

## **GEOG4001 Overseas Field Trip (6 credits)**

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***This is a compulsory capstone experience course for all Geography and Urban Governance majors. The students should register this course in the fourth year of study.***

### **Objectives**

To reinforce and develop geography specific and general skills, to provide the possibility for experiential learning and the challenge of different environments, to permit text book derived knowledge to be sorted and clarified, to integrate the material studied under geography, and to encourage the development of tacit or intuitive knowledge.

### **Course Synopsis**

This 'required' course is open **ONLY** to Geography and Urban Governance major students and requires them to complete one 'two weeks' overseas residential field camp in the summer after the third-year of study, and to produce a field work report on the field trip which will be assessed by the teachers leading the field trip groups. The course provides the students an ***experiential learning*** opportunity to understand the world of geography by field observation and survey of the natural environment, conservation, social and economic development, transportation and urban planning in a designated part of a foreign country.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The GEOG4001 course is a compulsory capstone experience course that all Geography and Urban Governance majors must take to fulfil the programme requirement. In the event of time conflict with other required academic activities, the candidate can apply for deferring the overseas field trip participation towards the end of Year 4 of study before graduation.

### **Assessment**

Coursework 100% (consists of fieldtrip report and poster presentation).

All fieldtrip reports must be submitted by the end of October in the First Semester.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Knowledge:

- Experiential learning in different environments
- Identify and analyze human-environment interactions
- Integration of geographic material
- Application of geographic knowledge in the real world

Skills:

- Geography specific and general skills
- Development of tacit or intuitive knowledge

### **Government Funding Support**

Students, who are eligible for a government grant/means-tested loan, can apply for financial support from the government to cover some field trip expenses on a reimbursement basis. For those students who are not eligible for a government grant/means-tested loan but may have financial difficulty in meeting the cost of the overseas field trip, they may be eligible for a loan from the University's CEDAS. Moreover, CEDAS also administers the government-supported 'Reaching Out Award', which students can apply for financial support.