AU FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD
CAN THO, VIETNAM

Aquaculture Production Class (FISH 5250/6250). Pre-requisites: 1030 and FISH 5210/6210, at least 19 years of age and GPA of 2.25 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students or approval of instructor & OIE. Students will register via AU StudioAbroad and receive credit for class during spring semester 2011. Learning Vietnamese is not a pre-requisite, but students will have an opportunity to learn some language and experience the food and culture.

Course description: This course provides field-based training in production aquaculture and applies the principles taught in FISH 5210/6210 (Principles of Aquaculture) to real world production situations. Students will learn about production of major Asian and US aquatic species in various culture systems. Students can expect to get wet and dirty. The class is intended to provide professional and cultural development of students in an international environment. Field trips will include all aspects of the aquaculture industry, including farms, feed mill, processing plant and markets. Students will learn alongside Vietnamese undergraduate students and benefit from the knowledgeable faculty and staff at Can Tho University (CTU; http://www.ctu.edu.vn/en/).

Location and Time: This class will be mostly taught in Vietnam at Can Tho University in Can Tho City during a two-week period with some field trips and class activities occurring after travel to Vietnam. Can Tho is in the heart of the Mekong Delta and the aquaculture industry in Vietnam. Proposed dates are December 26, 2010-January 9, 2011 (possibly extended a few days). Classes will run daily with cultural activities in the evenings.

Lodging and Transport: Students will arrive in Vietnam via Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), spend the night and then travel to Can Tho via CTU transport. Housing will be in a local hotel near the campus where students can experience Vietnamese food and culture. All field trips will be via CTU transport.

Estimated Cost: $3,448. As an imbedded course, there is no study abroad fee. Cost is subject to change depending upon airfare. Some partial travel support may become available.

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