COMM3020 is an intensive for-credit (6 UOC) course which provides students the unique opportunity to gain international, exposure and workplace skills through studying and working in a specified location overseas.

In July 2016, this location will be Bangkok. The course will commence in Bangkok on 30th June 2016 and conclude on 23rd July 2016.

The central component of the course is the opportunity to work in a small cross-disciplinary student consulting team on a genuine business issue for a client organisation, such as local branches of international financial, marketing, technology corporations or SME’s. Students will also attend master classes by local industry leaders, government officials and academic experts, and learn about the local culture through fieldtrips to important cultural landmarks and sights. Assessments will include a presentation to the client, a practicum report and a reflection essay.

**Eligibility and Enrolment**

COMM3020 is available to UNSW undergraduate students enrolled in a single or dual Commerce, Economics, Actuarial Studies or Information Systems program who:

- have a minimum WAM of 65;
- have completed a minimum of 96 UOC by the commencement of this course, of which 30 UOC must be within their nominated business major; and
- are in good academic standing.

Providing you have room in your program, COMM3020 may count as an elective; Business School Elective, Free elective or as an elective within some majors (Accounting, Finance, Marketing or Information Systems). As COMM3020 is run in semester 2A, it will count towards your semester 2 load. It is also run in intensive mode, primarily in July prior to commencement of classes for semester 2, therefore students accepted into this course will be permitted to overload (enrol up to 30UOC) in semester 2.

International students will need to contact the Business School’s international experience office regarding their eligibility via email to (busintlexp@unsw.edu.au).

**Eligible students wishing to complete this course must submit an Expression of Interest form accompanied by a 1-2-page CV by 11.59pm on Sunday, 3rd April via the Global Opportunities webpage:** [www.business.unsw.edu.au/GO](http://www.business.unsw.edu.au/GO)

Enrolment is restricted and only students who meet the requirements of the selection process will be able to enrol.
**OS-HELP**

Students may apply for an OS-HELP loan for this course (subject to meeting eligibility criteria). This financial assistance initiative by the Australian government assists with expenses incurred in overseas study. Application forms can be collected from the Global Education Office (Ground Floor, East Wing of the Red Centre Building). For further information including eligibility also visit OS-HELP on the main UNSW website.

**New Colombo Plan Mobility Grant**

New Colombo Plan Mobility Grants are available to Australian Citizens that do not have dual citizenship or residency rights in Thailand and who have been offered a place in this course. A New Colombo Plan application form will be forwarded to eligible students with their email notification of selection. **There are 25 grants of $3000 available for this course.**

Selection will be based on your ability to demonstrate academic achievement, leadership skills and/or community service. Consideration will also be given to financial need. The outcome of New Colombo Plan Scholarship Applications will be announced at the information session for eligible students scheduled for 12pm on 4th May.

**Accommodation and Travel**

Accommodation is provided for all students in a safe and central location. Students will stay in twin rooms and are required to stay together as a group. The accommodation is included in the total cost of this course.

**You are responsible for arranging your own flights, ensuring that you are at the hotel by no later than 5pm on Thursday, 30th June 2016 as there is a welcome event scheduled for later that evening.**

The Practicum Concludes at 5pm on Friday, 22nd July and you are required to check out of the accommodation by 10am on 23rd July 2016.

**Cost**

In addition to normal course fees, students will incur additional costs of approximately $3,000 for flights, accommodation, work permits, language classes and local group transport. We estimate return flights to be approximately $1,200. The balance of $1,800 is broken up into two non-refundable payments of $500 and $1,300. Payment dates and details are specified below under “Key Dates and Deadlines”. **There are 25 grants of $3000 available for this course.**

There are costs that are not included in your payment and you should ensure that you have sufficient funds to cover transport to/from airport and to/from your Practicum location, phone calls, sim cards, laundry, admission costs at cultural tours, incidentals and entertainment. In addition to these, you should allow at least $40 per day to spend on basic items such as food.

Australian students enrolled as Commonwealth Supported students will be charged the Student Contribution Charge for the course (HECS). Full Fee Paying International students will be charged normal tuition fees for the course. For more information, go to: [https://student.unsw.edu.au/fees-to-pay](https://student.unsw.edu.au/fees-to-pay)
**Practicum Companies**

Students will be placed in groups of 3 – 5 students and placed with a company to work on a project. Companies will be confirmed prior to the Pre-departure Session. Previous companies involved in the Global Business Practicum have been in financial services, consulting, marketing, import / export, hospitality and technology.

**Immunisations and Health**

Each student is responsible for their own health before and during the course. You should consult your doctor to get advice about vaccinations or other health issues. You should also consult the Australian Government website for travellers. [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)

**UNSW Travel Insurance**

UNSW’s travel insurance policy covers students taking this course. You are obliged to read and understand all details of the policy. While UNSW aims to assist you with cost effective insurance, the coverage may not meet the requirements of all students going on this course. In such cases, we strongly recommend you arrange your own travel coverage through a private insurance provider.

**Key Dates and Deadlines**

**3rd April:** Deadline for online application (attaching Expression of Interest and a 1-2 page CV via Global Opportunities webpage: [www.business.unsw.edu.au/GO](http://www.business.unsw.edu.au/GO))

**26th April:** Email notification of selection and/or outcome of eligibility of application

**4th May:** Information Session scheduled for 12pm – 2pm in Quad 2063

**6th May:** Non-refundable payment of $500 securing your place in this course

**20th May:** Non-refundable balance payment of $1,300

**3rd June:** Pre-Departure Workshop scheduled for 10am to 4pm in Quad 2093

**30th June:** Depart Sydney for commencement of practicum in Bangkok

(students MUST arrive in Bangkok by no later than 5pm. There is a welcome event scheduled for 8pm and is compulsory for all students)

**23rd July:** Depart Bangkok

**2 August:** Compulsory debrief session (** date, time and location TBC)**