

Work Integrated Learning Interdisciplinary Projects SOCU2249/50

Information session for projects in 2011

Information Session

1. Introduction to WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Project team staff.
2. Brief introduction to the background and focus of the projects
3. Video of WIL Vietnam Projects in 2009.
4. Projects, dates and general information for 2011.
5. Additional 12credit point course: Cross Cultural Communication.
6. Q&A ????????????????

WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Projects Staff.

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Background to WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Projects.

- Expand RMIT's focus on "learning by doing" to include:
 - Cross-cultural engagement for students from Melbourne & Vietnam
 - Enable students to participate in an international experience
 - Undertake projects that contribute positively to communities in Vietnam
 - Ensure projects are "real life"

Projects Background

June-July 2009

- Long Hoa Orphanage Water Bottling Plant
- Da Nang Hospital, Paediatric department.

• Jan-Feb 2010

- Water pouch project
- No.1 Children's Hospital projects – Playground redesign/ Brochure redesign
- Da Nang Hospital, Paediatric department, design for Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit & High Dependency Unit.





The DVD



SOCU2249/50 WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Projects:

In 2011 the Projects will run twice a year:

1. February 9th to February 23rd
2. June 25 to July 8

Selection through application and interview

Three Project locations on offer:

1. Ho Chi Minh City (3 projects)
2. Da Nang (3 projects)
3. Hanoi (1 project)



Project Partners

Ho Chi Minh City: LIN Foundation

is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that serves grassroots not-for-profit organizations and individual and corporate philanthropists located in and around Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. LIN serves as a vehicle through which donors can effectively contribute their knowledge, energy and resources to support these NPOs

DaNang: DaNang Hospital

Da Nang Paediatric Department is currently part of the Da Nang General Hospital. Mid 2009, the Health Department of Vietnam has decided to relocate the Paediatric ward into a new Women and Children's Hospital in Da Nang. An 11-storey building in Da Nang has been designated for this purpose

Hanoi:

Morning Star Center is a non-profit day care center which provides early diagnosis, caring and rehabilitation for disabled children in Hanoi. It was founded in December 1995 by the Vietnamese Relief Association for handicapped children. The center currently hosts more than 220 students with disabilities such as Autistim , Down syndrome & cerebral palsy in 17 classes.

Project Details

HCMC- LIN Foundation:

- Brochures for a Not for Profit (NPO) partners
- Program Development -Environmental and Health Awareness
- Not for Profit (NPO) Partners Organizational Analysis

DaNang Hospital:

- Brochure and Website design
- NICU use analysis
- Emergency room use analysis

Hanoi:

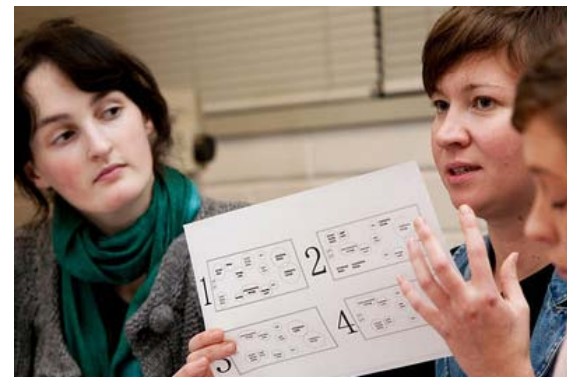
- Develop a marketing plan for Morning Star Charity Café
- Develop a staff training program
- Develop a management training program

Preparatory Sessions:

