EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

PROSPECTUS FOR EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS
At RMIT University Vietnam, we recognise that today’s graduates need to be internationally focussed, inter-culturally capable, and connected to the ‘globalised’ world in ways that past graduates might never have imagined.

With a campus of high quality facilities set within the vibrancy of a developing South-East Asian country, RMIT University Vietnam offers a unique experience for students. Our tertiary programs are internationally recognised, and offer a global and sustainable focus. Our students benefit from strong links with industries and multinational enterprises, and a range of high quality academic staff from around the world. At RMIT University Vietnam we believe that by understanding and embracing the diverse challenges of a global perspective, our students will have a stronger impact on their world.

By undertaking a student exchange or study abroad program you are making an important personal commitment to your development. Your choice of location helps to provide insights into unknown situations, different from your own background, culture and upbringing. Your international study experience will help you identify the career challenges you seek, align these with what you hope to achieve in your chosen field or future career, and enable you to embrace opportunities when they present themselves.

RMIT University Vietnam is renowned for its focus on bringing the world into the classroom; we take global ideas and filter them through the lens of best practice for the industries with whom our students seek to be engaged. We look at our own urban footprint through the locations in which we operate, the many industries with which we work, and the sustainability of our operations. Our alumni are highly respected for their knowledge and achievements, as well as their commitment and ability to make a difference. We look forward to welcoming you to our dynamic, growing family and helping you to shape the world in which we live.

About RMIT Vietnam

As the world’s largest offshore campus, RMIT International University Vietnam plays host to around 6,000 students and staff from more than 25 nations around the globe, and the energy and dynamism that this creates is palpable. As our students will tell you, RMIT Vietnam provides a unique experience that cannot be found anywhere else, through delivery of an internationally accredited education at a vibrant, English-speaking campus in a country that pulses with the vitality of an economy on the move. RMIT Vietnam has cemented its place as a leader in the region by providing more than 10 years of quality education that focuses on each student’s unique needs. Our students do not just learn; they learn how to learn, and how to apply what they have learned in an array of relevant contexts. An RMIT education is a practical education, and RMIT Vietnam provides a multi-faceted environment for gaining new perspectives on the world in the most practical of ways, making RMIT Vietnam graduates ready for careers in the global village. The world is changing. RMIT Vietnam is your chance to see that change in action - and to be a real part of it.

Beyond Ho Chi Minh City

When you feel like getting out of the city for a break, there are plenty of places to go. Catch a ferry to Vung Tau for a beach fix or a new take on Vietnam's night scene. Do a homestay in the Mekong Delta or head to Cu Chi for a day to explore the tunnels and learn more about the fascinating history of the Vietnam/American war. While you are there, drop into the Cu Chi Wildlife Sanctuary to meet some of Vietnam's furry and feathered family, or stop by the spectacular Cao Dai temple in time for the midday service.

Eat and drink

Whatever you feel like eating, chances are you will find it in Ho Chi Minh City. Grand Lebanese courtyards sit alongside tiny Vietnamese noodle shops; imperial haute cuisine vies for attention beside the Chinese pancake diner. If you want to live it up like a local, you will want to be equally comfortable on a plastic stool by the riverside drinking some of the world's cheapest beer, or perched on top of the world sipping cocktails at Chill, Ho Chi Minh City’s answer to the world's best 360 degree sky bars. Ho Chi Minh City is where the world's tastebuds come to play.

What to do

Ho Chi Minh City is a fascinating blend of the modern and the traditional, making it more a place to "be" than a place to "see". Although attractions like Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum are well worth a look it is the experience of sitting and chatting with the locals that bring colour to the city. Get on the back of a motorbike taxi just for the sake of being in amongst it all, or just relax and watch Vietnam change right before your eyes – those are the moments that you will treasure when your overseas study experience is just a memory.
Beyond Hanoi

Hanoi is a great jumping off point for exploring Northern Vietnam, which contains some of the country’s most famous sights. Halong Bay, recently voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, makes for a wonderful change of pace as your junk drifts among towering limestone crags. You could even choose to spend the night at Cat Ba Island, a paradise for outdoorsy types, and indulge in hiking, rock climbing, off-road biking or kayaking. If you have a few more days up your sleeve, take the train up into the mountains around Sapa and meet Vietnam’s largest concentration of ethnic groups.

