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As a rapidly evolving country, India provides a diversity of people, systems, and ecology which help students from any major to enrich their educational experience. IISAC's Semester in India Program (SIP) accelerates this process through flexible course offered at Pondicherry University.

Pondicherry, a coastal city, allows students to be in close proximity to traditional villages as well as one of the largest international sustainable communities in the world, Auroville. SIP students experience an intense immersion in to India's ancient culture as well as enjoy amenities and social contact with Western world.

Semester in India Program at Pondicherry University

Core Courses

Recognized for its excellence in instruction, content, and student involvement, the core courses provide a framework to understand the economic, political, social and cultural complexities of India and South Asia.

Sample Core Course Titles

Practical Classical Yoga, Introduction to Indian Culture, Idea of India in Literature, Socio-Economic Study of India, South Indian Classical Dance, Biodiversity in India

(See the SIP Application Package for full core course listings)

Sample Course Descriptions

Hinduism & Its Practices – 3 credits

SIP PHIL 401

Hinduism is one of oldest religions alive today. This course examines the philosophical approaches of Hinduism as well as its theistic nature. It emphasizes the practice of Hinduism as a way of life by examining the significance of the Vedas and Bhagavad-Gita (sacred texts), schools of Vedanta, social classes, stages of life, and goals of life in practice by Hindus.

India's Foreign Policy – 3 credits

SIP POLSC 401

This course is designed to introduce various aspects of India's foreign policy, domestic challenges, international politics after the cold war, dealing with major world powers like the USA, EU, Russia and China, as well as the changing policy of India with its neighbors. Other issues such as India's approach to globalization, WTO, cross border and international terrorism, international trade and investment will also be discussed.

Individualized Courses

Individualized courses are intended for you to design your own class in a particular topic.

Individualized courses allow you to break away from the group and personalize your study abroad experience through directed reading, directed research, practicum, field work, or an internship.

Elective Courses

Elective Courses can satisfy both your major or degree requirements and personal academic interests through Pondicherry University's numerous departments and academic centers.

Program Highlights

Credits	: 15-18
Institution	: Pondicherry University
Duration	: Jul – Nov & Jan - May
Other Opportunities	: Internships, TESL, Independent Study, Homestay
Program Cost	: \$ 6,400

Sample Elective Course Titles

Philosophy, Asian Christian Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, History, Women's Studies, Politics & International Studies

Performing Arts, Literature & Languages (English, French, Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil)

Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Ocean and Marine Biology, Life Sciences & Applied Sciences

Management, Business, Tourism, Economics, & Computer Science

Language Instruction

Language courses are available in Hindi, Tamil, Sanskrit, & French

Program Advantages

South India Tour

This 10-day tour covers important sites of three south Indian states: Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. From the backwaters to the highlands in Kerala, from the intricate temples to the silicon valleys in Karnataka, and from the ancient ruins to the colorful holy places of Tamil Nadu, students enrich their learning through travel with IISAC's informative and helpful guides.

Orientation

Before leaving the U.S., IISAC provides important information regarding travel and health preparation, travel logistics, and academic planning.

Upon arrival in India, IISAC officials greet SIP students at the airport and help them to adjust to their new environment, covering issues such as cultural and academic adjustment, environment, health, safety, food, etc.

Room and Board

Students stay at the newly constructed Foreign Students Hostel on campus. Accomodation include double bedrooms en suite, air conditioning, 24-hour Internet connection, and cooking facilities. Three scrumptuous south Indian meals are provided daily in the cafeteria.

Evaluations

Students are graded on a 4.0 GPA scale and given a corresponding letter-grade by their individual professors. Performance is based on written assignments, presentations, exams and quizzes.

Program Requirements

Junior Standing - 60 Semester hours or the equivalent. Course specific requirements are only applicable to elective courses.

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