The study of infectious and tropical diseases, public health, and the intersection of western and Thai traditional medicine

With an increasingly diverse population in the United States, it is critical for health care professionals to be knowledgeable about and trained in how to effectively treat patients from a variety of backgrounds.

Health profession schools emphasize the need for students to have demonstrated awareness of how patients from diverse cultures and belief systems perceive symptoms, diseases, and treatments.

During this program, you will not only look at the intersection between western medicine and traditional medicine, but will also be exposed to both urban and rural medical practices in Thailand. Through shadowing, you will learn directly from traditional Thai healers and Buddhist monks who will explain and demonstrate practices for treating a variety of illnesses.

The program begins on the Marist campus with lectures covering past and current topics in microbiology, immunology, parasitology, medical technology, analytical chemistry, and demography. Lectures will continue once in Thailand where you will learn about Thai traditional medicine, current health issues, tropical diseases, and Thai culture, and visit medical facilities and organizations.

Program Highlights:

- Develop cultural competency and learn about traditional and alternative medicine in Thailand

- Travel through urban and rural Thailand while visiting medical facilities and cultural and historic places of interest such as Siriraj Hospital, the Forest Monk Monastery and Hospital, the Ministry of Public Health, Wat Pho Buddhist Temple, Baan Hom Samunphrai Herbal Health Center and School, Friends of the Asian Elephant Elephant Hospital, and more

- Explore Thai culinary offerings that you will encounter – everywhere!

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.marist.edu/international/shortprog.html

Location: Thailand

Tropical Health: A Medical Experience in Thailand

June 2 – June 18, 2016 | $4,700
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Academics
This course includes pre-departure and in-country academic work. Students can expect to:

- Complete reading assignments and attend weekly lectures
- Take two exams and three quizzes
- Work in teams of two to develop a presentation
- Write a term paper for submission at the end of the overseas portion of the course

Students will also be evaluated on their level of participation on campus and abroad. Students are required to participate in all orientation and academic activities, both at Marist and while overseas.

Course Requirements
Students must enroll in the following course:

- **BIOL392L-150 Special Topic: Medical Experience in Thailand**

Please Note: This course can fulfill the following:

- 3 credit 300-400 level BIOL course for Biomedical Sciences majors
- 3 credit 300-400 level BIOL course for Biology majors
- Related fields elective for BA Biochemistry majors
- Required course for other science majors with departmental approval

An optional internship is also available. Please speak with Prof. Amy Cahill for more information.

Please Note: Faculty-led programs may fulfill elective, core, major, and minor requirements based on your major. Consult your Academic Advisor.

Program Enrollment Requirements
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Grade of C or better in both BIOL130 and BIOL131 or permission of instructor
- Open to students in good academic and judicial standing
- Interested students must meet with Program Director to discuss program details and receive permission to enroll
- Applicants must have a sincere desire to learn about other cultures, be able to tolerate ambiguity and adjust to different environments, be respectful of local norms and customs, and maintain an open mind

Housing
Students will stay in budget hotels or dormitories (double or triple occupancy).

Meals
Breakfast is provided, as are the welcome and farewell dinners; all other meals are the student’s responsibility.

Program Fee: $4,700

Program Inclusions
- 3-credit tuition
- Roundtrip air
- On-site airport transfer
- On-site program transportation
- Accommodation (double/triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast) unless otherwise noted on the final program itinerary
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Entrance fees for program excursions
- Health insurance
- Travel insurance (limitations apply)

Program Exclusions
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Passport
- Visa (if required)
- Arrival/Departure Tax (if required)
- US airport transfer
- Gratuities
- Recommended/required vaccinations

Financials
The program fee will be included in the Spring Semester invoice and payment is due by early January. If the course is added during the spring add/drop period, the course/program fees must be paid in full at time of enrollment.

A Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your spring semester course load (12-16 credits). Additional charges apply over 16 credits.

TuitionPay offers a spring-only monthly payment plan option. Payments may be spread over four months, and can be set up in November with the first payment due in December.

Call 1.800.635.0120 or visit [www.tuitionpay.com](http://www.tuitionpay.com) for information.

Alternative loans information: [www.marist.edu/financialaid](http://www.marist.edu/financialaid)

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Program Notes
- Program fees may change due to currency exchange fluctuations, and/or other unanticipated cost changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of program participants.
- The MIP Short Term Program Coordinator will provide prospective participants with the program Refund Policy. Do not submit your application until you have reviewed the Refund Policy. Application submission indicates acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- All fees will be refunded if the program is cancelled.
- Graduating Seniors: Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. The actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
- MIP reserves the right to modify or cancel the program, including changes to the itinerary, scheduled visits, program dates, program costs, etc.

Application Deadline: November 13, 2015