Critical Studies
GL International is delighted to sponsor a series of summer programs focusing on food systems and sustainability. These critical fields are of interest not only to students of Vietnam but to anyone interested in human health and environment. By focusing on similar issues in Vietnam, Italy, and Japan we give students the opportunity to experience, in consecutive programs, three of the world’s great food cultures and the challenges facing them.

Vietnam
Vietnam is an extraordinary country, filled with a remarkable history and culture, and a visual feast for the eyes. This program makes extensive use of the whole country as a site. Students will encounter and visit more of the country and its features than most travelers, and certainly more than most Vietnamese. We will study at museums, historic and religious sites, markets, restaurants, and farms as part of regular site visits. Students will learn sufficient Vietnamese to travel independently and to converse on food related topics. We will interview experts in the Vietnamese food industry, from growers to chefs, as well as experts on the crisis of rice production, food security, and food quality. All site visits are in support of the courses and include encouragement to practice Vietnamese conversation.

Duration
4-weeks

When
June 30 – July 27, 2019

Where
Multiple locations in Vietnam, including Mai Chau in the north, Danang, Hoi An, and Hue in central Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta in the south.

Credits
Up to 9. Work with your university study abroad office to assure full credit.

Eligibility
Students interested in Vietnamese culture, language or business. Prior language study is not required. Professionals and graduate students in food or environment related fields are encouraged to inquire.

Cost
$4,925.00 USD
(Includes tuition, fees, transportation and accommodation within Vietnam)

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How to apply
Critical Studies on Food Systems and Sustainability

Courses offered
Paddy Rice Production in Vietnam
(3 credits)
Sustainable Farming in Vietnam, An Introduction to the VAC System (Gardens, Ponds, Domestic Livestock)
(3 credits)
Vietnamese Language for Food and Business
(up to 3 credits)

Activities
Site visits across Vietnam
Expert Interviews
Language Learning