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## Newsletter



UTC students in front of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh. Photo credit: Melanie M.

Are you interested in spending your spring, summer, or fall semester abroad in Cambodia? Do it with Global Service Corps' (GSC) 16-week, <u>15 credit spring or fall semester</u> or 9-week, <u>9 credit summer program!</u> With a GSC semester abroad program you will:

- Earn credit towards your degree
- Gain valuable field work experience
- Expand your worldview and become immersed in a unique culture
- Serve communities in need while also learning about life in a new country

Every year more and more college students are choosing to study abroad as a meaningful part of their educational experience. While Europe has continually been the most popular destination for students studying abroad, according to <a href="Forbes.com">Forbes.com</a> "Asia and Latin America are fast becoming the new hotspots for U.S. higher education overseas. According to the <a href="Open Doors report">Open Doors report</a>, growth in study abroad in Asia has increased by 23%, now making up 12% of U.S. students overall."

Become a part of a growing trend and sign-up for a GSC semester program for spring, summer, or fall now!



GSC participants pose with some of the younger Cambodians they worked with during a health workshop. Photo credit: Rick L.

Want to hear about the experience of our most recent college students? Read our blog post series "Stories from the Field!"

A bit of background: this past May, GSC hosted a group of honors students from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga (UTC) on a three-week service-learning program in Cambodia. The UTC students were delighted to be able to apply aspects of their studies to help aid under-privileged communities in Cambodia.



UTC student Mackenzie B. poses with some Cambodian girls after conducting her female empowerment workshop. Photo credit: Sophak T.



Two UTC students practice meditation at a wat (Buddhist monastery). Photo credit: Sophak T.

The students weren't able to participate in the full 16 or 9 week program but GSC was able to coordinate with the UTC trip leader to create the most beneficial program itinerary for both the students and for GSC's partner organizations in Cambodia. The students' main project included participation in GSC's Community Development and Youth Leadership Program, which is one of several field project subjects available in the semester programs. (See below for other possible semester and non-semester program areas.) The UTC group also visited and spent time at an orphanage and a Buddhist monastery (wat). Of course there was extra time allotted on weekends for sightseeing!

Even though the students were in Cambodia for a short time, they accomplished a lot and left with many great stories and lessons from their experience. We've compiled their experience into a 5-part series on our blog. Check out the whole series: Stories from the Field - University of Tennessee Chattanooga Honors College Group Trip to Cambodia (Parts 1 - 5).



Top left: UTC students play a fun game with the Cambodian children. Bottom left: UTC student's prepare a poster as part of their GSC project. Center: UTC students outside of the capitol building in Phnom Penh. Bottom right: UTC students work on their presentations. Top right: UTC students enjoy a lunch break with their new Cambodian friends. Photo credits: Sophak T.

## Like what you see but aren't a student?

Check out our website for more information on our non-semester <u>Cambodia programs</u>. We offer 5 unique programs in the fields of <u>Global Public Health</u>, <u>Children and Orphanage</u>

<u>Care</u>, <u>Buddhist Immersion</u>, <u>Teach English Abroad</u>, and <u>Community Development and</u>

Youth Leadership Training

We are currently running a SPECIAL OFFER for anyone who signs up for a 2016 or 2017 program: GSC will be increasing our prices for the first time in five years beginning with the December 19 program. Fully complete steps 1 & 2 of the application process by October 5 and receive the CURRENT lower 2016 prices for the December 19, and any 2017 program. To qualify for this offer, all required application items must be received in our office no later than October 5. Simply starting the online application does not qualify an applicant for this special offer. See our How to Enroll page for details about how to take advantage of this exciting offer.

Don't miss out on a life changing opportunity to help communities in need while also earning college credit. Sign-up for a GSC spring, summer, or fall semester program today!

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