India: Global Communication, Service and Spirituality - 2018 PROGRAM
Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

PROGRAM WILL NOT BE OFFERED DURING THE SPRING/SUMMER 2017 SEMESTER, WILL TENTATIVELY BE OFFERED SPRING/SUMMER 2018

Chennai, Pondicherry, Delhi, Ladakh, India — Study and observe processes of globalization in India. Experience India’s multilingual multicultural public sphere, observe how ancient arts and traditions have informed modern India. Study Hinduism and Buddhism in northern India, with opportunities to practice yoga, meditation, music, and dance with local teachers and scholars. Participants will be involved in important service work in the beautiful mountainous region of Ladakh as it faces both the burdens and benefits of globalization.

Students will study Global Communication during the first half of the program on ancient sites as well as in modern spaces in Chennai, Pondicherry and surrounding towns. For the second half of the program, students will travel to New Delhi and further north in India to study Eastern Philosophy. This part of the program will culminate in Ladakh, one of the most remote and captivating regions in the world, a significant site to study local culture and work alongside two local groups that are addressing the changes Ladakh and Ladakhis face as the rest of the world discovers, visits, and alters their paradise, their “Shangri La.”

Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
April 30 - June 2, 2016 (5 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Program participants will stay in hostels and dorms.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
This program is open to all majors. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required. GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to Non-GVSU Students.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2017 Program): February 1, 2017

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view Non-GVSU Student Information
WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

**COM 372**: Global Communication (3 credits) AND
**PHI 210**: Eastern Philosophy (3 credits)

Fulfills general education World Perspectives requirement. Independent study credits available.

*Issues friendly (Students can fulfill entire general education issues requirement)
Language of instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $4,035.

**Includes**
- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- Field trips and fees
- All ground transportation
- Some meals

**Other Expenses**
- GVSU tuition - 6 credits ($2,916)
- Personal expenses ($300)
- Additional meals ($200)
- Passport fees ($228)
- ISIC card - optional ($28)

Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses): $7,707

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

**Non-GVSU Students**: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school’s study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

Financial Aid FAQs

GRANTS
**FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT**: up to $1,500. All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to $1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships) for additional information on grants and scholarships.

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