Team India!

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• Discovering grand challenges in urban and rural India
• Exploring entrepreneurial and engineering solutions
• Enjoying India’s culture, food, chai
• Interacting with communities, entrepreneurs, non-profit leaders
• Designing an impact venture solution
• Building friendships with UMN students
Program Details

• Three-credit course
• No language requirement
• Can fulfill a tech elective with departmental approval
• Will fulfill the Global Perspectives LE
• Graduate students should work with advisers on applying the class
• Seminar meetings begin in Spring Semester (TBD).
• Trip departs May 18 after finals.
• CE 5570 is an Acara course
• Shaping leaders and ventures for global impact
• Multidisciplinary, global, grand challenge focus
• Can follow up with CE 5571 in Fall ’15 (4 cr)
• More: talk with Fred, Brian, Julian; see acara.umn.edu
Program Agenda

• May 18-19 – Fly US to India
• May 20-June 7 – 14 program days, 3 day side trip, 2 days off
  – Orientation, local food tour
  – Meetings with entrepreneurs, engineers, non-profit leaders
  – Field visits with ventures to meet with communities, local leaders
  – Regional field trip in South India
• June 8 – Fly India to US
CE 5571 Topics

Development challenges and solutions in:

- Transportation
- Water and sanitation
- Energy
- Waste management
- Food and agriculture
- Public health
- Livelihoods
- Education
Green Power – Waste to Biogas
Ugly Indian – A Movement
Sankara Eye Hospital – Affordable Care
Navadarshanam – Organic farming
Social Venture Design
Chai, chai
2 Indian books
Articles while in India
Photo blog
Daily journal
Venture summary
Technical assignment (for CSE undergrads seeking elective credit)
Program Finances

- Program fee ~$4800
- Program fee includes: airfare, lodging, tuition credits, excursions, ground travel, tour guides, book, health insurance, most meals
- Registration is May Session

Rough overall budget:
- $4,800 Program Fee
- $190 Passport and visa
- $400 spending money
Program Payment

You don’t pay full fee before departing; there is time to raise funds and apply for scholarships

1) $50 fee at application (Fall)
2) $400 deposit after confirmation (Spring)
3) Apply for scholarships
4) Bill balance paid (Summer)
Financial Aid can apply!

- Undergrads: Call OneStop at 612-624-1111 to request preview meeting

- More info: http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/finances/abroad.php

- Grad students: Contact Jim Parker at j-park1@umn.edu or 612.626.0750
Scholarships!

- Be sure to apply.
- Follow all formatting and deadlines very carefully.
- Most scholarships are targeted toward undergrads.
- Some grad scholarships for international programs are available (Judd, etc.)
Application Process

1. Apply - Application is open: [http://z.umn.edu/india](http://z.umn.edu/india)

2. Submit two supplemental application docs to Brian Bell (bell0384@umn.edu).
   - Resume (1 pg max)
   - Essay (2 pg max) – why do you want to pursue this program?

3. OneStop course registration for accepted students will be managed after the application phase

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**No passport? Apply now!**

- Priority application deadline is Dec 21.
- Applications accepted after Dec 21 on rolling basis.
Frequent Questions

Is this program only for certain majors?
This is an interdisciplinary program open to students in all majors.

Do students really win scholarships?
Yes, each year some students win study abroad scholarships. But, scholarship announcements are made after the confirmation process so you cannot base your final decision on a scholarship award.

Can international students apply?
Yes! You may have different visa requirements, though. You must be able to enter the countries on the itinerary.

Can I modify my flight itinerary?
Yes, you may modify your flight. You will be responsible for booking your own flight. The group flight ticket cost will be deducted from your tuition.
Can graduating seniors apply?
Definitely, but there are some special procedures that we will discuss once a student is accepted.

Can I share a room with my friend?
Usually we can make that work. There will be an opportunity to indicate roommate preference prior to departure for India.

Can I plan my own housing if I have connections in the destination cities?
No, these are group study abroad experiences and the group must stay together.
Questions?

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