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Stretching over 900 miles along the eastern coast of the Indochina Peninsula, Vietnam is home to around 90 million people. The geographical terrain is one of contrasts - a land of fertile tropical plains in the south and undulating ranges of mountains, hills, and valleys in the north. At the apex of Indochina the Fansipan peak rises more than 3,000 metres while in the central regions there are coastal beaches, basalt plateaus, mysterious caves and verdant hills covered with primeval forests covered with exotic flora and fauna.

For beach lovers, Vietnam's coastline provides a haven of unrivalled picturesque beaches, emerald bays and colourful coral reefs. Spoilt for choice, visitors can bask in the sunshine all year round at popular destinations such as Phan Thiet, Lang Co, Nha Trang - sometimes described as having one of the most beautiful beaches in the world - or the pristine islands of Phu Quoc and Con Dao.

History
Vietnam has a rich history. For many the American War provided the spotlight but by the time of the American occupancy in the 1960s Vietnam had played host to a long line of invaders. From the thousand-year Chinese rulership, the Vietnamese emerged as a civilization as sophisticated as that of its mighty northern neighbour. Under French rule from the late 19th century, and some short-lived border conflicts with China in the far north, marked the last experience of war. Today, Vietnam is the summation of its experiences, its determination and tenacity to reclaim what has been rightfully their own - their country and identity.

Names of streets pay tribute to national heroes who over the years have lent support, vision and shown leadership to its citizens to remain proud, unwavering and committed to who they are.

Culture
The most significant trace of a country at war has been the infusion of disparate cultures on the development of the nation - a fascinating blend of cultures and philosophies that have shaped the spiritual life of the Vietnamese people. Colonial French-style architecture stands side-by-side with emerging skyscrapers in big cities like Saigon, Hanoi, and Danang. They serve as reminders of how oriental and occidental values have been fused into everyday Vietnamese society. Food and lifestyle bear the hallmarks of culinary traditions from festive celebrations such as Tet - which coincides with the Chinese New Year - to street vendors selling baguettes filled with pate banh mi. Today's younger generations are among the fastest adopters of new technologies and use them to stay abreast of both Western concepts - music, fashion, arts - as well as regional styles such as K-Pop, the Korean pop music which is enormously popular across most of Asia.
Studying at RMIT Vietnam is a fantastic opportunity to experience the globalisation of business and culture first hand. Beyond the academic side, there are plenty of extracurricular activities, a killer night scene, a fantastic expat community and Vietnam even has its own Aussie Rules football team. Studying and living in Vietnam has been an extraordinary experience, and one I will never forget. Ho Chi Minh City presents an exciting clash of cultures with traditional Vietnamese values blending with an increasing Western influence - you won’t have a single dull moment. Relocating to a new culture provides the ultimate reward of confidence, compassion and purpose. Vietnam is developing so fast, it will be interesting to see this growth in motion while I am at RMIT Vietnam. When I pursued an exchange with RMIT Vietnam because I believe that if we push our boundaries we become wiser and more self-aware. I am a mature-age student and enjoy being back at university as it provides so many opportunities that are unavailable in the mundane routine of life. Studying at RMIT Vietnam, I have experienced a world-class education - but more than that, I study and live on a campus that is more like a resort, and have plenty of time to pursue other interests. Relocating to a new culture provides the ultimate reward of confidence, compassion and purpose. Vietnamese people are so friendly; they smile all the time and are always happy to help.

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The campuses
International students coming to RMIT Vietnam find themselves at the centre of the RMIT Vietnam approach to study. Students are required to meet the same learning outcomes at the same standard as at RMIT in Melbourne; however, with examples and case studies often being tailored for the Vietnam context. You will gain insights into the rapidly developing country and region you are living in, as well as studying your core content for your degree.

No one is going to pretend that studying in a new, different context will be easy - in fact, the challenges are why many students pursue the opportunity. However, even after your orientation program is over, help is always at hand in the form of our learning skills unit and student mentoring program.

In 2011, RMIT Vietnam joined world-renowned universities in moving to Google Apps for Education, a suite of cloud-based programs that allow technologies to support our teaching philosophy of collaborative learning from anywhere that users can access the internet. In Vietnam, that means pretty much everywhere. Students now have more flexibility and efficiency in their study. Meanwhile, our academics have chosen to come to RMIT Vietnam to experience something unique - the opportunity to build networks, knowledge and expertise at a truly international university in one of the fastest growing economies in today's global marketplace.

