

## INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES INSTITUTE AGROECOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, AND CANNABIS

Chiang Mai, Thailand, is emerging as a global center for specialty coffee, artisanal chocolate, and medicinal cannabis. This 6 week program is a hands-on study of these three important crops, learning directly from farmers and local producers. We will be spending extended time in the villages and mountains surrounding Chiang Mai, visiting farms and learning about shade grown coffee, cacao production, medicinal cannabis production, as well as time exploring the ancient city of Chiang Mai.

**2 WEEKS OF SEMINARS: Field studies and experiential learning are a key part of this course.**During the first 2 weeks students will be visiting farmers, upland and lowland communities, doing case studies of successful businesses and cafes, and learning the agrecology, processing, and production of coffee, cacao/chocolate, and medicinal cannabis. Academically challenging and experiential, this course blends together the science of sustainable agroecological production and processing with an understanding of the larger social and economic issues.

4 WEEK INTERNSHIP: Following the 2 weeks of seminars, students will be placed with an organization for a 4 week internship. Strong partnerships with local organizations and communities are a key part of what makes ISDSI courses successful. We work together with local organizations and communities to help the

Seminar and Field Studies Internship and Research Placement

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their lives, knowledge, and struggles. Living with and learning from local communities allows students to be a part of grassroots solutions to global problems.

On successful completion of the program, students will also earn an **ISDSI certification in Agroecology** and **Entrepreneurship** based on their work during the program.

 Program length
 6 weeks

 Credit
 6 credits

 Eligibility
 Currently enrolled in college or university. Recommended for 3rd or 4th year undergraduate students. Also open to graduate students.

 Deadlines
 April 1. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and you are encouraged to apply before the deadline. After the deadline applications will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

For more information, see www.isdsi.org/summer Interested? Email admissions@isdsi.org today to learn more!

