



2025 Thailand

Language Training and Service Learning

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: April 26-May 8, 2025 (Dates are subject to change)

Description

Known as Siam until 1939, Thailand is a constitutional monarchy in the heart of Asia, known by many as “the land of smiles”. As a premier destination for study abroad in the region, the region offers a vibrant experience for participating students to work with diverse people, explore stunning landscapes, engage in cultural enrichment.

Students will engage in several service projects in the region ranging from language training for children and young adults to assisting local teachers with innovative curriculum development strategies.

Participating students will also get the chance to learn about regional environmental conservation techniques and volunteer with local sustainability projects and strategies to improve awareness in the community.

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action or progressive disciplinary action
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January 2025

Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree or Diploma.
- Have completed 6 credits.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program.
- Be able to provide two (2) letters of recommendation from Gateway faculty members.
- Be available for an interview Fall Semester 2024.

Successful candidates should have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway Technical College abroad with dignity, respect, and accountability for one’s actions, work well in a team setting, and to be able to handle uncertainty with maturity.

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course Cultural Elements of Study Abroad (1 credit), Serving to Learn Globally (2 Credits)
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines
- Participate in **MANDATORY** pre and post departure activities including

MANDATORY Orientations

- Submit a signed Publicity Release form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form
- We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and **being immediately sent home at your expense**

How much will it cost? (all fees are estimated and subject to change) Includes: Airfare, some meals, transportation, standard hotel double occupancy rooms, and insurance.	\$2,900.00
Tuition Cultural Elements of Study Abroad	\$500.00
Total:	\$3400.00

Other costs to consider, passport \$145.00 and spending money

Financial assistance for Program Fees

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway.
- Previous Global Scholars will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway.
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework.

Fee payment schedule

- **\$80.00** Application and processing fee → ONLY refundable if student drops from program prior the start of the semester of classes. NON-REFUNDABLE after the start of the semester of travel. (Paid after acceptance into program at Orientation November 2024).
- **\$100.00** Flight reservation fee → Used to reserve airline seats for participating students. Applied to the accounts of participating students, usually a month before travel. NOTE, THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM OR NOT. (Paid after acceptance into program at Orientation November 2024).

Course tuition and program fees

- Paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Student account must be current prior to departure.

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

TO APPLY:

- Complete online application by October 30, 2024**
- Obtain 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)**

Whom do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu, International Education Coordinator at 262-564-2505 or obowuc@gtc.edu