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WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Projects
SOCU2249
12 Credit Points General Elective
Undergraduate Program

The WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Projects (SOCU2249) brings together students from a range of study areas in Melbourne and Vietnam campuses to work on real life projects.

When?

The projects will run twice in 2011.

The first projects will take place from **February 9 to February 24, 2011.**

The second set of projects will take place **June 26 to July 8, 2011.**

Who should apply?

We need smart, flexible, adaptable students keen for adventure and a real-life challenge. We want students who have completed 144 credit points and who want to put their knowledge to the test.

The WIL Projects are for students who like to challenge themselves and who want to experience the exhilaration and excitement of working in a cross-cultural, interdisciplinary team.

The Projects

We are still in negotiation with our project partners in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, projects in these cities will be confirmed July 2010.

Our projects in Da Nang will be with the Da Nang Paediatric Department, of the New Women's and Children's Hospital. The exact project with Da Nang will be determined by July 2010.

Projects in the past have included such things as:

- Designing a new playground for a Children's Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City;
 - Re-designing the parent information brochures for a Children's Hospital;
 - Da Nang Hospital, Paediatric department, design for Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit & High Dependency Unit
 - Undertaking a feasibility study for packaged water in Ho Chi Minh City.
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Time commitment

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

- The Self and others (Culture)
- Teams and Team Building
- Projects and Project Management

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

In addition students will have team meetings, some of which may include Skype calls to your team-partners in Australia. These meetings would take place outside class time and be arranged by each group separately.

Students are expected to participate in ALL pre-departure sessions and the post-project debrief session.

COST?

In addition to the normal General Electives fee a materials fee is also credited for the course.

12,000,000 VND for the Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi projects

16,000,000 VND for the Da Nang project (this includes a return airfare from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang).

** Prices are based of twin share rooms, single rooms are available at an additional cost **

The materials fee covers your accommodation (shared twin room, breakfast included); project related travel; two group dinners; one group outing; and consumables for the project (such as paper, printing costs, etc.)

Students will be responsible for their own meals and any other personal expenses they may incur.

Cross Cultural Communication SOCU1025 12 credit points.

You may also elect to undertake Cross Cultural Communication in conjunction with SOCU2248.

The aim of the course is 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.

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

Becoming aware and develop understanding about both 'self' and 'the other' is the core theme that forms the foundation of the course.

How do I apply?

If you are interested please contact Sarah Cunnian, the WIL Vietnam Interdisciplinary Projects Coordinator at wilprojects@rmit.edu.vn or visit our website at http://www.rmit.edu.vn/1517_ENG_HTML.htm or Follow us on Twitter [@WILVNProjects](https://twitter.com/WILVNProjects)

APPLICATION DEADLINE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010
