

India: Regional Area Study

Semester:

Fall 2009

Program Focus:

Country Study

Recommended Courses:

IA 257: Global Resource Dilemmas

HIST 217: The Emergence of Modern South Asia

MUS 305: World Music & Asia

RELS 241: Religion and Culture of Hindu India

SOAN 281: India in

Sociological Perspective

SOAN 350: Global Inequality

Application Deadline:

October 27, 2008

Program Design:

India's 5000-year history and current importance in the international socio/political scene provides an environment that is rich for intellectual inquiry. Program sites are in the north and south of India with extended stays in New Delhi, Dehra Dun, Varanasi, and Bangalore. The program starts in New Delhi under the direction of Dr. Sharada Nayak, Managing Director of the Educational Resource Trust, and Dr. Sunil Kumar, a professor in the History Department at Delhi University. The study begins with a comprehensive three week introduction to India and an academic focus on medieval history. This focus is complemented with field trips within New Delhi and trips to Tughluqabad, the Taj Mahal, and Fatehpur Sikri.

From Delhi the program moves

to Navdanya Environmental Center near the city of Dehra Dun to explore environmental issues that confront India today. Navdanya is an environmental organization founded by Dr. Vandana Shiva to work with people in agriculture to maximize production while minimizing the impact on the environment.

Varanasi, one of the holiest cities of India, is the third site of study. The Centre for Postcolonial Education at Southpoint School, under the direction of Dr. Nita Kumar, coordinates the study of Hinduism and artisans in the community of Varanasi. The group will identify a community project that will provide some benefit to the host community.

From Varanasi the academic program moves to Bangalore in south India. Bangalore is an international center for software companies that demonstrates the effects of globalization in modern India.

Within the program are two, week long, independent travel opportunities designed to have students explore areas of India not included in the formal itinerary and to assume responsibility for moving about and exploring India on their own in small groups. Students will be expected to contribute to the learning of the group by sharing their observations and analysis of issues discussed within journals and written papers throughout the program.

Credits:

4 courses per semester/16 credits

Curriculum:

IS 240: Area Culture Studies: India

IS 241: Contemporary Studies: India

IS 242: Development/Environment: India

IS 243: The Present in Delhi's Past

Suggested Readings:

Geoff Crowther, et.al., India: A Travel Survival Guide

R.K. Narayan, The Ramayana
Diana Eck, Darsan: Seeing the Divine Image in India

Bernard Cohn, India: The Anthropology of a Civilization
Roy C. Craven, A Concise History of Indian Art

William Dalrymple, City of Djinns: A Year in Delhi
Salman Rushdie, Midnight's Children

*Additional Information:***Passport Fees:**

•http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html or University Station Post Office, 1505 SW 6th Street, Portland.

Passport Details:

During the early portion of the semester prior to departure, you will be required to submit your passport to the Overseas Office. Your passport will be returned to you just prior to your departure. During this time frame, the Overseas Office will secure your visa. If you plan to

use your passport to travel during this timeframe, please make an appointment with the Overseas Office immediately to discuss the process for obtaining a visa.

Please make sure your passport is valid for 6 months BEYOND the end of your program (June 2010). If it expires before then, please renew it as soon as possible to avoid expediting fees.

Passport photos (8 required):

- We recommend Action Fast Photo, located at 9889 SW Barbur Boulevard next to Barbur Foods, (\$7.50 for 2/\$.43 for each additional). Please inform them that you are an LC student in order to receive the discount.

Visa fees and requirements: A visa is required for this program. You will apply as a group during orientation. The following site is for informational purposes only.

- <http://indiavisa.travisaoutsourcing.com/guidelines?id=1>

Health:

- Please make an appointment with the student health services center to get an updated list of immunizations that are recommended or mandatory for this program.

Insurance:

Students are insured by The Aetna / Chickering Insurance Company, an affiliate of USI Insurance Services Corporation. Program insurance is mandatory and included in the comprehensive fee.

International Student Identity Card:

The card is required for the program. You will be notified of how to obtain it when we are making your travel arrangements.

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