

## ***STUDY ABROAD IN VIETNAM***

**Sociology 491/UH 337/UH347 – International Seminar on Vietnam: The Political Economy of Vietnam in the Twentieth Century**

**Mini-Term Session – May 6-27, 2009**

**Department of Sociology**

**University of Tennessee at Knoxville**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The course is a three-week intensive study of the recent economic, political and cultural history of Vietnam. The course will cover the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, including French colonialism in the first half of the century, the Japanese occupation during World War II, the period of direct U.S. involvement, and the post-war period. Two of the three weeks (May 7-May 21) will be spent in Vietnam. In addition to visits to important sites in Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, and Hanoi, special activities will include several boat cruises, a tour of the Cu Chi tunnels located outside of Ho Chi Minh City, and visits with faculty and students at several universities.

**VIETNAM:** Vietnam has a long history of war and isolation. It has emerged as a very dynamic country and has one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Despite its rapid expansion it is faced with a number of problems resulting from its entry into the global economy. Inequality is increasing and environmental problems are becoming pervasive throughout the country, traditional cultural practices are changing, and the government is increasingly confronted with a number of political and economic challenges from within. Examination of the economic, political, and cultural history of Vietnam in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century will provide a basis for understanding current issues facing Vietnam and the future direction of the country.

**THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM:** Students register for Sociology 491 (Foreign Study – 3 undergraduate or graduate credit hours) for the 2009 mini-term (May 6-27). Tuition is paid through normal procedures. Cost of the tuition is not included in the price of the program fee. The course is open to UT students, students from other universities, and local residents.

**COST:** The estimated cost of the program fee is around \$3,550. This price includes all airfare costs, visa fees, lodging in three star hotels with at least one meal a day provided, and all excursion costs. Not included in the program fee are additional food costs, tuition, books, passports, vaccinations, and any meals and lodging costs incurred prior to our departure to and return from Vietnam. These additional expenses are estimated to be around \$1,200. Prices Approximate and Subject to Change.

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