

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.



MRU Students will take complete two courses (6 credits) and also participate in a 25 day field school component to India. 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. Offering the two together permits consideration of specific issues in community development on one hand, while exploring cultural differences and personal responses to engagement with a different culture. **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 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, which 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 20 students. The more students the less the cost per student.

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, insurance etc.

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 students 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 courses, each can be used for credit and is generally not an additional program expense.

Program fee prepaid to MRU, includes faculty expenses	\$3670.00 (estimated)
Other student expenses	\$2500.00 (estimated)
Field school total	\$6150.00 (estimated)
Standard tuition - 2 courses	\$1410 (estimated for 2017-18)
Including course fees	\$7580.00 (estimated)

To view projects from India 2102, 2014 and 2016 go to www.mruindia.ca

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documents for India 2018, go to www.jtimes.ca