

# Thailand Study Program Jan. 2010

**Trip Leader:** Professor Pamela Corpron Parker, English and Women's & Gender Studies

**Course #:** HU 350/WGS350: Thailand Studies + HU 349 prep course in Fall 2009

**Credits:** 3 credits in Humanities or Women's & Gender Studies

**Fulfills:** Humanities and Global Perspectives general education requirements

**Prerequisites:** HU 349, 2-credit preparation course offered in Fall 2009

**Post-reqs:** HU 351, 1-credit debriefing course offered Spring 2010

**Course Description:** In this four-week study program, students experience classical and contemporary Thailand through immersing themselves in its vibrant history, culture, and literature. We will travel to Thailand's urban centers and rural villages as well as explore the natural wonders of its northern mountains, river valleys, and southern beaches. To understand Thailand's rapidly-changing society, students investigate the impact of globalization on its economic, political, and family structures. We will meet with Thai scholars, artists, activists, and students; and join interfaith dialogues with Thai Christians, Buddhists, and Muslims. Students travel and learn with an interdisciplinary Whitworth community, but they also engage directly with Thai and indigenous peoples through service learning and home stays in Northern Thailand. Some emphasis will be given to travel writing; co-curricular excursions may include elephant riding, trekking, snorkeling, & river rafting; visiting world heritage sites, temples, museums, night markets and arts & crafts centers; opportunities for courses in Thai cooking, massage, folk dancing, boxing.

## **Itinerary:** Depart Seattle for Bangkok, January 3, 2010

5 days in **Bangkok**—City of 6 million, center of Thai economics, politics, and culture

2 days in **Sukothai**--Ancient capital of Siam, a World Heritage Site

1 week in **Chiangmai**—Jewel of the North, vibrant arts & crafts centers

1 week in **Chiangrai and Pai**—In the "Golden Triangle" near borders of Laos & Burma

4 days in **Koh Lipe**—Island in the Andaman Sea near **Tarutao Marine Park**.

Depart Bangkok for Seattle or Spokane, Jan. 27, 2010

**Anticipated cost:** \$3300 (includes airfare, housing, transportation, and most meals)

- ❖ \$500 Non Refundable deposit within 2 working days of acceptance into program.
- ❖ \$1000 payment by June 1, 2009 for purchase of airline tickets
- ❖ \$800 payment by August 10, 2009 for in-country housing deposits
- ❖ \$1000 remaining payment by September 14, 2009.

*Off-Campus Programs Scholarship* deadline for application will be September 17, 2010

*Early Bird Special* Deadline will be November 5, 2010. (ALL paperwork must be turned in and all payments made on-time to receive this discount.)

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