

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME
AUN Summer Program 2026 at
Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City

THEME: Sustainable Development Through ESG.

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GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

- Credits: 01 credit
- Duration: July 19th – July 31st 2026 (02 weeks)
- Program activities:
 - Thematic Lecture Series (Lectures): Providing foundational knowledge on ESG, circular economy, greenhouse gas emissions management, carbon neutrality, and the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) toward sustainable development.
 - Discussions and Group Projects (Mini-Project): Randomly dividing students into small cross-national groups to draw lots for topics, research, and build practical solutions for a specific theme (such as Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Tourism, Green Campus, Carbon Neutrality, etc.) under the close guidance of mentors.
 - Field Trip Program (Field Trips): A multi-day field trip to study Sustainable Agriculture & Circular Economy Practices at Loc Troi Group (An Giang), combined with experiencing the unique mangrove ecosystem in Can Gio Commune.
 - Extracurricular Activities: 2 session for student interactive session at VNUHCM-University of Social Sciences and Humanities and VNUHCM-University of Economics and Law, 1 Cultural exchange session among countries in the AUN network, and a Closing Gala Dinner.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course provides foundational knowledge on sustainable development, ESG (Environmental – Social – Governance) management, circular economy, greenhouse gas management, and green innovation in the context of the global green transition.

- Through an interdisciplinary approach combining lectures, workshops, field activities, business case studies, and international cultural exchange activities, students will explore sustainable development models in Vietnam as well as the role of youth in promoting innovation and social responsibility.
- The course particularly emphasizes experiential learning, enabling students to strengthen international teamwork skills, intercultural communication, critical thinking, and the development of practical ESG solutions through a final mini project.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLOS)

Students will be able to:

- Analyze global issues related to sustainable development, climate change, and ESG;
- Explain the fundamental principles of greenhouse gas management, circular economy, and sustainable consumption and production;
- Evaluate the role of ESG in corporate governance and national development strategies;
- Apply interdisciplinary knowledge to develop innovative solutions for sustainable development;
- Enhance intercultural communication, international teamwork, and critical thinking skills through group activities and mini projects.

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

Active participation in both classroom discussions and out-of-class activities is expected. There is no required textbook for this class. All reading materials will be provided by the lecturers.

Grades will be based on the following breakdown:

Assessment	Percentage
Attendance	10%
Individual reflection report/discussion (Each student will prepare a 4-pages report)	30%
Final Mini Project	60%

TIME, VENUE, PARTICIPANTS, AND ORGANIZERS

Time: 02 weeks in July 2026, from July 19, 2026, to July 31, 2026.

Venues:

- **Main Academic Venue:** VNUHCM Administrative Building and campuses of member universities (International University, University of Economics and Law, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, etc.).
- **Accommodation:** VNUHCM Dormitory and An Giang University Dormitory.
- **Field Trips/ Practical Site Visits:** Businesses, ecological models, and experiential learning sites in Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta region (An Giang province, Loc Troi Group, VNG).

Participants:

International Students: Expectedly around 50 students from international universities.

VNUHCM Students: Expectedly around 30 accompanying students from member universities, who will participate directly in the program while acting as liaisons, supporting logistics, and accompanying international students.

Lecturers and Experts: Lecturers with expertise in ESG, circular economy, and the environment, responsible for teaching specialized knowledge to the students.

Academic Mentors: Lecturers participating in guiding discussions, consulting, and orienting group projects for students.

Student Volunteers: VNUHCM student volunteer force responsible for airport pick-up/drop-off, daily life coordination, and running program events.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Content	Venue
Day 01 (Sunday, July 19, 2026)	All day	Transportation provided by VNUHCM for participants from Tan Son Nhat Airport to the Dormitory; Welcome Check-in and settle organization.	Tan Son Nhat Airport, VNUHCM Dormitory
	17:30 – 19:00	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 02 (Monday, July 20, 2026)	07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast Assemble for transit	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:30 – 09:00	Transit	VNUHCM Dormitory → VNUHCM Administrative Building
	09:00 - 11:15	Opening Ceremony of the AUN Summer Program 2026 Orientation exchange, and briefing on program regulations	VNUHCM Administrative Building
	11:15 – 13:00	Lunch break	VNUHCM Administrative Building
	13:00 – 13:30	Transit	VNUHCM Administrative Building → VNUHCM-University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH)
	13:30 – 15:45	Thematic Lecture 1: Climate Change: Earth's Tale, Our Trail	USSH

