



## **BACHELOR OF APPLIED CHILD STUDIES INTERNATIONAL D.F.S. HAMBANTOTA, SRI LANKA, 2006**

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The International Directed Field Studies Program for students in the Bachelor of Applied Child Studies will provide MRC students with the opportunity to gain a broader experience in an international setting. Students will be providing educational and social support to children and families affected by the tsunami in the Hambantota region in SE Sri Lanka.

### **COURSE DATES**

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**April 28 – May 30, 2006**

Arrival date: April 29, 2006

Departure date: May 30, 2006

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

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**Child Studies (CHST) 2010 – Directed Field Studies I**  
Or  
**Child Studies (CHST) 3010 – Directed Field Studies II**

Students in the Bachelor of Applied Child Studies program will complete directed field studies with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that serve children and families, external to Mount Royal College. The International DFS is available to all second and third year students. Globalization and understanding world issues from an international perspective are valuable assets as students prepare to move into their careers.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

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- **Field experience:** Students will spend 5 days per week in the field at their agencies.
- **Tours:** 3 or 4 two day field trips will be arranged to enable students to experience the rich biodiversity, history, and culture of Sri Lanka. Trips may include the ancient cities near Kandy, Yala National Park, and the turtle beaches

### **Hambantota Region, Sri Lanka**

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Hambantota is situated on a narrow strip of land on Sri Lanka's south coast, it fronted the Indian Ocean, while to the rear lay a big lagoon -- partly mangrove and partly reclaimed for salt farming. Hambantota was the southern gateway to Sri Lanka's famed Yala National Park. Once a week, on Sundays, farmers from miles around would gather at the central market to sell their wares. So the town was at its very busiest when the deadly tsunami triggered by an earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean swept away everything in its path on Sunday morning. Virtually nothing of the town remains.

Over 2000 people were taken from the market alone by the tsunami and only 1500 bodies were ever recovered. The majority of deaths occurred among women who attempted to rescue the children exploring the beach after the first wave. The seven yards of fabric in the women's saris weighed them down; their waist-long hair caught on debris and held them under the waves. Now many husbands are trying to rebuild their homes and livelihoods while caring for young children. Our project is to establish an early childhood



development centre providing education services and social supports for young children, their families, and the community.

## PROGRAM COSTS - \$1200 CAD

Includes application fee, accommodation, healthcare insurance, pre-departure orientation, local transportation, field trips and tours as well as instructor costs.

## PAYMENT PROCESS

International Study Tour/Fields School Fees are payable in person at the Fees Office. Please indicate that payment is for an International Study Tour/Field School.

1st Payment (Non-Refundable Deposit)	March 1	\$400
2nd Payment	March 15	\$400
3rd Payment	April 15	\$400

## TUITION

Tuition fees are payable at the Fees Office by the appropriate semester deadline. Students will enroll in CHST 2010 or CHST 3010.

## AIRFARE & PERSONAL EXPENSES

Students will be responsible for airfare, airport transfer, meals, passport, police check and spending money.

## ACCOMMODATION

MRC students will be accommodated in a large house in Hambantota. The house has been made available to volunteers who wish to volunteer in the region.



## INSURANCE

MRC requires that students participating in an International Study Tour/Field School or Exchange must purchase health insurance. Health insurance is provided through StudentGuard and is covered by the program fee.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION & ARRIVAL

Students will be responsible for booking air transit from Calgary to Colombo, Sri Lanka. It is advised that all participants travel to Sri Lanka together.

## DOCUMENTS

Student visas are not required. Students will enter on a tourist visa. Students will require a valid passport and current Canadian police check.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Students are required to submit an application portfolio to Dr. Dawne Clark by Monday, February 6, 2006.

## LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

Logistical support will be provided by the Office of International Education. Please contact Trinda Gillies, International Projects Coordinator at 440.5002 or by email ([tgillies@mtroyal.ca](mailto:tgillies@mtroyal.ca)) for more information.

