



SENS

School of English for Engaged Social Service

May 2 - July 22, 2021
Wongsanit Ashram, Thailand

The INEB Institute

The School of English for Engaged Social Service (SENS) is a project of the Institute for Transformative Learning of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists (The INEB Institute) under the umbrella of the Sathirakoses-Nagapradipa Foundation, registered in Thailand.

**Theme for SENS 2021:
Cultivating Women's Leadership
in the Work for Climate Justice***

**Men are welcome to participate!*



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Our Mission

To develop an English language program as a model to be shared:

- of socially conscious language learning
- that allows for rapid, enjoyable, and successful mastery of language skills
- in a rich, cooperative learning environment
- that fosters personal growth and social engagement
- as a contribution to peace, justice, understanding, and sustainability worldwide.



Term Dates

May 2 – July 22, 2021

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- The first term (with the first two weeks online), followed by a five-day term break. Students may rest, study, or travel during the break.

June 22 – July 22

- The second term of the SENS curriculum, followed by an optional writing workshop.

Tuition Fees & Living Expenses

6,000 USD or 198,000 Baht*

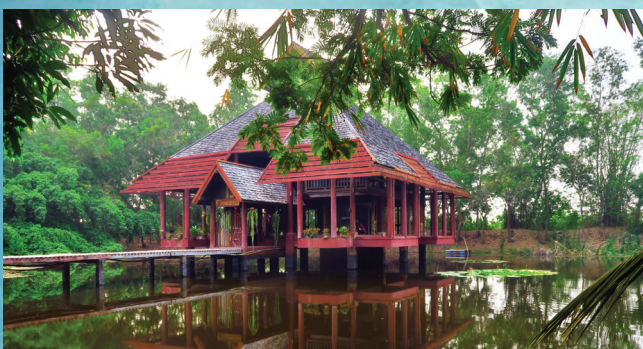
This fee covers tuition, field trips, Internet access, private tutoring, group excursions, insurance, three healthy meals per day, snacks, and simple but comfortable and safe lodging.**

* Partial and full scholarships are available, based on merit and need.

** Travel from home country to Thailand and visa fees, as well as other costs outside the course dates, are not included in the total \$6,000 fee.

Home Campus

Wongsanit Ashram
Nakhon Nayok, Thailand



If you wish to sponsor a student for the SENS 2021 program, please visit:
<http://inebinstitute.org/donation>

● Who Would Benefit as a Student?

We encourage you to apply if

- Your English is already intermediate level or better.
- You want to use your mind and your skills to work for personal growth and for the good of everyone.
- You love learning, especially in the company of others.
- You are committed to doing the work necessary to learn English well.
- You are adaptable and have a lot of energy.



The SENS program seeks students who are committed to working for the larger good, who are able to listen attentively to others, and who can think independently. To join SENS 2021, you must have a commitment to understanding the climate crisis, learning to work for climate justice, and taking action upon returning home.

We welcome students from any country, regardless of age, occupation, and social or religious status. We are happy to accept laypeople as well as those who have chosen a religious vocation. We aim to form a diverse cohort of students who identify with Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, or an indigenous tradition—or who follow secular or other forms of self-cultivation, ethical orientation, and spiritual practice.

We encourage you to apply even if you do not have the funds to pay for the program.

Places open for up to 18 students.

● Volunteer Tutor Program

We encourage you to apply if

- You are a native or near native English speaker.
- You like people and are highly conscientious and responsible.
- You would like to learn about Thailand, Buddhism, meditation, counseling, climate justice, and transformative teaching methods.
- You want to practice teaching and leading others.

We are seeking volunteer tutors who will assist the primary teachers in the class room and lead small group and one-on-one conversations outside of class.

Volunteer tutors will receive free room and board, and free travel on group excursions.



● How to Apply as a Student or Tutor:

Students

- Students should download and fill out the application form from <http://inebinstitute.org/apply/>
- Save the completed application as a new file that includes your name or nickname, and the program (SENS 2021) in the name of the document. For example: Sam-SENS2021Application
- Send an email to registrar@inebinstitute.org and attach the completed application.

Tutors

- Tutors should send us a cover letter, a sample of your writing, and a CV, including unrelated references at registrar@inebinstitute.org.

For those passing the first selection we will make an appointment with you for an interview online.

Women and Climate Justice Theme

The climate crisis is accelerating rapidly. It is now urgent for us to share sound scientific information on the dangers and impacts of the crisis, cultivate the leadership needed to confront it, and work for climate justice. Climate justice asks us to change systems that generate inequalities and keep us from taking steps that are even now within our reach. As traditional providers for the needs of the household, women are among those most affected by the crisis in Asia, yet they are also the least likely to hold decision-making power on climate issues. SENS 2021 aims to help correct this imbalance by supporting women to lead in this area. Our program in 2021 will welcome both women and men, while giving priority to women.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us what social chaos and collapsing systems look like. Yet the climate crisis is not far behind, and will likely be much worse. There is much we can do to prepare, to build solidarity, and to avoid the worst outcomes of climate change. All of this requires building a network, for which English can play a key role.

Since I became a part of SENS 2020, English has been more meaningful to me. English helps me to build relationships—which is a source of my happiness—even with people who don't speak my mother tongue. Never before had I thought that I could make friends with foreign people, that I could laugh and cry together with foreign friends and that we could support each other from the top of our heart—all in English. Because I want to understand my friends as much as I can, English is now of vital importance to me. SENS is a bridge that connects English and other people to me in a natural way.

Le Ha Anh Thy, Vietnam



Social work is not my job, it's my passion, because I have also faced caste discrimination as a member of the Dalit community. From this program I learned that we have similar problems all over the world, and we need to come together to change our societies.

Raj Kumar, Chhattisgarh, India

Health and Safety Precautions

COVID-19 has been well contained in Thailand, yet there may still be restrictions on travel in May 2021. We are well-prepared to make this program successful, while keeping everyone safe.

- If quarantine is required for citizens of your country arriving in Thailand in May, we will arrange your travel to an approved quarantine facility.
- During quarantine we will arrange for food and housing, and offer online instruction as well.
- We will then carry on with an in-person course as planned, following the quarantine period.
- We encourage you to apply, even if we cannot yet be absolutely sure that travel from your country will be possible in May of 2021.

What Our Graduates Say about SENS

This course creates a safe, encouraging, and loving space in which I am accepted the way I am, and I am free to be authentic to myself and others, so that I feel confident enough to live in harmony with people from within my own personality!

I am a woman who is looking for changes for myself and for my communities. And SENS made this possible.

We come together from different cultural backgrounds, religions, ethnicities and countries to learn from each other and listen to each other. This is a message from SENS that everyone in the world should receive and act on. We are ordinary people from different corners of the world who lack political and financial power, but we are a group of people who believe that we can and we will contribute something to the world with the power of compassion.

From SENS, I learned the importance of listening, which is the primary ability we human beings have, but it seems we have forgotten it for a very long time. Here we value different traditions, religions, and personal opinions and honor them through listening. Listening is the foundation of respect. Listening is the basis of trust. Listening is the bridge between different opinions. Listening is the key to peace and harmony. Listening is the only way lovers, friends, families, communities, religions, nationalities, countries, and the world can heal.

This student wishes to remain anonymous.