Course Objectives

• A structured immersive experience in Vietnam

• Focusing on technology, culture, society, and history through guided activities

• Activities from north to south
  ◦ Hanoi and Ha Long Bay
  ◦ Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
  ◦ Mekong River and adjacent areas

• Time for some fun, too

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Tentative Itinerary

• Friday, March 13  Depart for Hanoi, Vietnam (morning)
• Saturday, March 14  Arrive in Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport (evening/night)
• Sunday, March 15  Hanoi City Tour of historic and cultural sites (and recover from jet lag)
• Monday, March 16  Hanoi University of Science and Technology
• Tuesday, March 17  Travel to UNESCO World Heritage Site Ha Long Bay
• Wednesday, March 18  Return to Hanoi and fly to Ho Chi Minh City
• Thursday, March 19  UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
• Friday, March 20  Cu Chi Tunnels and evening Motorcycle Foodie Tour
• Saturday, March 21  Mekong Delta Excursion
• Sunday, March 22  Depart Ho Chi Minh City for the US (early morning)
Departure – Friday, March 13

- Depart the US in the morning for Hanoi
- Overnight flight
- Arrive in Hanoi about 26 hours later, typically transiting through Tokyo
- The tentative plan is to fly into Hanoi, later fly to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), and then depart for home from Saigon
- We will look at possible travel itineraries and arrival logistics later
Arrival - Saturday, March 14

- Arrive at Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport
  - Usually late evening depending on the route

- Transit from the airport to our hotel in the city about an hour away
Hanoi – Sunday, March 15

• Wake up, have some breakfast, and start recovering from jet lag!

• Walk in the Old Quarter of Hanoi and visit Hoan Kiem Lake
  ◦ Have some Vietnamese iced coffee – ca phe nau da – or some fresh fruit juice or a tropical smoothie

• Take a guided tour of Hanoi visiting cultural and historic sites
  ◦ St. Joseph’s Cathedral
  ◦ Ho Chi Minh’s House
  ◦ Temple of Literature
  ◦ Museum of Ethnology

• Have a nice Vietnamese dinner and relax
University and Industry Visit – Monday, March 16

• Visit Hanoi University of Science and Technology
  ◦ Meet faculty and students, including OSU alumni
  ◦ Tour laboratories and classes

• Visit an Industrial Company
  ◦ Samsung manufacturing facility or something else TBD

• Some more sightseeing, dinner with Vietnamese friends, or something else
Arrive Ha Long Bay –
Tuesday, March 17

• Travel to UNESCO World Heritage Site Ha Long Bay

• Tour the bay by boat and spend the night on the boat
  ◦ Possible kayaking and/or swimming in the bay, traditional squid fishing, cave visit, etc.
  ◦ Dinner on the boat with fresh seafood and other food

• Depending on the final schedule this might be a day trip instead of overnight

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Depart Ha Long Bay – Wednesday, March 18

- Finish the tour of Ha Long Bay and return to Hanoi
- Pick up luggage at the hotel
- Fly from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
- Transfer to hotel and have dinner
Biosphere Reserve – Thursday, March 19

- Travel from HCMC to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Biosphere Reserve
- Spend most of the day touring the reserve
- Return to Ho Chi Minh City for dinner and sightseeing
In and Around Saigon – Friday, March 20

• Take a guided visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels and Cao Dai Temple
• Evening guided motorcycle Foodie Tour
Mekong Delta – Saturday, March 21

• Depart HCMC by bus for a day trip through a portion of the Mekong Delta region

• Travel by motorcoach, motorboat, rowboat, and (probably) horse cart!

• Visit several riverside communities and have a Vietnamese lunch

• Return in the evening for the last night in Vietnam
Depart Vietnam – Sunday, March 22

- Depart Saigon for the US
- Most departures are around midnight
- Arrive in the US on the same day due to the International Date Line
Particulars

• Costs
  ◦ Course Fee: ~$2,000 (includes 3 hours of tuition for ENGR4060)
  ◦ International airfare: (TBD, typically ~$1,200)
  ◦ Personal expenses

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