This course is an exploration of Thailand and Thai culture and satisfies the Information Literacy AOI. Students will be exposed to a variety of academic and cultural experiences in Chiang Mai, Krabi, and rural Thailand. Students will have many opportunities to discover new and interesting aspects of Thai culture and the many different influences that have helped shape it. Students will research the topic of their choice and prepare an annotated bibliography and brief presentation.

Proposed Topics for 2022

* Thai culture and society
* Survival Thai language
* Human Rights in Thailand
  ✓ Includes field trip to the Thai Freedom House
* Human Trafficking in Thailand: Rhetoric vs. Reality
* Gender and Sexuality in Thailand
* Elephant tourism
* Traditional Thai Medicine
* Thai Cooking
Some highlights of our proposed itinerary for 2022

- Explore Chiang Mai – including the many temples, street markets and exceptional street food.
- Hike up Bua Thong Sticky Waterfalls
- Visit Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep
- Chat with local monks
- Day trip to Doi Inthanon National Park with a visit to a Karen Village
- Visit Elephant Nature Park
- Overnight homestay in a northern Thai village
- Optional trips in Chiang Mai include hiking to Wat Pha Lat and visiting MAIIAM Contemporary Art museum.
- Three nights in Krabi exploring Thailand’s southern west coast including an island-hopping day trip.

Tentative Travel Dates:
January 1st- January 17th, 2022

AOI satisfied: Information Literacy.
Prerequisites: None.

Cost:
J-term 2022: $4,325
(A $500 deposit will be required to secure your spot on the program.)

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