

Asia Deep Dive Program 2026

Enchanted Natural and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

AUA Asia Deep Dive Program is a dynamic gathering of scholars and students from leading Asian universities, fostering in-depth discussions on pressing regional issues. This year's theme—"Enchanted Natural and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia"—invites students from AUA member universities to explore Indonesia's remarkable geological landscapes, rich biodiversity, and vibrant cultural heritage.

KEY TOPICS

This program will start with an introduction to several aspects of the region's natural, cultural, historical, and social dynamics, delivered in a hybrid format across several online and offline classrooms at Universitas Indonesia. After that, the student will embark on field trips to visit the environmental, cultural, and historical aspects at the heart of West Java and its capital, Bandung City.

The visits will cover key topics, such as:

- **Earth Sciences and Geohazards:** Visits and academic discussions on earthquake, tectonics, and volcano monitoring, including BMKG Lembang, the Lembang Fault, and the Geology Museum.
- **Tropical Biodiversity:** Exploration of Indonesia's rich tropical biodiversity through a visit to the Bogor Botanical Gardens.
- **Indonesian Heritage and Southeast Asian History:** Cultural and historical learning through visits to the Museum of the Asian-African Conference and Bosscha Observatory.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Immersion in Indonesian performing arts at Saung Angklung Udjo, including a social event and hands-on experience in playing traditional musical instruments.

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Culture Immersion

Experience Indonesia's vibrant cultural diversity through traditional performances, local culinary exploration, and interactive cultural activities in Bandung. Participants will engage with local communities, explore Indonesia's artistic heritage, and gain deeper insights into the country's historical and social richness through immersive cross-cultural experiences.

Lectures

Participants will attend lectures and academic discussions led by distinguished scholars, researchers, and industry experts in earth sciences, disaster mitigation, biodiversity, atmospheric science, and Indonesian studies. The sessions are designed to encourage interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and international academic collaboration.



Field Trips

Field excursions to iconic scientific and cultural destinations—including Tangkuban Perahu Volcano, Boscha Observatory, and the Geological Museum—will provide participants with hands-on exposure to volcano monitoring, astronomy, geological studies, and Indonesia's natural ecosystems. These visits combine academic learning with real-world observation and experiential exploration.

What will be provided?

- Free registration fee for students from AUA member universities
- Accommodation, meals, local transportation, and scheduled program activities in Depok, Bogor, and Bandung are fully covered
- Round-trip airfare stipend ranging from USD 150 to USD 400 for all admitted students from each AUA member university, based on country/region of origin.

Tentative Schedule of the Asia Deep Dive Program (online sessions)

Date	Event	Venue
20 July, 2026	Lecture on Tectonics and Active Volcano in Indonesia; Lecture on Introduction to Geoscience	Online
21 July, 2026	Lecture on Introduction to Seismology; Lecture on Geo-Disaster	Online
22 July, 2026	Lecture on Indonesian Culture and Custom	Online
23 July, 2026	Lecture on Culture and History of West Java	Online
24 July, 2026	Lecture on Indonesian Biology and Biodiversity; Lecture on Ethnobiology	Online

Tentative Schedule of the Asia Deep Dive Program (offline sessions)

Date	Event	Venue
9 Aug, 2026	Arrival in Jakarta and registration	Airport / accommodation
10 Aug, 2026	Opening Ceremony, Lectures on Earth Sciences and Geohazard, University Tour	Universitas Indonesia
11 Aug, 2026	Botanical Garden visit, Field lectures on zoology and tropical biodiversity	Bogor Botanical Garden
12 Aug, 2026	Field lecture and visit on active volcano	Tangkuban Perahu Volcano
13 Aug, 2026	Bosscha Observatory visit, BMKG Lembang visit, field lectures on atmosphere, outer space, earthquakes, and Lembang Fault monitoring	Bosscha Observatory; BMKG Lembang

Date	Event	Venue
14 Aug, 2026	Saung Angklung Udjo visit, cultural heritage field lecture, Alun-Alun and Museum visit, Indonesian history field lecture	Saung Angklung Udjo; Alun-Alun Bandung; KAA Museum
15 Aug, 2026	Museum Geology visit, field lecture on geology, group discussion, final presentation, closing ceremony	Museum Geology and Bandung
16 Aug, 2026	Airport transfer and return	