr. Helen Delfeld, Department of Political Science, delfeldh@cofc.edu, 843-953-5915

Dr. Delfeld specializes in human rights and international relations, with a focus on Southeast Asia. She has ample experience organizing and directing summer programs abroad including programs to Cambodia and Vietnam in 2010 and 2011 while at the College of Charleston.

Dr. Jen Cole Wright, Department of Psychology, wrightjj1@cofc.edu, 843-953-8196

Dr. Wright specializes in the study of moral psychology across the lifespan, with a focus on the relationship between moral judgments and intolerance. She has taught courses on happiness and the psychology of violence.

To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, <http://international.cofc.edu>, or picked up in the CIE office. All applications must be submitted to **Julie Swigert, Study Abroad Coordinator, Center for International Education, swigertj@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.**

The Program Fee of **\$4,350*** includes a non-refundable \$50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, local transportation, some meals, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. **TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.**

Application deadline is **March 2, 2012**. Deposit of \$550 will be posted to the student's MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to \$1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.