



Philippines

STUDY / VOLUNTEER



World Endeavors in the Philippines

The Philippines is made up of over 7,000 tropical islands stretching across a vast expanse of ocean in Southeast Asia. Its diverse ecosystems along with its even more diverse cultural history make it one of the most fascinating destinations in the world. As home to lively festivals, friendly people, cities and villages, beautiful beaches, tropical rainforests, volcanoes, waterfalls, and coral reefs all teeming with life, the Philippines is truly a unique jewel in the South China Sea.

World Endeavors offers many meaningful ways to experience the Philippines:

- Study in the Philippines: Earn US academic credit while studying in one of the leading universities in Southeast Asia.
- Volunteer in the Philippines: Teaching children, orphanage assistance, street children assistance, deaf education, and social welfare projects.



STUDY in the Philippines



The country of the Philippines is an archipelago of over 7,000 islands which are divided into three main island groups; Luzon in the North, Visayas in the center, and Mindanao in the South.

Semester in the Philippines

Overview

For students interested in studying abroad in Southeast Asia, World Endeavors Study in the Philippines program is hard to beat. This is one of the most affordable programs available at one of the leading universities in Southeast Asia. As all courses are taught in English, students have the opportunity to earn academic credit while continuing their studies, choosing from hundreds of courses in dozens of subject areas. Students live and study alongside Filipino and international students and can even choose to focus their study on Southeast Asian cultures and languages.

Program Snapshot

- **Location:** Quezon City, Philippines
- **Official Transcript:** Issued by Jacksonville University, Florida
- **GPA Required for Admission:** 2.5
- **Courses:** Hundreds of courses, all in English
- **Language Study Requirement:** No
- **Housing:** Residence hall accommodations included
- **Excursions:** Included
- **Airport Reception:** Included
- **Key Features:** Unique and affordable

Cost and Dates

Please refer to the table at the back of this catalog. As this information is subject to change, visit www.worldendeavors.com for the most current program costs and dates.

What's Included

- Tuition (4 courses per semester)
- Transcript from the University of the Philippines-Diliman
- US credit and transcripts from Jacksonville University in Florida
- Basic emergency travel insurance
- Various student services and learning support services
- Housing (meals not included)
- Airport pick-up and drop-off

What's Not Included

- Round-trip airfare to the Philippines
- Textbooks
- Visa expenses and airport taxes
- Personal expenses

About the University

The University of the Philippines - Diliman is the flagship university of the University of the Philippines (UP) System. It is the administrative seat of the system as well as an autonomous university in its own right. UP Diliman is not only the home of diverse colleges, offering 94 graduate and undergraduate programs, it also runs several centers of research, many of which have been declared by the Commission on Higher Education as National Centers of Excellence. The University of the Philippines-Diliman is located in Quezon City, in the northeastern section of the Manila metropolitan area.

Academic Information

Instruction

The language of instruction for all courses is English. Experience with the Philippine national language is not required.

Credit and Transcripts

Each student will take four courses for three credits each. Academic credit and transcripts will be issued by University of the Philippines-Diliman after the successful completion of course requirements for the semester program. It is the student's responsibility to contact their academic advisor prior to the semester to determine how courses taken abroad are transferable to their home institution.

Eligibility

Students must have a 2.5 GPA and be in good academic standing.

Area of Study

Students can choose from a wide range of courses. For a complete list of subjects available, visit www.worldendeavors.com and follow links to the country and program of your choice.

Preparation and Orientation

Before participants embark, they will be provided a pre-departure packet that includes important details about their experience abroad. In addition to the packet, participants may contact World Endeavors any time prior to departure with questions. After an airport pickup, volunteers are provided an orientation that will familiarize them with the campus and the surrounding area, the Philippine culture, and the academic program.

Accommodations

Students will stay in a shared, furnished residence hall called the International Center. The International Center (IC) is a co-educational dormitory specially built to accommodate students from all over the world, for the purpose of cultivating better international understanding and cultural assimilation.

Student Life

Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, is at the same time an overwhelming and fascinating city. The vast, sprawling city offers visitors many opportunities to experience the unique culture of the Philippines, from open air markets and busy streets, to museums, colonial buildings, and parks.

There are many choices for recreation on campus. From academic and social clubs to sporting events and festivals, students have ample opportunity to get involved and make friends with Filipino and international students alike. There are also numerous dining options nearby. From the favorite fishballs to vegan fare, food sources vary from vendors, kiosks, snack bars to bake shops, canteens and restaurants, each with different specialties and price ranges.

The standard currency in the Philippines, the peso (P), is divided into 100 centavos (c) and can be obtained or exchanged at international airports and most major towns.

VOLUNTEER **in the Philippines**



Tacloban City, the small coastal capital city of the island of Leyte, is a colorful, bustling city. The city plays host to many festivals and celebrations and serves as a gateway for travelers who wish to explore the beautiful mountainous interior of Leyte.

