CGIS: Conservation and Development Studies in Siem Reap, Cambodia

Handbook Supplement

Summer 2019

University of Michigan
Center for Global and Intercultural Study
Congratulations on your acceptance into the University of Michigan Community Public Health in Khon Kaen, Cambodia for Spring 2019. This program is specifically designed to give students the opportunity to learn about and the conservation of the Southeast Asian elephant population while gaining practical research experience and hands-on fieldwork opportunities and learning.

This manual is intended to provide students with an introduction; with information about what you can expect from the program (and about what the program expects from you) as well as pre-departure suggestions and requirements. Please read through it carefully and take it with you while abroad.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Students often wish to travel before or after the program, so there is no group flight and CGIS does not make travel arrangements. You are expected to arrive on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Siem Reap International Airport (REP) and depart on July 3, 2019. No permission to leave earlier is granted.

ACADEMIC PLANNING

REGISTRATION

As a U-M student participating in a CGIS program, you will be enrolled at U-M at the same time that you are taking your course in Cambodia. Once your registration appointment for Spring term opens, register for: 358 - Cambodia: Siem Reap (Consrv & Dev Studies) for 3 credits.

These course credits are eligible to fulfill distribution or concentration requirements. However, it is still very important to talk to your advisors before you leave to see how the courses you take will fit into your program of study; speaking to an advisor insures that you know any special requirements you must meet for your concentration, what courses fulfill distribution requirements, etc. and keeps them in the loop on your academic plans.

Talk with your general and concentration academic advisors about how the courses you take fit into your overall academic program. General advisors can approve classes as exceptions to fulfill certain degree requirements (such as distribution). You will need to complete the Advisor Approval Form, which is available in your MCompass student account.

PASS/FAIL

Students may take courses Pass/Fail during the program. Please refer to the information on Pass/Fail in the Students section of the CGIS website for details. Remember that you should not request certain courses to count as Pass/Fail, such as those that you have approved to count toward major/minor requirements; it is therefore recommended that you consult with an academic advisor before requesting a course to count as Pass/Fail. Note that the deadline to submit the proper form to the CGIS office is within 1 week of the start of your three-week course.

The Pass/Fail contract form will be uploaded to the document center of your M-Compass profile and should be submitted to your CGIS advisor via e-mail before the Pass/Fail deadline.
GRADES AND CREDITS

Students in the U-M Program in the Environment (PitE) may satisfy the field experience requirement through participation in the Cambodia SFS program and should contact the PitE program directly for more information. Classes are taught in English.

LSA Students: All grades earned abroad will factor into the cumulative GPA.

Non-LSA Students should check with their home school or college to determine whether the grades will be calculated into their cumulative GPA, and what type of credit they will receive for the program (in-residence credit or transfer credit).

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

It is important that your supply of money is secure and accessible from the beginning of your stay. We recommend that you have a variety of ways of receiving available money. Please see your SFS materials for more information.

FEES AND BILLING

Program Fee

The program fee is paid directly to SFS. Includes tuition, fees, meals, and room and board. The deadlines for tuition, room & board payments due to SFS are as follows: SFS Summer I: April 1st

*See https://fieldstudies.org/admissions/costs/ for further costs information and policies.
Program Commitment Deposit of $250 is due to SFS no later than 10 business days after acceptance.

VISA

When determining your exit/entry requirements, be sure to check each country in your travel itinerary, even if you will only be visiting for a short period. Requirements, visa types, and application fees can vary greatly based on your citizenship and individual travel plans. Please note that most consulates will require a passport to be submitted as part of the visa application. The amount of time required can also vary greatly. We recommend beginning your research early and being aware that independent travel plans may be affected by the process.

Non U.S. Citizens should refer to the website of the Thai Consulate in your home country to research whether a visa is required; if so, you will be responsible to research the requirements and apply.

U.S. Citizens are required to obtain a tourist visa in order to participate on the program.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Cambodia.html

The CGIS office does not arrange the visa application for you, nor is the CGIS office responsible in the event that you cannot obtain your visa; it will be your responsibility to research the requirements and apply.
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

All University of Michigan students will be covered by U-M’s health insurance policy with GeoBlue for your program dates. CGIS will automatically enroll you in the plan and the cost is included in your Program Fee. Details of your plan can be found here: https://geobluestudents.com/

If you plan to travel before or after the program, we strongly urge you to begin the coverage earlier or extend the coverage the plan provides; information about how to do so can be found on the CGIS website. (https://lsa.umich.edu/cgis/undergraduate-students/health-and-safety/hth-health-insurance.html)

PACKING

Please see your SFS materials for specific packing information. You can also find general packing advice on the CGIS website.

DRESS

When visiting a new place, remember that it is polite to dress according to place and custom. Be prepared that some sites may requires students to dress modestly. CIEE will inform students if there is anything else they need to pack.

PHONES

You are required to have a cell phone on the program, so that program staff may contact you in the event of an emergency. Please see your SFS Materials for more information.

SAFETY

Please see your SFS materials for specific information. General safety information will also be presented to you at your CGIS program orientation.

RESOURCES

Please see your SFS materials for suggested pre-departure reading.

A FINAL WORD

Enjoy your time abroad. You'll find you have more independence than at Michigan, and this can enable you to pursue interests and take advantage of opportunities that might not present themselves here. If there is anything our office can do to make your stay easier, please let us know.
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Emergencies:

Contact your local program/on-site staff immediately if you are the victim of crime or need emergency assistance. Please also contact the University of Michigan to let us know of the situation as soon as you are able. The University of Michigan Department of Public Safety has a 24 hour number which is (734) 763-1131. They will then contact the necessary on-campus offices, including CGIS, to respond to your situation. You may provide this same 24 hour number to your parents should they experience an emergency and need to get a hold of you while you are abroad and are unable to contact you directly. To contact GeoBlue in the event of an emergency, call +1-610-254-8771.