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For further information about the courses available in each of the approved by your home institution.

To ensure that you receive credit for the courses you undertake at RMIT Vietnam, programs listed below, please visit www.rmit.edu.vn > Future Students > Undergraduate Programs Available at Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) SGS / HN Bachelor of Commerce (Business Information Systems) SGS Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Finance) SGS / HN Bachelor of Business (Marketing) SGS / HN Bachelor of Applied Science (Fashion and Textile Merchandising) SGS / HN Bachelor of Information Systems SGS / HN Postgraduate Programs Available at Master of Business Administration (MBA) SGS Master of Business Administration Executive (EMBA) National (SGS) Master of Project Management SGS Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Computer Engineering) SGS SGS Saigon South Campus in Ho Chi Minh City HN Hanoi Campus PNT Nha Trang Campus (teaching of English program only) in Ho Chi Minh City National Bachelor of Design is involved in its delivery and offers students from other regionsSpygo in SGS campus as a part take.

High-quality, student-centred learning at RMIT Vietnam is the core of our approach. With small class sizes and a student-centred approach, you will engage in intriguing exchanges with other students who have grown up with a completely different experience to your own. You will receive individual attention from lecturers who are experts in their respective fields, and study using advanced multimedia technologies to make your learning experience up-to-the-minute and relevant. If you are looking for an experience that suits the norm, with the security of knowing you are receiving a completely different experience to your own. You will receive individual attention from lecturers who are experts in their respective fields, and study using advanced multimedia technologies to make your learning experience up-to-the-minute and relevant.

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how does vietnam measure up? the latest cost of living survey (november 2011) conducted by eca international provides some comparisons. numbers indicate a ranking based on how expensive it is to live in a city (eg. 1st is most expensive).

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tuition fees

if you are enrolled in the exchange program, you can just keep paying your fees to your home institution - it is that easy. if you are a study abroad student, talk to your home institution about the total costs of your overseas experience. do not forget to factor in living away from home expenses for your entertainment, comfort and personal items.

medical insurance

health insurance is an absolute must when studying overseas, as you just never know what might happen or when. your study abroad package includes a medical insurance plan that will keep you safe in case something goes wrong, so you can just focus on making the most of your experience.

visa and employment

the international team at rmit vietnam will assist you with all your visa requirements for the duration of your study, including both arrival documentation and visa extensions once in-country. further details can be obtained from your supporting agent or home institution; or, contact us directly at international@rmit.edu.vn

please note that the strict labour rules in vietnam prevent you from working while on a student visa.

costs of accommodation

have your own studio apartment on rmit vietnam’s saigon south campus for $us 390 a month, or share with friends and lower your expenses. either is cheaper than most off-campus accommodation and being located on campus means it is convenient.
WHAT IS A STUDENT EXCHANGE?
If you are already studying at RMIT or one of our partners, you are in an ideal position to inject some adventure into your learning experience by undertaking a Student Exchange to one of the RMIT Vietnam campuses. Fees are still paid to your home institution through whatever means you currently utilise.

WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?
If your university is not a partner to RMIT, that is not a problem - we offer a Study Abroad program that supports you every step of the way, from orientation to ongoing learning support to assistance with visas and accommodation. Fees are paid either directly to RMIT Vietnam or via your home institution’s Study Abroad arrangements.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
To be eligible for either a Student Exchange or Study Abroad program, you will need to be over 18 years of age and have completed one year of study at your home institution. You will need a GPA of 2.5 or above (60% or equivalent) and must meet RMIT Vietnam’s English language requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applicants can download the application form and checklist for application submission for Student Exchange or Study Abroad programs by going to www.rmit.edu.vn > Future students > Undergraduate > Admission.

For a personal response to your enquiries, contact us:

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
All classes and support services at RMIT Vietnam are conducted in English, so you will need the following or equivalent:

- IELTS Academic - 6.0
- TOEFL (paper-based) 550+ (TWE 4.0+)
- TOEFL (Internet-based test) - Overall score 79, minimum 19 in all sections
- RMIT English Worldwide (Level Advanced)

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