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International Student Highlight: Chotima Foonthongcharoen – Thailand

I am an international student from Thailand, and I am studying in the M.Acc. program at Rider University. At Rider, I have an opportunity to meet new friends who are very nice. When I have any problems, professors and staff are very nice and very helpful. I received a very warm welcome here. However, I don't like the weather. Because I come from a country that is humid and hot all year, I am not familiar with the cold weather. Although I was excited the first time I saw snow, now I can't stand it.



Many people might know Thai food and have a chance to taste it. However, they might not know where the country is located. Thailand is located in Southeast Asia. The distance from Thailand to the United States is pretty far, and it takes about 21 hours to fly to Thailand. In Thailand, beaches are very beautiful and Thai food is very delicious. Many people think that all Thai food is spicy, which is not true. So, if you want to go somewhere, but you don't know where you want to go, I would like to recommend you go to Thailand. You will love it!

International Community Upcoming Events

May 3	Gee Hall BBQ Event
May 3	Centennial Walking Tour Noon, Outside Centennial
May 17	Graduation for Class of 2013

Learn Thai!

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"All people are the same around the world;
they are deserving of equal respect."

Country Highlight—Thailand



Students interested in studying abroad will find that there is plenty to do and see in Thailand. Thailand has it all, from mountains to beaches, temples to 24-hour open markets for shopping.

Dubbed "the land of smiles," Thailand is known for its locals' friendly hospitality. Bangkok's biggest attraction, the Royal Palace, is a tribute to the city's best traditions. Visitors can learn about the country's past while admiring this palace that shimmers in gold.

Students who study in Thailand also enjoy the tropical weather and beautiful beaches Thailand has to offer. Thailand also serves as a gateway to the rest of Southeast Asia.

Top 10 Reasons to Study Abroad in Thailand

1. Friendly locals make lifetime friends
2. Experience a culture that is rich in history and beauty
3. Historical temples and palaces
4. Delicious food, exotic fruit
5. Beautiful beaches
6. Summer weather year round
7. Elephant rides
8. Vibrant Bangkok city life
9. Reasonable cost of living
10. Gateway to Southeast Asia



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Student Highlight - Holly Fuller

It's hard to put my study abroad experience into words because Thailand exceeded all of my expectations and was the adventure of a lifetime. The minute I stepped off the plane, I was completely immersed in a culture so different from the one I'm used to. Although it was daunting at first to live with people I didn't know from all over the world, I quickly made many friends who were all there for similar reasons. In my Thai Language and Culture class, I learned about Thai history and culture, as well as how to speak enough Thai to ask for and give directions, order food, and bargain while shopping. It was all useful information I needed to enjoy my time there and make everything a bit easier.

While studying, I had tons of time to travel to different parts of the country and enjoy city and rural life. I fed elephants, hiked seven-layer waterfalls, explored Bangkok, snorkeled in crystal clear waters, got up close and personal with monkeys, tried fried crickets, walked through famous Buddhist temples, rode on motorbikes and Tuk-Tuks, and took a five-day class trip to a tropical island! I even took a day-trip to nearby Myanmar. Since everything is so much cheaper in Thailand, my money went a lot further there than it would have in Europe, so I enjoyed a variety of experiences.



Every day I saw something I had never seen before and learned something new about the people and places around me and about myself. Thailand is a beautiful country with incredible places to visit, smiling locals, and some of the best food I've ever tasted. I never had a bad experience and I only wish I could've stayed longer.

Mahidol University — Thailand

Founded in 1888, Mahidol University is one of the oldest educational institutions in Thailand. The university supports a student body of over 19,000, and with over 2,600 faculty, the teacher student ratio is the best of any university in Thailand.



Mahidol University International College (MUIC) was established to deliver English-taught degree programs that embody the finest standards possible to a diverse population of full-time students from Thailand and around the world. Programs in the social sciences, business, and tourism management stand alongside course offerings in health and natural sciences. In addition to these, the College offers general education courses in foreign languages and humanities.

The MUIC is located at Mahidol University's Salaya campus on 500 acres of managed land, including parklands and sports facilities. Salaya is a thriving campus town and residential suburb of Bangkok. The center of Bangkok is only 20km (or 12.4 miles) from campus.

Study Abroad Events

May 7	Ambassador Thank You Luncheon 11:30 to 1 p.m., BLC 14
May 8	Last Belize Orientation 3:30 to 5 p.m., BLC 257
May 10	Pre-departure Orientation #3 3 to 5 p.m., SWG 115



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