	15:45 – 20:00	International Cultural Exchange Program: Cultural performances by USSH students; culinary exchange combined with dinner.	USSH
	20:00 – 20:15	Transit	USSH → VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 03 (Tuesday, July 21, 2026)	07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast Assemble for transit	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:30 – 09:00	Transit	VNUHCM Dormitory → VNUHCM-University of Economics and Law (UEL)
	09:00 - 11:15	Thematic Lecture 2: Introduction to ESG and Sustainable Development, Green Credits, Carbon Credits, and the Carbon Market	UEL
	11:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
	13:30 – 16:00	Interactive session with UEL students	
	16:00 – 16:15	Transit	UEL → VNUHCM Dormitory
	17:30 – 19:00	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 04	7:00 – 8g30	Breakfast Assemble for transit	VNUHCM Dormitory

(Wednesd ay, July 22, 2026)	8g30 – 9:00	Transit	VNUHCM Dormitory – VNUHCM- International University (IU)
	09:00 – 11:15	Thematic Lecture 3: Circular Economy and Sustainable Consumption	IU
	11:15 – 13:30	Lunch break	
	13:30 – 14g30	Transit	IU → HCMC
	14:30 – 16:00	Field visit to Innovation Center at VNG Corporation	HCMC
	16:00 – 17:00	Transit	HCMC → VNUHCM Dormitory
	17:30 – 19:00	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 05 (Thursday , July 23, 2026)	07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast Assemble for transit	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:30 – 09:00	Transit	VNUHCM Dormitory → VNUHCM Administrative Building
	09:00 – 11:15	Thematic Lecture 4: ESG Reporting	VNUHCM Administrative Building
	11:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	

	13:30 – 14:00	Transit - campus tour	VNUHCM Administrative Building → Center for National Defense Education
	14:00 – 16:15	Team building	Center for National Defense Education
	17:30 – 19:00	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 06 (Friday, July 24, 2026)	07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast Assemble for transit	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:30 – 09:00	Transit	
	09:00 – 11:30	Thematic Lecture 5: Corporate Governance toward Sustainable Development Goals	IU
	11:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
	13:00 – 13:30	Transit	IU → VNUHCM Dormitory
	14:00 – 16:15	Group discussion Guidance for Case study by VNUHCM lecturers	VNUHCM Dormitory
	16:30 – 18:00	Dinner, preparation for cultural night	VNUHCM Dormitory

	18:00 – 18:30	Transit	VNUHCM Dormitory → VNUHCM-University of Information Technology (UIT)
	18:30 – 21:00	Cultural Night	UIT
	21:00 – 21:30	Transit	UIT → VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 07 (Saturday, July 25, 2026)	07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:00 – 17:00	Field trip to Can Gio Eco-tourism District (lunch included)	Can Gio Province
	17:00 – 18:30	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 08 (Sunday, July 26, 2026)	07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:00 – 11:30	Free time	
	11:30 – 13:30	Lunch (on demand basis)	
	17:30 – 18:30	Dinner (on demand basis)	
Day 09 (Monday, July 27, 2026)	05:45 – 06:30	Breakfast	VNUHCM Dormitory
	06:30 – 11:30	Transit to An Giang province	HCMC → An Giang Province
	11:30 – 12:00	Check in at Dormitory	An Giang University (AGU) Dormitory

	12g00 – 13:00	Lunch	AGU
	13:00 – 13:30	Transit	AGU → Loc Troi Group
	13:30 – 16:30	Field visit at Loc Troi Group: Sustainable agriculture and circular economy practices	Loc Troi Group
	17:00 – 17:30	Transit	Loc Troi Group → AGU
	17:30 – 18:30	Dinner	AGU
	18:30 – 21:00	Student exchange activity at AGU	AGU
	21:00 – 21:30	Transit	AGU → AGU Dormitory
Day 10 (Tuesday, July 28, 2026)	07:30 – 07:45	Transit	AGU Dormitory → AGU
	07:45 – 09:00	Breakfast	AGU
	09:00 – 11:15	Thematic Lecture 6: Climate Change in the Mekong Delta and Sustainable Development	AGU
	11:15 – 13:30	Lunch	
	14:00 – 18:00	Transit to HCMC	An Giang Province → HCMC
	18:00 – 19:00	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 11	07:15 – 08:30	Breakfast	VNUHCM Dormitory

