

**Course:**

**GLST 170 Introduction to the Culture of Thailand**

**3 hours**

**Majors, Minors & Degrees:**

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Global Studies (B.A., B.S.)

**Departments/Programs:**

Global Studies

Thailand is the only country in southeast Asia that can boast of never having been colonized by a western nation. It is also a nation which distinguishes itself from all others by its three gems: Buddhism, the monarchy, and the Thai language. The course will introduce students to Thailand's vibrant and distinctive economic, political, and cultural traditions. By exploring Thailand's geography, history, political structure, religion, language, cultural traditions, ecological status, and populations, students may gain an understanding of how this ancient culture has been able to thrive in the modern era without sacrificing its national identity.