Academic Focus
This program is particularly well suited for students studying Asian languages and cultures, political science, international relations, sociology and other social sciences.

Eligibility
The program is open to all sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students must take a Reader’s College course on Vietnam to be offered in the semester prior to the program. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.

Accommodations
Students are housed in double rooms of dormitory units with private bath arranged by the Vietnam National University of Hanoi.

Excursions
Excursions are an important part of the program because they give students the opportunity to experience different areas of the country. Previous excursions have included visits to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and the Mekong Delta, the central highlands, the northern border area, and coastal areas around Hoi An (an old sea port) and Hue (the imperial capital). There will also be course-related visits to various cultural and historical sites in and around Hanoi including museums, national parks, craft villages and Buddhist pagodas and pilgrimage sites.

Going Abroad With the CGE
Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and room fees and a $550 administrative fee. This will cover academic credit for the semester, housing, and program-related excursions. Note that no HWS board fee is charged: students should plan to bring their board fee to Vietnam to cover meal expenses; we estimate that about $1250 should be sufficient. Additional expenses not covered include airfare, visa, immunizations, books and other course materials and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at $1,200 from the East Coast, visa at $100 and books/materials at $200. Immunizations vary but we would estimate $100-$250. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of $1000 above and beyond meal expenses. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

Application Deadline
• This program is offered every fall semester.
• Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
• Applications are due at the CGE office at a selected date in October. For specific date contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information.
HANOI, VIETNAM

About Hanoi
Hanoi, with a population of one million, is a small capital city that is calm in comparison to the flashy southern boomtown of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). But while Hanoi honors Vietnam’s long and tumultuous past in the ancient merchant streets of its unique Old Quarter, the colonial facades of the French Quarter, the monuments and house of Ho Chi Minh and the relics of the struggle for independence and the “American War”, it has also embraced the open economic policies of doi moi that are transforming Vietnam. The country is experiencing an exciting period of change and Hanoi is the perfect vantage point to witness these changes. Vietnam is at a crossroads as the country navigates between Communism and open markets, a glorious (and also painful) past and an uncertain future, and increasing inequalities between rich and poor, city and countryside.

The Program
One of the first semester-long study abroad opportunities in Vietnam, the HWS program in Hanoi, Vietnam enables students to explore an ancient Asian civilization which is undergoing a dramatic process of transition and modernization. Students will begin intensive Vietnamese language instruction in Ho Chi Minh City upon their arrival in Vietnam, continuing under the direction of faculty from Vietnam National University in Hanoi. An internship or independent study project is required.

Courses
Students will take four courses while in Vietnam.

Vietnamese History and Culture (1 credit)
In this course, students learn about Vietnamese history, aspects of Vietnamese culture, and current social, environmental, and political issues. Students write papers based on presentations provided by Vietnam National University (VNU) faculty and specialists in humanities, science, and social science fields, and excursions organized by the Resident Director. A translator is provided when necessary.

Vietnamese Language (1 credit)
Students will begin intensive instruction upon their arrival in Ho Chi Minh City and continue at Vietnam National University in Hanoi. This course is designed to enhance the student’s ability to understand, speak, read, and write Vietnamese and follows an interactive and communication-oriented approach.

Fall 2010 Director’s Seminar - Two Cities: Hanoi and Saigon (1 credit)
This course will examine, on-site, Vietnam’s two principle cities – Hanoi and Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Like Vietnam itself, these cities, after centuries of colonial subjugation, war, and internecine strife, are currently in the throes of rapid change as they attempt to become players of significance on the world stage. Our main focus will be the capital, Hanoi, where we will be based for most of the semester. This experience will be balanced by a period of time in Saigon, the country’s bustling, dynamic financial center. Lectures and writings by Vietnamese scholars, regular interaction with Vietnam’s people, intensive language study, and frequent excursions also will be central to our work as we attempt to understand, first-hand, how modernity and globalization are experienced in a developing national context.

Internship/Independent Research project (1 credit)
Students will complete an internship arranged in collaboration with our institutional partner, CET Academic Programs, or an independent research project overseen by a faculty member on the home campus.