

STUDY ABROAD IN INDIA PROGRAMS

The mission of the Indus Foundation is to provide students of American universities with high-quality academic study abroad programs that foster intercultural development. Our vision for the future is a world filled with inter-culturally competent leaders who have both the understanding and skills to effectively, humanely, and positively navigate across different cultures, in politics, education, and business.

India is a country in South Asia. It is the 7th largest country in the world and second most populous. Four major world religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism originated here, while Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Zoroastrianism arrived in the first millennium C.E. and have shaped India's varied culture. India finally became a modern nation state in 1947 after a long struggle for independence. Although India has the second fastest growing economy in the world, it still battles poverty, illiteracy, and persistent malnutrition.

India's regions range from the Himalayan peaks of Ladakh to the desert kingdoms of Rajasthan to the bustling energy of Delhi and Mumbai to equatorial tropics of Kerala. India has tremendous biodiversity and is home to 6.7% of all mammals, 12% of apes, 6% of reptiles and 6% of all flowering plants on Earth.

On the societal side, India is the largest democracy in the world and has the world's largest Hindu population as well as the world's second largest Muslim population. Altogether, several hundred languages are spoken in India including twenty-five with over one million speakers. India is home to many World Heritage sites, including the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Humayun's Tomb, Fatehpur Sikri, Konark Sun Temple, Qutub Minar, Sanchi Stupa as well as countless castles, temples and pilgrimage points.

Over the last fifteen years, India has brought itself to the center stage of the world economy. India's engineering and technical strengths are legendary. India has become a powerhouse in software development and business process outsourcing and is making great strides in manufacturing and other high technology fields. There is no doubt that India will be a major economic force in the 21st century, though it will face significant challenges in developing infrastructure and spreading these economic gains to its still overwhelmingly rural population.

Today's competitive job market requires applicants to distinguish themselves, and international education experience is the perfect way to do so. Having international education experience is an incredible resume booster, as it shows prospective employers that the applicants are motivated, independent, and generally more qualified. Additionally, obtaining foreign language skills can make applicants eligible for a variety of jobs that they may have otherwise been unqualified for.

Students of the American universities are welcome to India. Studying abroad in India for a semester or year will give students a fresh perspective on themselves, India, the USA, and the world. By living in a foreign country such as India, students will constantly

challenge themselves in many new and exciting ways and gain a level of independence they never knew they had. Studying abroad in India will expose them to diverse people and viewpoints, and they will get to experience a different way of life apart from their own in the USA. They will be immersed in the language, culture, and people of the host country and will get to experience life as residents, not as mere tourists. While studying in India, they will also earn credit towards their current degree. The Foundation will arrange study abroad programs at graduate and post-graduate levels in high quality Indian institutions, which have facilities of international standards. Students of the American universities will get the most memorable study abroad experience possible.

Students will pay the regular tuition and fees, room and board expenses, to their parent institution. The American universities will pay an agreed amount to Indian institutions for providing tuition, room and board. International travel costs will be borne by the students.

Given below are the details of American Universities which are interested in having Study Abroad in India Programs in Collaboration with well-established Indian institutions. The text used is that of the concerned Universities.

Clarkson University

This may be especially interesting for our Global Supply Chain program. Our Careers/ Study Abroad office is more involved with this aspect.

Concordia University

Already set up.

Drexel University

Undergraduate study abroad on quarter system, 10-week quarters with one week testing period students complete two quarters consecutive classes followed by two quarters co-op experience study abroad experiences conducted with international co-op opportunities are most desirable.

Governors State University

Ecological Research based Travel

John Carroll University

We are looking for partner institutions for semester - long programs in many undergraduate fields (mainly in the Liberal Arts and Business and Basic Science). 5-10 students per year.

Longwood University

Would like to discuss potential programs.

Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

Very interested in setting up Study Abroad programs for our MBA and MAcc students

Southern University and A&M College

Southern University is interested in participating in a study abroad program in India. Since 1992 the university has entered into formal Memoranda of Understandings (MOU's) with universities in Mexico, Nicaragua, China, Malaysia, Uganda, Liberia, South Africa, The Gambia and Senegal, including a pending MOU with Fatih University in Turkey. The program offers study abroad, faculty exchange, international research, and teaching and project management and consultant opportunities. A unique facet of the study abroad program is the combination of service learning with language acquisition. The study abroad program has a structure which includes a combination of language development and international service learning. The service learning approach helps students to understand the concept of putting service above self by giving something back and valuing the positive aspects of each country's own culture.

We form MOU's with universities which can help to provide credibility to the program and where possible, arrange for housing with host families. This reduces the cost significantly while increasing the participation in the host countries culture and strengthens language development. Southern University is also interested in having Indian students participate in study abroad programs on this campus. We have hosted many groups from our cooperating international universities.

Temple University

Temple has the largest international campus of any American university, located in Japan. We also have extensive collaborations in China, India, Israel, Italy, and UK, to name a few.

Texas Christian University

Film, Digital Media, Interior Design, Environmental Studies and Business.

Tufts University

We are potentially interested in a study abroad program for our undergraduate juniors at an institution with comparable academic standards.

University of Central Arkansas

Interested in developing semester exchanges and / or study abroad programs of a semester in duration. Concentrating on areas of Business, Computer Sciences and the Liberal / Fine Arts.

University of Oregon

We currently offer study abroad programs for our students in Choglamsar, Dehli, Dharamsala, Hyderabad, Jaipur. These programs are offered by third study abroad providers SIT and CIEE.

University of Rochester

We currently have programs organized through consortia, but we would be interested in exploring the possibility of establishing direct programs, as part of a larger partnership agreement with an Indian University.

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

We are interested in setting up study abroad programs in India. They could either be semester to a year long programs or short term study abroad programs. They could either be cultural based or preferable major related study abroad programs.

WVU Institute of Technology

WVU Tech would like to explore partnerships for Internships courses for students in Accounting, Business Management, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronic Engineering Technology, Engineering Technology (Civil, Environmental, and Mechanical Emphases).