



# India

## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Second Block Spring Class • July 2-17, 2014

Course Name: **Riding the Elephant: An Introduction to the History and Culture of India**

Course Numbers:  
**IDS 397/UHC 350**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate

### Course Overview & Objectives:

Since liberalizing its economy, India has grown at a fast pace. Today, modern India stands in stark contrast with the old India. Thus, the objective of this course is to introduce the student to modern India with all its contradictions. It will explore India's history and culture. The course will also introduce the student to the promises and challenges that India faces as it continues to modernize and grow. The course has a significant travel component.

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.

### Program Fee: \$3,500

**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, land transportation in India, and one meal per day. Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, some food and beverages, Visa fees, ground transportation for personal excursions, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. \$612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate/graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

### Applications are due by March 21, 2014.

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$525 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

### Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Natural and Applied Sciences Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:  
**TBA**

Application Due:  
**March 21, 2014**

Pre-travel Class Meetings  
**TBA**

Depart Chicago for New Delhi:  
**July 2, 2014**

Depart Kolkata for Chicago:  
**July 17, 2014**

Post-travel Meeting, Papers Due:  
**TBA**

### Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director, Dr. Saibal Mitra, Professor, Department of Physics, Astronomy & Materials Science: (417) 836-8989  
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## Course Schedule & Itinerary

### COURSE OUTLINE

The class will meet for lectures and group discussion during the Spring 2013 semester. Dates and times of these meetings will be announced later. Additional lectures will be arranged in India and will be given by local experts.

**Lecture 1:** Introduction to India – its history, culture and politics.

**Lecture 2:** Introduction of India (continued).

**Lecture 3:** Travel orientation - what to expect in India.

**Lecture 4:** India's economy.

**Lecture 5:** A slide show presentation.

**Lecture 6:** This discussion will be held over lunch at a local Indian restaurant. Students pay for their lunch.

**Lecture 7:** Final orientation meeting before travel.

All of the above lectures will be presented in Springfield.

### STUDY TOUR

Lectures and discussion of India's history and culture given by local experts.

**July 2, 2014** Depart for New Delhi, India.

**July 4, 2014** Arrive in New Delhi.

**July 5, 2014** Visit India Gate and Rajghat. Meet with business and/or political leaders.

**July 6, 2014** Visit Bahai Temple, Qutub Minar and then go to Old Delhi to see Jama Masjid and Red Fort.

**July 7, 2013** Visit Fatehpur Sikri and Agra.

**July 8, 2014** Fly to Kolkata.

**July 9, 2014** Visit India Museum and St. Paul's Cathedral.

**July 10, 2014** Visit a school and/or college in India. meet students and faculty.

**July 11, 2014** Visit Jorasanko (Rabindra Nath Tagore's house) and Marble Palace. Meet with local journalists and/or businessmen/entrepreneurs.

**July 12, 2014** Leave for Durgapar.

**July 13, 2014** Visit Hem Sheela Model School. Interact with teachers and students.

**July 14, 2014** Visit tribal school and then spend the day in Santiniketan (a leading university and center of Bengali culture).

**July 15, 2014** Return to Kolkata and explore the city, group discussion.

**July 16, 2014** Return to New Delhi.

**July 17, 2014** Return to the U.S.

### POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETING

Focus group regarding program evaluation and recommendations, Reflection on the Indian experience.

### 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

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$525** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline March 21, 2014). You will receive a second billing on April 25, 2014 and a final billing on May 23, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$2,975). MSU course tuition (\$612) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$525** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline March 21, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$2,975) and course tuition (\$612) will be due by May 23, 2014.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 16, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.**

Estimated program fees are 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% if rates increase before or during travel.

## Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to May 23, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$525** deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after May 23, 2014 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$525** deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after May 23, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.