



UNC
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

INDIA

Study Abroad Course

December 26, 2010 to January 8, 2011



INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, September 7

12:15-1:30, Room 300

Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building



This Winter Study
Abroad Course in India will examine social problems, social policies and the delivery of social services in India.

There will be a special emphasis on considering world view, both American and Indian, and in thinking about how each country approaches social concerns.

Through lectures, interactions with Indian students and practitioners, and visits to governmental, non-governmental, neighborhood and community grassroots organizations in Pune and Ahmednagar, participants will deepen their understanding of societal responses to social issues such as aging, mental health and substance abuse, homelessness, commercial sex trafficking and HIV/AIDS. Lectures, discussions and field visits will provide opportunities for analysis, reflection and collective learning.

Tourism and recreational excursions will be provided in the cities of Mumbai, Pune, Jaipur, Agra and New Delhi. Through these visits participants will develop a deepened understanding of Indian culture, history and people.

WHERE YOU'LL GO

MUMBAI (formerly known as Bombay) is the capital of the state of Maharashtra. It is the most populous city in India; the second most populous city in the world. Mumbai is the commercial and entertainment center of India; it is home to important Indian financial institutions and India's film and television industry, known as Bollywood. In Mumbai we will see the Elephanta Caves and the mosque of Haji Ali.

PUNE is the eighth largest city in India and the second largest in the state of Maharashtra. Sometimes referred to as the Oxford of the east, Pune continues to be a stronghold for Indian academics and culture. Our university host, Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT), will provide meals and overnight accommodations. Here we will visit six Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) such as Maher, the Residential School for Blind Girls and a mental

health facility as well as visiting Kathewadi, a model rural community. Lectures and discussions will be provided on Indian culture and religion, government and politics of India and on various social problems and strategies for service delivery. We will travel one day to the Rural Development Institute of Social Work to discuss rural social work and visit a local farm village. One night, student volunteers will take us in small groups on a social outing and New Year's Eve will be celebrated in Pune!

JAIPUR is the first planned city of India, located in the desert lands of Rajasthan state. The city that once had been the capital of royalty, now serves as the capital city of Rajasthan. The city comprises the famous structures like the Hawa Mahal, City Palace and Amber Fort, some of the best architectural examples of India. We will visit these sites and participate in a cultural evening at Choki Dhani. Time for shopping is also reserved. Jaipur is the reservoir of Indian customs, traditions, civilization and legacy.

AGRA is a city on the banks of the river Yamuna in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Agra is best known for the Taj Mahal, one of the most famous buildings in the world. The Taj Mahal is considered to be one of the New Seven Wonders of the world and is the mausoleum of Shah Jahan's favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. We will visit Agra and the Taj Mahal towards the end of our trip.

NEW DELHI is the capital city of India and serves as the center for the government of India. New Delhi was built as the imperial India by the British, though Old Delhi served as the capital of Islamic India. Here we will tour Mahatma Gandhi's Memorial and visit the government complex.

ENROLLMENT

This course is open to all graduate and upper division undergraduate students, as well as social work, public health, education, public policy, religion, medicine and related fields who want to learn more about Indian social issues and culture. Friends and family members of participants are also welcome; however, priority will be given to students and social work educators and practitioners. There are no prerequisites for this course.

SERVICE

Students accepted for the course are expected to provide leadership for and participation in a service project to raise money and materials (medicines, educational supplies, etc.) for the CSO's (NGO's) that we will be visiting.

PROGRAM FACULTY

Rebecca Brigham, MSW, Clinical Assistant Professor; Dan Hudgins, MSW, Clinical Instructor; and Betsy Bledsoe, PhD, Assistant Professor; all from the UNC School of Social Work. The program is coordinated by Darshan Mundada, UNC School of Social Work alumnus.

COST

The program fee is \$1,895*. This fee includes:

- Program instructional costs
- Double occupancy lodging (in some locations single occupancy is not available)
- All meals (\$25/day). At some locations only vegetarian meals will be available.
- Planned group excursions and cultural events
- In-country (India) transportation (air, train, bus)
- Agency visits and guest lectures
- Medical insurance

*This cost is based on 28 participants and on the exchange rate as of August 1, 2010. U.S. domestic airfare, international airfare, extra excursions and personal expenses, alcohol, passport and visa costs and gratuities are not included.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate and graduate students enrolled for course credit may be eligible for student loans to pay for the cost of the trip. Contact the Office of Scholarship and Student Aid at (919) 962-8396 for further information.

COURSE CREDIT

Students taking the course for credit will earn three credit hours.

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

An initial deposit of \$400 is required with the application (bank check is preferred, made payable to UNC-CH). Application deadline is October 1, 2010.

Applicants will be notified no later than October 8 as to their acceptance. The final payment is due on Nov. 1, 2010. The balance due cannot be deferred for loans or financial aid payment dates.

Should individuals be interested in committing to the trip (and paying the entire cost), prior to October 1, please notify Dan Hudgins for early consideration. It is expected that airfare costs will increase considerably as we get further into the fall. Students are urged to purchase their airline ticket as soon as they are notified of acceptance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more detailed information on the course, application, itinerary and program, contact Dan Hudgins, (919) 962-5163 or e-mail danhudgins@unc.edu.

Also see our India trip web page at:

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