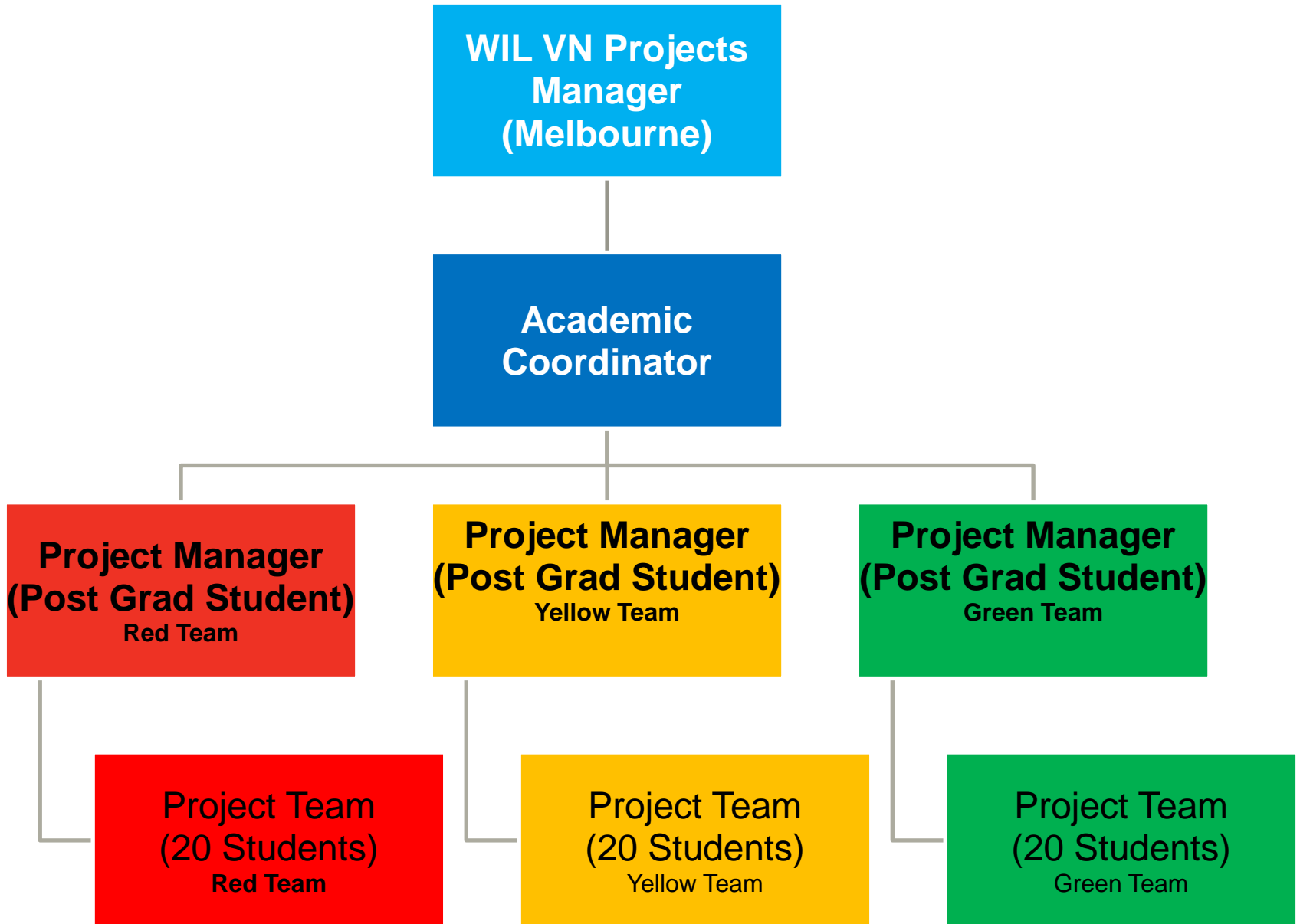
Prior to the two week intensive period, students will participate in a number of preparatory sessions; the sessions are divided into modules under three broad themes:

1. The Self and others
2. Teams and Team Building
3. Projects and Project Management

These sessions will take place in the normal class schedule, however will not last the entire 12 weeks.



Team Structure



Costs to Students:

General Elective fee in addition there is a materials fee.

Material Cost:

- 12,000,000 VND for Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi projects
- 16,000,000 for Da Nang Project (includes return airfare HCMC-Da Nang)

The Material Fee Covers:

- Accommodation in three-star hotel (**includes breakfast**). Twin share – single rooms will cost extra.
- Bus transportation to campus or other “official” destination from hotel.
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- Two group dinners.
- One day group outing.
- Supply of consumables for project work



Cross Cultural Communication



Additional 12 Credit Points General Elective

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Course outline

- Cross Cultural Communication (CCC) in intensive mode is a practical, activity driven course that aims for optimal Cross Cultural interaction within and outside class hours between Australian and Vietnamese WIL project students.
- It runs currently in a 30 hour format spread out over the 2 weeks



SOCU1025 CCC Assessment

- It includes 4 assessment items,
- 2 to be completed during the course,
- the other 2 to be submitted later

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| • Text reviews | 25% |
| • Cultural Object Presentation | 15% |
| • Field Trip Report | 20% |
| • Final Essay | 40% |



CCC objectives

The aim of the course will be to explore the nature of cross-cultural interaction within global and local contexts with particular application to **identity, religion, language, gender issues** and to **general workplace settings**. It prepares students for professional practice in international and multicultural contexts. (CCC Course guide)

Students are expected to bring to the course an openness to diversity and a realization that in an increasingly globalized world communicating cross-culturally has become a greater necessity.



Student Feedback

What students liked about the course:

“I learnt about cross culture communication in a group of mixed culture.

It is easier to understand the theory when we discuss

with Australian students. We can share experiences.”

“I have a chance to share my own culture as well

as learn more about the differences and opinions of friends from other cultures.”





QUESTIONS?

