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India Winterim:
A Global Perspective

Eligibility

The India Winterim program is open to students of all majors in good academic and disciplinary standing who have a clear interest and commitment to the specific course topic. Acceptance into the program will be determined by faculty review. Students at other U.S. universities and community members may also apply.

Dates

Dates for this course are December 27, 2011 to January 16, 2012.

Next Steps

More information and applications are available online at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~geog/india> and in the Office for Study Abroad. Prospective applicants should make an appointment with India Winterim Program Assistant Cory Petersen. Students should also discuss their plans with their academic advisor and India Winterim course instructors. Applications are due by October 10, 2011.

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Program Description

The India Winterim program is an intensive, three-week field-based program that provides students with the opportunity to learn from and directly interact with leading social entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations and academic institutions within India's diverse cultural, socioeconomic, and geographical mosaic. Each course is based in (or near) one of several cities throughout India including Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi/Gurgaon, Hyderabad, Kochi, Madurai, Trivandrum and Udaipur. This program is designed for undergraduate students, graduate students and community members with related interests and experience.

Academic Program

The India Winterim program allows students to explore their interests in art and architecture, biodiversity and sustainability, education, entrepreneurship, housing, journalism, performing arts, physical therapy, renewable energy, social justice and law, social work, water resources or other development issues in India. Specific courses vary each year, and will be announced on the program's web site early in the fall semester. In 2010-11, 116 students participated in 11 different courses. Each section is led by UI faculty and has its own disciplinary perspective. Students work with Indian NGOs employing a diverse variety of techniques to address social issues.

The working language for all courses is English although you are sure to come away with a few new phrases in one of several local languages. And while each course is different, the weeks in India are devoted to learning about and developing solutions to real-world problems.

Before departure students meet with their instructor and are provided with orientation materials and a list of books, articles and films to prepare them for the course content. The courses are taught through a combination of lectures given by University of Iowa professors and local NGO representatives, although most of the teaching/learning occurs outside the traditional classroom.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

Excursions are a central part of the academic component of this program. Participants visit a variety of local NGO facilities (and engage with their clientele), hospitals, museums, temples and other significant historical, cultural and environmental sites.

Accommodations

Participants are housed two to a room in medium-range hotels and/or in NGO dorm-style guesthouses throughout the program. Lodging is included in the program fee. Internet access is typically available at all program sites.

Transportation

Students will fly to their course's program site. Students will be picked up from the airport and taken to their program site; they will also be taken back to the airport at the end of the program. Local travel is arranged by the program staff

and is typically on trains and private buses. The costs for all program-related travel in India are covered by the program fee.

Costs

The estimated fee for the 2011-2012 India Winterim courses is between \$2600-\$2900. Higher fees may apply for some sections to reflect higher costs of accommodation and services in certain locations. The program fee includes tuition, orientation, lodging, program-related transportation in India, translators and field guides, and excursions/cultural programs. Airfare is not included in the program fee. A Cost Sheet outlining all of the anticipated expenses associated with participation in this program will be available on the program's web site.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financial aid received to attend the University of Iowa may be applied toward the cost of studying abroad. Aid eligibility is adjusted to reflect the additional cost of participating in the program. In addition, students are encouraged to apply for need- and merit-based scholarships awarded by the Office for Study Abroad. Complete information is available at: <http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding>.