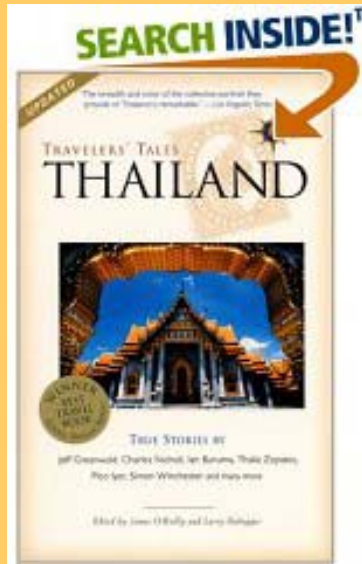




Thai Culture Preparation

- Being polite and respectful, not causing offense
- Tenets of Theravada Buddhism
- Conflict avoidance
- Saving face
- Collective vs. individualistic values
- Indirect communication
- Monarchy and respect for the king
- Social hierarchies
- Modesty in dress
- Importance of food and meals
- Language



Summer message:
Suggested readings

A & B Terms:

Thai language and culture instruction

- once a week for 2 hrs
- 25% of ID2050 grade
- language for basic needs
- cultural norms

**Gathering with previous group of students
and with Thai students, with Thai food**

Project Preparation

A-Term: Cultural Reading/Writing Assignment

Foster thinking about Thai culture

Get an indicator of writing/thinking ability for team formation,
and begin providing feedback

Get to know students



B-Term: Traditional ID2050

Only one night per week

Attention to project context, including cultural and practical
considerations in selecting project methodology



Pre-Departure:

Advice and instructions from center directors regarding appropriate clothing

Orientation Upon Arrival:

Part I: Discussion of health, safety, basic needs

Part II: Discussion of culture and customs (advisors, center directors, local coordinators)



Cultural Excursions:

Seeing rural Thailand

Teambuilding and adjustment

Inclusion of Thai university students