

May/June 2016

Field school opportunity at Mount Royal University
Office of International Education -

Dimensions of Social, Cultural & Personal Development: India 2016

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” — Lao Tzu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 24 Exams	April 25 Exams	April 26 Exams	April 27 Exams	April 28 Exams	April 29 India 2016 planning sessions and social events run monthly from Sept. 2015.	April 30 India 2016 - class 9 – 3 Smudge Ceremony
May 1 India 2016 - class & potluck lunch/ 9 am – 3pm	² India 2016 - class 9 am – 3 pm	³ India 2016 - class 9 am – 3 pm	⁴ India 2016 - class 9 am – 3 pm	⁵ India 2016 - class 9 am – noon	⁶ Group E leaves for Delhi	⁷ Group E in transit
⁸ Group E – arrives Delhi Visit Hauz Khas historic site	⁹ Group E - Walking tour Old Delhi	¹⁰ Group E – Taj Mahal visit/ overnight stay in Agra	¹¹ Group E – returns to Delhi / visits to key sites	¹² Group E – arrives at Sri Ram Ashram	¹³ Group E – ashram	¹⁴ Group E – ashram Group F leaves for Delhi
¹⁵ Group E – ashram Group F – in transit	¹⁶ Group E – ashram Group F – arrives Delhi Visit Hauz Khas historic site	¹⁷ Group E – ashram Group F – walking tour Old Delhi	¹⁸ Group E – ashram Group F to Taj Mahal visit/ overnight stay in Agra	¹⁹ Group E returns to Delhi Group F – returns to Delhi / visit to key sites *Group E and F dinner	²⁰ Groups E and F to Lovely Professional University (LPU); LPU events	²¹ LPU events
²² Visit to Amritsar and the Golden Temple Dinner at Rangla Punjab	²³ PAHAL day – group divided into two and attends two of this social agency’s community projects / dinner & debrief of the day on campus at LPU	²⁴ 2 day side trip to historic Dharamshala, and Tibetan Temple <i>of the Dalai Lama</i> : “When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.”	²⁵	²⁶ Return to LPU Closing event and thanks Dinner on campus	²⁷ Group E to Delhi/ free to return home, or continue stay in India in small groups/ <u>must return to YYC by Wed. June 15th</u> Group F to the ashram	²⁸ Group F – ashram

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May 29 Group F – ashram	30 Group F – ashram	31 Group F – ashram	June 1 Group F – ashram	2 Group F – ashram	3 Group F – ashram	4 Group F to Delhi / free to return home as of June 5th or continue stay in India: <u>must return to YYC by Wed. June 15th</u>
June 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Take the opportunity to stay in Asia for a while longer: Stay safely in small groups						
12	13	14	15 All field-schoolers need return to YYC by today at the latest	16	17 Class on campus / 9 – 1 pm	18 Group project work
19 Group project work	20 Class on campus 9-1	21 Class on campus 9-1	22 Groups present projects in class and receive feedback from classmates and profs.	23 Groups make final adjustments to projects	24 Showcase Day! Groups present publicly / family and friends welcome	25

***** Field school participants need return to Calgary by Wed. June 15th, 2016 leaving some time for recovery and rest before we reconvene on campus at MRU on Friday June 17th.**

***** Project groups will work through the weekend as need be, with classes on Mon. June 20th – 23rd. Ending Friday June 24th with the India 2016 Showcase and student presentations to MRU staff: students' families and friends are invited to attend.**

***** Application dates and requirements: Applications are due April 1st, 2015, and need include a completed International Education office form, two references from people other than family and faculty, and an essay of about 1000 words outlining why you would like to take part in India 2016, and how doing so will advance your personal, professional and educational goals. You'll be notified of acceptance by winter exams, with the deposit to hold your place due May 15th.**

Partners

Sri Ram Ashram (<http://sriramfoundation.org/>)

Fieldwork will take place at Sri Ram Ashram and Orphanage outside Haridwar, India, a Hindu holy site on the banks of the Ganges River in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. The ashram provides a rich opportunity for MRU students to participate in the daily life of the orphanage, and to complete projects in community development, communications child development, alternative communities, impacts of poverty, and the role of religion among many possibilities.

Lovely Professional University (www.lpu.in/)

Our second partner is LPU a university in the Punjab region, just outside the city of Jalandhar. It is organizing a week of cultural activities for our group including lectures and guided tours to significant sites such as the Golden Temple in Amritsar, and the mountain city of Dharamsala, a centre of Tibetan and Buddhist culture.



The Golden Temple



India 2012 makes news

Exotic Tours (<http://www.exotic-tour.com/index.html>)

Our tour support is provided by Exotic Tours, including visits to the markets, mosques and historic forts of New Delhi, the India's capital city. Interested in staying in India following the field school dates? You could enlist the help of Exotic Tours for additional travel bookings. Students thinking of extending their trip should do so in small groups with other field schoolers, as well as planning for the additional insurance and other costs. New Delhi is just a few hours from the Taj Mahal, and train and air service connects to all parts of the country from there. <http://tajmahal.gov.in/>

Courses /credits



MRU Students will take complete two courses (6 credits) and also participate in a two-week field school component to India as part of this project. Courses are:

INTS (Interdisciplinary Studies) 3331 – International Community Development (3 credits)
This interdisciplinary course will provide students with an overview of International Community Development issues such as poverty, health care, education, human rights, foreign aid and controversy. Students will be encouraged to examine topics such as sustainable development from the unique perspective of their individual field of study.

COMM 3501 – Intercultural Communication (3 credits)
Intercultural Communication examines communication among individuals of different cultural backgrounds, including the study of similarities and differences across cultures. The course will introduce students to key intercultural communication

topics: stereotyping, and intercultural encounters, culture shock and adaptation.

The courses are integrated and presented together in the field school experience. **INTS 3331** is general education eligible at tier three in cluster 3, and is also a core course elective in Social Work. **COMM 3501** is also a GNED in tier 3, cluster 4. **COMM 3501** can satisfy a core course requirement for journalism degree students, and can replace **COMM 2680** in the Information Design program core.



Costs: This conservatively estimated all-inclusive figure is to facilitate student planning.

Faculty expenses: are divided by the number of students taking part, with each student paying an equal share. These expenses include airfare, meals, lodging and transportation costs. The amount each student provides is based on a minimum of 18 students.

Mount Royal Program fees: which are collected from each student in advance by MRU, and are used to ensure payment of some common student costs such as meals, transportation, accommodation, an MRU administration fee.

Other student expenses: include such items as airfare, passport, visas, additional meals and an emergency amount. MRU does not collect this in advance, but expects student to ensure they can cover off everything on that list, allowing that many students will already have passports, a cell phone they can use etc.

***Tuition fees for two credit courses:** not an additional program expense. The 2 courses are required for graduation. If you go to India in 2016, you take 2 fewer courses during other semesters and budget accordingly.

Program fee prepaid to MRU, includes faculty expenses	\$2750 in three installments: \$250 non-refundable deposit by May 15, 2015 \$1250 by Sept 15, 2015 \$1250 by February 15 th , 2016
Other student expenses	\$3200
Field school total	\$5950/ this figure combines the program fee and other student expenses
*Standard tuition - 2 courses	\$1375 (estimated for 2015-16 based on 2012-13 fees & a small increase): payment for these courses would be due in April 2016, through normal tuition payment process.

To view projects from India 2102 go to www.mruindia.ca

To share the day to day experience from 2012 see us on Facebook – at **MRU India Field School**

For more detailed program and budget documents for India 2014 go to www.jtimes.ca