(Wednesday, July 29, 2026)	08:30 – 10:30	Group discussion	
	11:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
	14:00 – 16:15	Mini report progress check	
	18:00 – 19:30	Dinner	
Day 12 (Thursday, July 30, 2026)	06:00 – 07:00	Breakfast	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:30 – 11:30	Submission of individual reports and poster preparation	
	11:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
	13:30 – 16:00	Poster progress check	
	17:30 – 18:30	Dinner	VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 13 (Friday, July 31, 2026)	07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast	VNUHCM Dormitory
	08:00 – 08:30	Transit	VNUHCM Dormitory → VNUHCM Administrative Building
	08:30 – 11:30	Groups poster presentation	VNUHCM Administrative Building
	11:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
	13:30 – 16:00	Poster demonstration set up for guests viewing	
	16:00 – 17:00	Groups present posters to diplomatic & VIP guests at the closing session	

	17:00 – 19:00	Gala Dinner	
	19:00 – 19:30	Transit	VNUHCM Administrative Building → VNUHCM Dormitory
Day 14 (Saturday, August 01, 2026)		Program concludes Students return to their home countries	

Note:

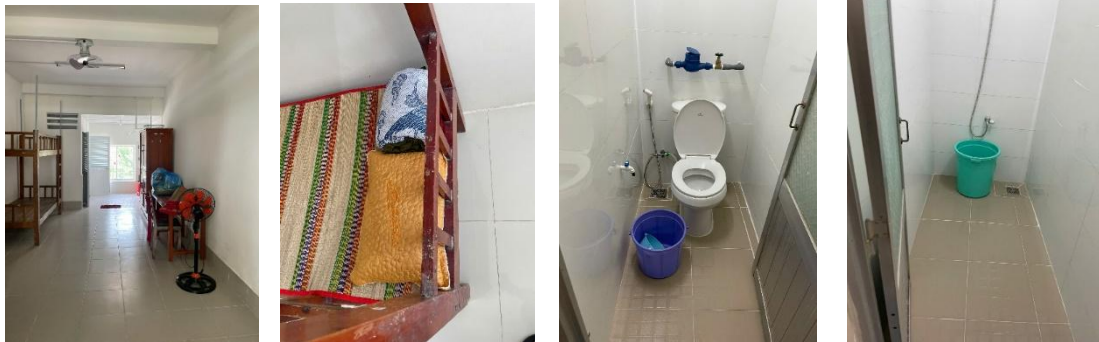
1. The schedule can be adjusted as appropriate and will be announced before the date of the event for preparation.
2. For field trips (at Can Gio Province and An Giang Province), kindly wear comfortable clothes for outdoor activities
3. Due to venue and logistical constraints during the activities, we are unable to source meals from certified Halal restaurants. However, all meals provided for Muslim participants will be prepared without Haram ingredients.
4. Praying locations (for Muslim followers) are provided on-site. Prayers are requested to bring their own praying mat and provide praying times beforehand for organisers to prepare. Praying sites may not be guaranteed outside of VNUHCM premises.
5. Accommodation:

5.1. The VNUHCM Dormitory: Located within Zone B of the VNUHCM Dormitory, buildings E2 and E3 are premier residential blocks specifically designated to provide high-quality accommodation for international and exchange students. Designed to offer a comfortable and conducive living and learning environment, these rooms are fully furnished and equipped with modern amenities, including air conditioning, high-speed Wi-Fi, private bathrooms with water heaters, comfortable bedding (**pillows are self-provided by students**), personal study desks, and wardrobes.

The buildings prioritize student safety and convenience, featuring 24/7 security, automated elevator access, and on-site utilities. Additionally, the campus offers easy access to campus cafeterias, convenience stores, sports facilities, and public transit, making buildings E2 and E3 a safe, vibrant, and ideal "home away from home" for international students during their stay in Vietnam.

5.2. The An Giang University Dormitory provides a standard dormitory room. All rooms are equipped with beds, cabinets, electric fans, desk, chairs and 2-prong electric outlets. Each bed are equipped with a woven mat, a pillow, a blanket and a mosquito net. Each room has a dedicated standing bathroom and a separate toilet.

Images for reference:



Alternatively, Participating students also have the option to stay at the university's guesthouse, available at a rate of 400,000 VND (approx.. 20 USD) per a 2-person room. Please note that the number of these rooms is strictly limited, so early reservation is highly recommended for those interested. Instructions for reservation will be provided in the handbook.

Images for reference:



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