

West Virginia University
Vietnam & Cambodia Summer Course
Travel Update
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If you are thinking about international travel this summer now is the time to begin planning, hence the reason for this travel update.

Travel plans are being approved by the Office of International Programs at WVU. Students from West Virginia University and students from other universities who want to enroll in this travel course at WVU will spend three weeks at An Giang University in Southern Vietnam and a week touring in Cambodia as well. It is anticipated that the course will be one month in length.

You will spend three weeks in Vietnam focusing on issues of community health as related to psychosocial issues. Classes will be populated both with U.S. and Vietnamese students giving you the opportunity to exchange ideas and interact with your peers from another country. A good portion of your time will be spent outside of the classroom using the country as your classroom visiting social service agencies and engaging you in the culture of Vietnam. Trips are being planned to the southern provinces, Saigon/Ho Chi Minh City, Long Xuyen and Ha Tien in extreme southern Vietnam.

Not only will you learn about social issues in Vietnam but you will also learn informally about Vietnamese culture, history, and politics. Weekends and some weekdays will be spent exploring markets, going to festivals, and visiting museums and places of historical interest.

Your last week will be spent in Cambodia and culminate with a visit to Angkor Wat. This temple complex has been described as one of the Seven Wonders of the World and will be an unforgettable experience.

Faculty for this course will include Jim Keim, MSW of the Southeast Asia Children's Project, Susan Newfield, Ph.D., R.N. of the School of Nursing, Neal Newfield, Ph.D.,

ACSW, Chatman Neely, MSW, LICSW of the Division of Social Work, James Keresztury, MSW, MPA, and Faculty and Staff from An Giang University. The ratio of students to instructors will be low and no more than twelve U.S. students will be enrolled in this course.

Undergraduates will be awarded six credits of elective in social work for this course. Graduates students can earn three credits. You do not have to be a social work major to apply for admission to this course. *Students who are not social work majors can petition to have these credits used for GEC credits. The course content would address Objective 4: Contemporary Society , Objective 9:, Non-Western Culture, as well as Objective 6:, Individual and Society.* Since this is an extended learning course tuition is \$50.00 a credit hour for both in State and Out of State students.

The estimated cost of this course excluding meals, tuition, and travel medicine costs is \$3,850.00. This price will pay for all of your airfare, in country travel, including taxis and lodging. Meals will be out of pocket and should cost less that \$6.00 a day. A month abroad for this price is remarkable.

Are you interested in this opportunity? Please e-mail me at nnewfiel@wvu.edu

If you are a graduate student who is interested and have particular academic interests let me know and these may be accommodated.

Neal Newfield, Ph.D.



An Giang University, Long Xuyen, Vietnam



Dr. Susan Newfield talking with Buddhist Monks at Angkor Wat

