

**International Programs Office
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2019**

New Site: Khon Kaen, Thailand

- Why new sites?
 - USAC was looking for a new site in Thailand to produce an alternative to the very popular Chiang Mai program and provide a different academic focus. Off the tourist radar, the site offers an authentic experience in the northeastern region of the country an area known as a center for education, healthcare and technology.
- Academic focus
 - Thai Language & Culture (SOC, ANTH, DAN, FS, PHIL, HIST, GEOG, POLS)
 - Healthcare, Health Issues and Wellness (FCS, H&S, PEP, WGSS)
 - Thai Medicine and Holistic Care, Physical Therapy (FCS, H&S, PEP)
- Why Khon Kaen?
 - The northeastern region of Thailand is rich in natural beauty with civilizations and customs dating back to pre-historic times. It retains many of its traditional Lao and Khmer customs and features a strong trade in the high-quality Mud Mee silk. Nearby mountainous areas are the home to the traditional Isan community and neighboring countries Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam are in reach with good public transportation.
 - Khon Kaen is the commercial and political center of northeastern Thailand featuring expansive shopping malls, top-rate private medical facilities, and upscale restaurants and hotels. But it also has close-knit traditional communities and historic Buddhist temples dotted along the banks of the city's picturesque lakes.
 - Khon Kaen University (KKU) is the first institution of higher education in northeastern Thailand. KKU is not only the top-ranking university in Thailand but also the leading educational center in the Mekong sub region. The main campus, where the USAC office and classrooms are housed, is located approximately 1.5 miles from the city center on a large, safe and lush green site. Acclaimed as a research university, KKU has world-class research projects in healthcare and tropical medicine, and plays a vital role in the physical, intellectual and mental health of communities.
 - The program offers internships and volunteer opportunities in the health field such as health and wellness research, internships in the university hospital, medical sciences facilities and research units.

Further details on the program are available at: <https://usac.edu/study-abroad-programs/thailand/khon-kaen>