I witnessed how public health interventions and development policies affect Vietnamese people firsthand, understood the subtle social and cultural differences between Vietnam and the United States, experienced the kindness and generosity of the Vietnamese locals, and even learned how to play Vietnamese Uno.

— Amanda Nguyen, University of Minnesota, Fall 2018
WHY CHOOSE CET VIETNAM?

BECAUSE VIETNAM IS PERFECT FOR STUDYING DEVELOPMENT.
In Vietnam, you strike a balance between global studies and regional analysis. You witness grassroots development efforts to address issues that affect all emerging nations—poverty, inequality, gender, the role of government in civil society—and learn how the prevailing models of development are complicated by local realities.

BECAUSE YOU SEE THE MANY SIDES OF VIETNAM.
You go on a week-long Traveling Seminar to North and Central Vietnam to meet with NGOs and advocacy organizations. We also take you on a 4-day exploration of the Mekong Delta region. And, you have time for independent travel. But Ho Chi Minh City is much more than a place where you take classes. You build a home base there, filled with connections, experiences, and friendships.

BECAUSE YOUR RÉSUMÉ WILL THANK YOU.
Many people boast of their international experience in job interviews, but you’ll be able to showcase the professional skills, research, and resilience built over your time in Vietnam to back up your claim. The expertise you gain outside of the classroom—through directed research, an academic internship, or field-based course components—will influence your academic and career interests long after you return home.

ARE YOU OF VIETNAMESE DESCENT?

THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM.
Take Vietnamese language classes designed for heritage speakers. Enroll in Diaspora Studies and examine how overseas communities have influenced and continue to influence Vietnam’s development. Intern at an organization that preserves cultural heritage. This program welcomes heritage students by tailoring program elements to reflect the interests and experiences of Vietnamese-American students.
I had never taken Vietnamese in a classroom before and during my semester I realized how much I care about my family’s language. My time abroad really helped me start to reflect upon and grow my relationship to my family’s homeland, which I’m grateful for.

— Victoria Huynh, Brown University, Spring 2018
The staff are incredibly helpful, caring, and all-around great people to spend time with. They really want you to have the best experience in their country.

— Julia Kaye, University of Michigan, Spring 2018
In just one summer, you intern with a local organization, learn how to design economic and health programs that help people create better lives, and use your new Vietnamese language skills to maneuver local markets with ease. Share a plate of bún chả (grilled pork and noodles) with your local roommate, then wander down one of the city’s many quiet streets to see where it leads you. You also go on a 4-day excursion to the Mekong Delta and have plenty of time for independent travel.

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
45 hours. 3 credits.

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE
45 hours. 3 credits.

INTERNSHIP: BRIDGING THEORY AND PRACTICE
107 hours. 2 credits.
Course + placement

My roommate brings me to the best places to eat and teaches me the Vietnamese names of dishes. I feel so lucky to have her as a friend and a local guide.

— Cindy Lu, Carnegie Mellon University, Summer 2019

Dates, Fees, Credits

Application Deadline: 3/1/20
Arrival Date: 6/10/20
Departure Date: 8/9/20

PROGRAM LENGTH: 9 weeks
PROGRAM FEE: $7,990
RECOMMENDED CREDITS: 8
LANGUAGE PLEDGE: None
PRE-REQUISITE: None
ADMISSIONS, TRANSCRIPTS & HOST UNIVERSITY

CET partners with the University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City. CET and UEH jointly issue a transcript listing each course taken with the corresponding grade earned and total contact hours. Alternatively, you can elect to have CET’s school of record, the University of Minnesota, issue an official transcript for an additional fee.

CET’s admission requirements include an online application form, a transcript, a faculty recommendation, and a recommendation from your study abroad office. Other materials, including a valid passport, will be required upon admission. For more information, visit, www.cetacademicprograms.com/college-study-abroad.

WHO IS CET?

CET Academic Programs is a study abroad organization that has been developing and operating innovative educational programs abroad since 1982. Originally “China Educational Tours,” CET began operations in Beijing, later expanding to other locations around the world. Today, CET offers a varied portfolio of semester, summer, and customized programs around the world for college, high school, pre-college, and gap year students.

CET is known for strong academics, professional program management, a nimble and collaborative approach to partnerships, and supportive student services. Through elements such as field-based course components, internships, and housing with local roommates, CET strives to integrate students into the local community and facilitate lasting relationships with hosts. As an environmentally conscientious organization, CET aims to adopt sustainable measures across its operations. And through its commitment to inclusion, CET seeks and encourages the participation of students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring a welcoming, hospitable program environment that promotes student learning.
CET SCHOLARSHIPS

We are committed to increasing access to study abroad. We offer over $400,000 in scholarship awards each year, and awards are intended to alleviate student financial burden.

WHAT WE OFFER

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP: For students with demonstrated financial need, priority given to students eligible for Pell Grants. Awards range from $500 to $1,500.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP: For first-generation college students and students from minority groups. Priority given to students who also demonstrate financial need. Two awards of $2,000 each are given in fall and spring; two awards of $1,500 are given in summer.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP: For students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Two awards of $1,500 each are given in fall and spring; two awards of $1,000 are given in summer.

For deadlines and more information, visit www.cetacademicprograms.com/college-study-abroad/scholarships.

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CET is a Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) Access Partner. FEA provides grants and scholarships to US students who are traditionally underrepresented in education abroad. CET applicants are eligible to apply for CET Access Partner scholarships through FEA. Awards can range from up to $1,250 for summer programs, up to $5,000 for semester programs, and up to $10,000 for academic year programs.

APPLICATION TIMELINES

SPRING 2020:

» Application Opens: 7/1/19
» Application Closes: 9/10/19

SUMMER AND FALL 2020, AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:

» Application Opens: 11/22/19
» Application Closes: 1/17/20

Apply online at www.fundforeducationabroad.org.

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