

India Winter Session 2012-13



Course Information

- Name: Hinduism
- Number: 01:840:322:01
- Department: Religion
- Credits: 3
- Dates: December 27, 2012-January 18, 2013

Course Description

Students will spend 3 weeks in the medieval Indian holy town of Vrindavan near Delhi, one of the holiest sites in India, sacred to the deity Krishna.

The academic component of the course will primarily consist of an historical study of the philosophical and religious traditions of India, with a particular focus on the devotional traditions that typify Hinduism. Additional features will include guided tours to the temples and holy places of the region, instruction in the religious art, iconography, song, dance, and other cultural and aesthetic expressions of Hinduism typical of the area, as well as exposure to temple worship, pilgrimage, and the myriad other forms of devotional practice. The course includes clean and safe living facilities in the Jiva Institute as well as three vegetarian meals daily. A trip to the Taj Mahal in the nearby cultural city of Agra will also be included.

Eligibility

- 250 Word Application Essay Required
- All Majors Accepted
- No Course Prerequisite Required
- Freshman and those with under 2.0 GPA must receive permission from dean/advisor
- Course has Limited Enrollment



Registration

- All students are required to submit a 250 word essay explaining why they want to participate in the course to TA Robert Lindsey
robert.linsey@rutgers.edu
- Following essay submission, accepted students will be granted a Special Permission Number to officially register for the course
- Winter Session Registration begins Monday October 1
<http://winter.rutgers.edu/how-register>

Fees

- Course Tuition for 3 Credit Course: \$999 NJ Resident, \$2304 Non-NJ Resident
- Student Fee: \$850 (approximate)
 - Room & Board, Ground Transportation in India, Entrance and Event Fees, Study Abroad Administrative Fee, International Health Insurance
- Winter Session Fee: \$77
- Flight: Flight Purchase is the responsibility of each individual student. A chaperoned group flight option will be made available.

Additional Possible Fees to Consider

- Visa
- Immunizations
- Books



Accommodations

- 3 Vegetarian Meals Daily
- Bottled Water
- 24hr day Security on gated campus
- Two Student to a Room
- Each Room has a private bathroom (Western Toilets are not guaranteed)
- Large Library
- Large Veranda overlooking Garden
- Garden
- Roof Deck



About Jiva Institute

- Founded in 1992
- Located in Vrindavan, India
- International Staff
- Rare Manuscript Collection
- Sanskrit School in partnership with Sampurnanad Sanskrit University in Benares
- Address: 380 Sheetal Chaya Raman Reti, Vrindavan UP 281121 India
- Telephone: +91 975-660-5055



About Professor Das

- Rutgers University Adjunct Professor
- Mississippi State University Adjunct Professor
- Founder Jiva Institute
- PhD in Sanskrit from Agra University
- M. Tech in Industrial Engineering from IIT Delhi
- Author of over 15 books on Indian Religion, Philosophy, and Culture
- International Lecturer

Typical Daily Schedule

- Breakfast: 9:00-9:45am
- Class: 10:00am-1:00pm
- Lunch: 1:00-2:00pm
- Independent Study: 2:00-3:00
- Cultural Excursion: 3:00-7:00pm
- Dinner: 7:00-8:00pm



Course Requirements

- Midterm Examination
- Final Examination
- Participation in Class and Cultural Excursions

Contact

Please contact Teaching Assistant, Robert Lindsey for questions or inquiries

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