



India

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Session • June 28 - July 12, 2012*

Course Name:

Riding the Elephant: An Introduction to the History & Culture of India

Course Number: **IDS 397**

Credit hours: **3** (undergraduate)

Course Overview

Since liberalizing its economy, India has grown at a fast pace. Today's India stands in stark contrast to the old India. Thus, the objective of this course is to introduce students to modern India with all its contradictions.

The program will explore India's rich history and diverse culture, while introducing students to the promises and challenges that India faces as it continues to modernize and grow.

Pre-travel lectures and discussions will provide background for the study tour, on which students will experience India's varied culture and rich history firsthand.

The group will visit the country's capital, New Delhi; the commercial metropolis of Kolkata, the industrial township of Durgapur, and the university town of Santiniketan. In each city, students will have the opportunity to meet with local community leaders, business people, educators and students and to attend lectures by local experts. We'll also tour a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites like the Taj Mahal, museums, palaces, monuments, temples, mosques and other architectural and archaeological sites.

Estimated Cost: \$3,515

Includes: Roundtrip airfare from Chicago, land transportation in India, hotel, 2 meals/day, program excursion & admission fees; Study Away student fee, including International Student Identity Card. Separated costs not available.

Excludes: MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit; passport & visa fees; transportation to & from Chicago; lunches; misc. personal expenses.

Nonrefundable deposit due with Program Application by March 30, 2012: \$527 (will be billed to your student account)

Airfare billed April 16, 2012: \$2,400

Balance billed May 25, 2012: \$588

Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \$500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Information Meetings: 5:30-6:30 p.m.,
Weds., March 14 & March 28, in PSU 315A

Pre-Travel Class Meetings (all at 5:30 p.m. except April 20, which will be at lunch; locations TBA at Informational Meetings):
**Mon., April 9; Wed., April 11;
Mon, April 16; Wed., April 18; Fri., April 20;
Mon., April 23; & Wed., April 25**

Depart Chicago for New Delhi, India:
Thurs., June 28, 2012*
(Arrive Sat., June 30)

Depart Kolkata for Chicago:
Thurs., July 12, 2012*
* Tentative travel dates; details TBA

Paper/Powerpoint Due: **Mon., July 23, 2012**

Interested in going?

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Course Schedule & Itinerary

(subject to change)

PRE-TRAVEL CLASS MEETINGS

All except April 20 will be held at 5:30 p.m.; locations TBA at Informational Meetings)

Mon., April 9: Introduction to India - History, culture and politics

Wed., April 11: Introduction of India (continued)

Mon., April 16: Travel Orientation Meeting - What to expect in India

Wed., April 18: India's Economy

Fri., April 20: Group Discussion to be held over lunch at a local Indian restaurant

Mon., April 23: Slide Show Presentation & Discussion

Wed., April 25: Final Orientation Meeting

STUDY TOUR OF INDIA

Thurs., June 28: Depart Chicago

Sat., June 30: Arrive in New Delhi, India, capital of India's government

Sun., July 1: Visit India Gate and Rajghat; meet with business and/or political leaders.

Mon., July 2: Visit Bahai Temple, Qutub Minar (minaret), and Old Delhi to see Jama Masjid (mosque) and Red Fort.

Tues., July 3: Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites at Fatehpur Sikri and Agra, location of the world-famous Taj Mahal

Wed., July 4: Fly to Kolkata, a city of 15 million people and the commercial center of eastern India

Thurs., July 5: Visit India Museum and St. Paul's Cathedral

Fri., July 6: Visit a school and/or college in India; meet with students and faculty.

Sat., July 7: Visit Jorasanko (Rabindra Nath Tagore's house) and Marble Palace; meet with local journalists and/or entrepreneurs.

Sun., July 8: Travel to Durgapur industrial township (180 km away)

Mon., July 9: Visit Hem Sheela Model School; interact with teachers and students.

Tues., July 10: Visit tribal school and then spend the day in Santiniketan (a leading university and center of Bengali culture)

Wed., July 11: Return to Kolkata; explore the city. Group reflection discussion on the Indian experience.

Thurs., July 12: Depart for Chicago

POST-TRAVEL

Mon., July 23: Brief paper/Powerpoint presentation due

Course Credit & Requirements

Students who successfully complete this program will receive **3 hours** of undergraduate credit. A letter grade will be assigned, based on the following projects:

- **Paper** - Before leaving for India, each student will write a brief paper on a topic to be determined in consultation with the Program Director. Topics may include India's economy, languages, population growth, history, culture, government and politics, wildlife, etc.
- **Reflection Journal & Final Paper or Presentation** - Students will maintain a daily journal. At the end of the course, there will be a group discussion that will result in a brief paper or Powerpoint presentation in which students will reflect on their experience in India and the personal impact of that experience.

Required Texts: None. The Program Director will provide handouts of selected materials.

Application & Payment Procedures

This program is open to students of any academic major. All Missouri State University students who are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on program application.

A **non-refundable deposit of \$527** will be billed to your student account upon application (due by **March 30, 2012**). Airfare (\$2,400) will be billed on **April 16, 2012**, and the balance of program costs (\$588) will be billed to your account on **May 25, 2012**.

The published program cost is based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change.

Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to **May 18, 2012** will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$527 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after **May 18, 2012** for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$527 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after **May 18, 2012**, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Directors and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to travel and return with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 13 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.