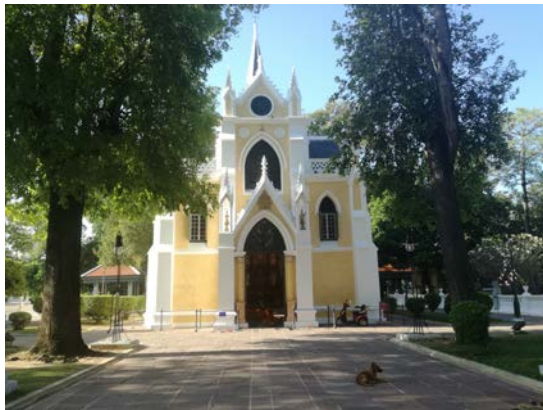


## Thailand



In my case the minor crossing borders focused on the sustainable development goal “quality education”. A fellow student and I taught English at a monk school in Bang-Pa-In, Thailand. We taught students from 8 to 20 years and prepared some of the students for an English competition. The monk school in Bang-Pa-In works together with the organization “Volunteer English Bangkok”. This is a Non-governmental, non-profit organization that focuses mainly on helping Thai students with low English proficiency to improve their English skills by bringing volunteers to their schools. My study focused mainly on increasing the motivation of students to learn English to help the local teachers for the long-term. The research was also enabled by the teachers and students who were willing to cooperate with me which was very helpful and also necessary to some extent. The supervisor of the organization and the teachers were all very friendly and the students were always really excited and happy to do a lesson with a foreigner.

I can definitely recommend doing this minor. This experience taught me so much about the Thai way of living which is completely different from the way we live in the Netherlands. However, it also taught me so much about myself as a person and helped me to be able to reflect more about human behaviour and culture in general. Moreover, doing the field study helps to prepare for the bachelor thesis or master thesis later on.