Study Abroad in Northeast Thailand

Dates: On Campus Pre-departure Course: May 16 -20, 2016

Travel Dates: July 10 to August 6, 2016

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Course Description: a course for independent research on tropical ecology with a service learning component. The majority of the trip will be spent at the Sakaerat Environmental Research Station/and Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve. This is a UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserve (MAB) in a 78 square kilometer tropical forest reserve. Students will be paired with Thai students to conduct outreach projects at local schools or within the Biosphere Reserve. Students will also conduct research in tropical ecology according to their areas of interest (mammalogy, botany, ornithology, herpetology, or other).

Course Includes:

- 3 weeks at the Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve for independent ecological research with students from Thai universities.
- 3 days in the city of Bangkok to visit cultural sites such as the Thai Royale Palace and Golden Buddha (Wat Pho).
- 4 days on the tropical island of Ko Kood in the Gulf of Thailand to see mangroves and marine ecosystems with beautiful waterfalls and spectacular beaches and snorkeling.
- A trip to Kao Yai National Park to look for elephants, see magnificent mountain waterfalls, and view other wildlife.
- A trip to the 1000 year old Khmer Ruins at Prasat Hin Phi Mai.

Travel Grants are available!