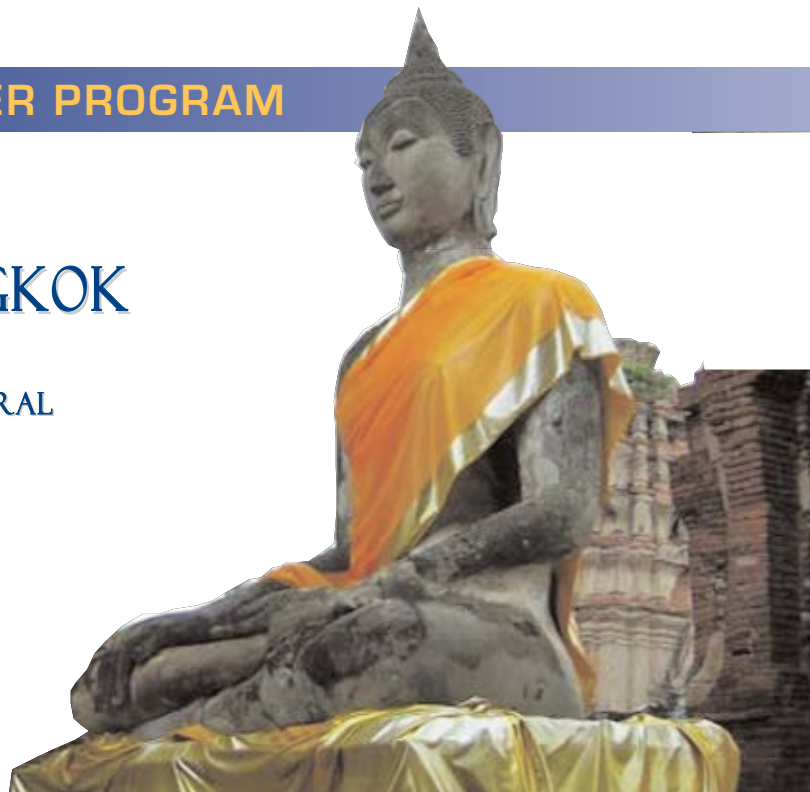




## BIOETHICS SUMMER PROGRAM

# THAILAND: BANGKOK

### BIOMEDICAL ETHICS CROSS-CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



Ayutthaya, Thailand

#### ----- PROGRAM OVERVIEW -----

**Program Dates:**

On-line component: 11 June - 15 June, 2018  
In-country component: 18 June - 2 July, 2018

**Application Deadline: March 10**

Application instructions and form can be found at  
[www.KElabroad.org/apply-now/](http://www.KElabroad.org/apply-now/)

**Program Fee: \$3,950**

- Tuition and academic fees
- Housing in student apartments
- Cultural excursions and activities
- Pre-departure guides and advising
- Onsite Director and support
- Airport welcome and transfer to campus
- Comprehensive orientation
- Medical and travel insurance
- 24/7 emergency assistance
- Use of mobile phone

Students must coordinate with the study abroad office at their university on matters of academic credit transfer and use of financial aid.

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

BioCEP (Biomedical Ethics Cross-cultural Education Program) is a cooperative effort by Columbia University's Center for Bioethics, Knowledge Exchange Institute and Mahidol University. The primary objective is to help students understand how culture and religion influence controversial issues related to medical ethics and bioethics, including emerging infections, integration of Western and Eastern medicines, medical tourism, stem cell research, organ transplantation, informed consent, malnutrition, abortion, public health, genetic testing and reproductive medicine. BioCEP is an ideal opportunity for students and faculty to experience bioethics and public health in another country, and explore, first hand, the impact of culture and religion on global public health education and delivery.

BioCEP participants come from diverse educational backgrounds including undergraduate students pursuing pre-medicine, health sciences, nursing, law, business and other disciplines as well as graduate students in public health, bioethics, biotechnology, dentistry and medicine. Since BioCEP's inception in 2007 over 100 students from the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, China, the United Arab Emirates, Myanmar and Thailand participated in the program.

The curriculum combines lectures, seminars, professional visits and cultural excursions. Students enroll in the *Cross-cultural Bioethics* course for 4 credits. (See reverse side for courses description.) The course is lead by Dr. John Loike, from Columbia University. Guest speakers from Mahidol University, Thai Ministry of Health, hospitals and/or other organizations present lectures and workshops.

Visit the KEI website for detailed program information.

## ACADEMICS

### Cross-cultural Bioethics (4 credits)

This course examines underlying principles of biotechnologies and ethical controversies brought about by advances in science and medicine. Students will engage in dialogue about scientific, social, legal and ethical issues related to new technology. Topics include human stem cell research, human cloning, genetically modified organisms, reproductive medicine, neuroethics and medical genetics.

The course also examines how culture and society are organized and impacted by issues of health. Discussions center around health care demands within a global environment and topics include the definition of disease, human trafficking, and disaster prevention and management.

*This course is divided into a 1-week online component and a 2-week in-country component.*

### MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY

BioCEP is hosted by Mahidol University (MU). Mahidol University is the oldest institution of higher learning in Thailand. Founded in 1889 as a medical school, MU has since developed into the most prestigious university in Thailand, internationally recognized for its high-caliber curriculum, research and international collaboration.

The academic community consists of 5,600 professors and researchers, 9,500 undergraduate and graduate students, and 1,800 international students representing 45 countries. MU faculty and alumni have been recipients of numerous national and international awards.

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

The program is co-sponsored by Columbia University, Center for Bioethics. Columbia University, founded in 1754, is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the USA and one of the most prestigious in the world.

The Center for Bioethics was established in 2002 to address the ethical implications of rapid and extraordinary advances in health care, social policy, and biotechnology that have generated unprecedented ethical dilemmas.

### KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE INSTITUTE

The Knowledge Exchange Institute (KEI) was founded in 1997 on the belief that study abroad should go beyond liberal arts education and cultural exchange to include discipline-specific studies and professional development. KEI offers high quality, affordable programs covering a wide range of academic disciplines in England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Thailand, India, Japan, China, Kenya, Tanzania, Ecuador and Peru.



## STUDENT LIFE

### BANGKOK, THAILAND

Bangkok is the political, cultural, economic, educational and spiritual capital of Thailand. Contrasts between tradition and modernity abound. Modern skyscrapers stand next to ancient golden temples, barefoot monks walk streets with neon signs and pulsating rock music. Thailand's economic expansion reflects the entrepreneurial spirit, rich cultural ambience and generosity of the Thai people. Ninety-five percent of Thailand's population practices Buddhism.

### HOUSING

Students live in shared apartments near the MU campus. Apartments are furnished and consist of shared living area, kitchen and bathrooms. Most bedrooms are double-occupancy. The main campus is located in Salaya, a region on the outskirts of Bangkok. The campus has several cafes and cafeterias. Restaurants and grocery stores can be found near the campus, housing and throughout the city.

### CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

The program includes a Bangkok city tour, day trip to Ayutthaya (Thailand's old capital) and an excursion to Dan Wai Floating Market. *KEI reserves the right to change planned excursions with others of equal value.*

### ONSITE SUPPORT

Onsite support and student services are provided by the KEI Director, Ms. Marisa Vinitketkumnuan. Marisa was born in Illinois but moved to Thailand when she was 6 years old. She earned Bachelor and Master degrees from Chiang Mai University, and worked at Stamford University before joining KEI. Marisa looks forward to helping students make the most of their time in Thailand. She is always willing to assist and provide advice.