Overview

Its incredible bio-diversity combined with its equally incredible cultural diversity make the Philippines one of the most fascinating places on earth. Yet, while this beautiful country has attracted tourists for decades, there is still widespread poverty. Over 40% of the 80 million inhabitants of the Philippines live below poverty level. The majority of these people live in rural areas in much the same way their ancestors did, without running water, electricity, phones, or doctors.

Through World Endeavors' programs in the Philippines there are numerous ways that volunteers can directly impact the lives of impoverished Filipino children and families. Participants can choose to teach computers to deaf children, work at an orphanage, help street children, or teach a variety of subjects to underprivileged primary school children. In cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare, participants can also aid poor families, the elderly, and the disabled. These programs are designed for participants who have a sincere desire to help and a willingness to learn.

Program Snapshot

- **Location:** Tacloban City and rural areas, Leyte, Philippines
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Teaching children, Orphanage Assistance, Street Children Assistance, Deaf Education, and Social Welfare projects
- **Duration:** 2 weeks to 2 months
- **Orientation:** Included
- **Housing:** Home stay accommodations
- **Food:** Breakfast and dinner every day
- **Airport Reception:** Included
- **Excursions:** Included
- **Key Features:** Meaningful projects, beautiful location

Cost and Dates

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What's Included

- Pre-departure packet to prepare you for your placement
- World Endeavors support for any of your pre-trip questions
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- All in-country travel and coordination
- Philippine food and accommodations
- Support from local World Endeavors representatives
- Tour of Tacloban City

- Tour of the Santo Nino Shrine and Heritage Center
- Visit to MacArthur Beach at Palo

What's Not Included

- Round-trip airfare to the Philippines
- Visa expenses and airport taxes
- Personal expenses

Volunteer Programs

Volunteer on the island of Leyte, for an unforgettable way to experience the Philippines, its culture, and people.

Teaching Children

Volunteers help shape young lives in the Philippines by sharing their English skills and teaching talents. They teach English and many other subjects to elementary school children from 5-12 years of age. Native or fluent English speakers with or without formal teaching experience can contribute greatly to a child's educational development. Volunteers assist local teachers in the instruction of classes, which typically range in size from 20 to 30 pupils.



Orphanage Assistance

Orphans are deprived of many opportunities necessary for their development. Through education and compassion, children are empowered to challenge a life of further poverty and exploitation. Volunteers provide

basic daily care for the orphans and are also encouraged to actively participate in programs such as health education, games, drawing, and painting. With such a variety of ways to participate, the orphanage experience provides volunteers many meaningful ways to approach service.

Street Children Assistance

Neglected, abandoned, or run-away children on the streets in Tacloban City, Philippines, live a life that is often void of love and warmth, safety, protection, and parental care. Volunteers help to change this reality through their involvement in after-school and other programs that focus on providing the children basic daily care. Volunteers work directly with a social worker from the Department of Social Welfare and may help to administer programs such as English language training, computer training, and medical care.

Social Welfare

The Department of Social Welfare is an active Philippine government agency whose mission is to help underprivileged children, families, the elderly, and the disabled in Tacloban City and the surrounding area. Volunteers can make a difference in the lives of these families through help with after school programs, adult education, computer training for teenagers and street children, and other valuable programs.

Deaf Education

The Department of Social Welfare would like to offer computer classes to local deaf children who face many challenges growing up in a developing country. In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare, World Endeavors is seeking experienced, English-speaking deaf educators who can help the children by teaching computer classes. Individuals who have demonstrated experience in this area and wish to volunteer in the Philippines are welcome to apply.

Program Highlights

Orientation

After an airport pickup, volunteers are provided an orientation that will familiarize them with the city and the surrounding area, the Philippine culture, and the volunteer program. To make volunteers feel welcome, a traditional Philippine dinner will be prepared especially for volunteers the first evening. During the first week of

classes, volunteers will collaborate with a local teacher or social worker to become familiar with the project responsibilities and opportunities.

Tour of Tacloban City

Participants will enjoy seeing the sites of interest during a tour of Tacloban City. From the bustling market where you will find exotic seafood and produce to busy wharf along the San Juanico Strait, participants will begin to get a feel for the rhythm of Filipino life.

Tour of the Santo Nino Shrine and Heritage Center

Leyte is the birthplace of Imelda Marcos, wife of the former dictator of the Philippines. During her husband's reign, she ordered a luxurious palatial residence and

guest house to be built in the city. The residence was never slept in by her, but continues to captivate visitors to this day. It contains an amazing collection of antiquities from around the world.

Visit to MacArthur Beach at Palo

Palo, a seaside community south of Tacloban City, is home to MacArthur Beach. This beautiful resort, named after General MacArthur, offers wonderful views of long sandy beaches and clear water.

The Philippines is known for its incredible biodiversity which includes over 12,000 plant species, 1100 land vertebrate species, 560 bird species, and 500 coral species.

