

Honors/CHID/English India: Social Justice & NGO Activism

Bangalore, India

Program Terms: Summer B-Term

Dates / Deadlines:

There are currently no active application cycles for this program.

Fact Sheet:

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| Primary Language(s) of Instruction: | English | Foreign Language Required: | None |
| Courses available in English?: | Yes | Minimum Class Standing: | 1. Freshman |
| Field of Interest: | International Studies, Language & Cultural Studies, Law, Social Justice & Human Rights, Social Sciences | Affiliated Department: | Honors, CHID, English |
| Program Type: | Faculty-led Program | | |

Program Description:

Honors/CHID/English India: Social Justice & NGO Activism

Location: Bangalore, India

Department: Honors Program, CHID and English Department

Estimated Program Dates: July 25 – August 24, 2013

Estimated Program Fee: \$3,050

Credits: 12

Program Director: Dr. Anu Taranath (English & CHID)

UW Study Abroad Advisor: Katherine Kroeger kroegk@uw.edu

Application Deadline: EXTENDED: February 8, 2013

Information Session(s): Wed., Jan. 16, 12-1, B102, Honors Suite, MGH



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The "Social Justice and NGO Activism" program to Bangalore, India asks many questions:

Everyone talks about becoming a "global citizen," but what does this really mean? How do events unfolding across the world--and India in particular-- intersect with our lives here in the Pacific Northwest? How do outsourcing and globalization play out in actual people's lives and livelihoods? Is there such a thing as transnational solidarity and an international movement for social justice? If so, what might that look like?

To help answer some of these questions, we will learn about and explore the current scene of social justice activism in Bangalore through partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGO) throughout the city. We will be introduced to issues of urban dislocation, gender and sexuality issues, traffic and transportation, waste disposal, children's rights, rural women, and development. Our program in Bangalore

will help us learn about the city and its people, and encourage analysis that takes into account history, language politics, gender relations, caste divisions, poverty and affluence. We hope to cultivate an appreciation of the incredible challenges that organizations and activists face in Bangalore, as well as the joys and gifts of doing this work.

The "Social Justice and NGO Activism" program consists of 20 required credits spread out in three stages:

- Spring 2013--5 credit course at UW Seattle
- Summer B Term 2013--12 credits while in India
- Autumn 2013--3 credit seminar at UW Seattle.

This 5 unit course serves as the pre-departure requirement for the learning we will do in India. Students will read and discuss a wide variety of texts- including literature, ethnography, and theory--to develop a shared vocabulary around issues of power, privilege, travel, and global relations.

The 12 credits of coursework in Bangalore, India will be comprised of group projects, classroom lecture and discussion, field excursions, site visits, individual analysis, and creative writing and video assignments.

The 3 credit "reentry" seminar runs in Autumn 2013 and will continue our discussions of transnationalism, movements for social justice, and international education's possibilities and challenges.

All of the UW Seattle courses will be taught by the Program Director, Dr. Anu Taranath. Courses in Bangalore will be taught by Taranath as well as Bangalore-based experts.

This is a joint collaborative effort between Honors, CHID, and English. All program courses will be "withered" with Honors and CHID (and possibly English).



LOCATION:

Bangalore, India

Housing:

Students will be housed in a combination of university dorms and home stays.

ACADEMICS:

Pre-Requisites/Language Requirements:

We invite an eclectic range of interdisciplinary students from across campus to participate in this program, from Engineering to Physics, and Ethnic Studies to History. Selection to the program is competitive and acceptance into the program will be decided based on application materials, interviews, and student's demonstrated motivation to challenge themselves intellectually across academic disciplines and cultures and to work both individually and in groups. The program directors are seeking students who are interested in engaging fully in the local communities and meeting and dialoging with a wide variety of people on site (e.g. youth, older generation, community activists, artists, politicians, and educators). Ideally, students who apply for the "Social Justice & NGO Activism" program to Bangalore will be humble, flexible, adjustable, and curious. Priority to students in the Honors Program, CHID, and English.

Students of color, GLBTQ students, and/or first generation college students are especially encouraged and welcome to apply!

The Spring Quarter Preparatory Seminar as well as the Autumn 2013 Seminar are Required.

Spring Quarter:

HONORS 394 (VLPA & U&S; Honors Inter) or CHID 498 (I&S): Global Citizenship - Moving Beyond the Buzz Words (5 CREDITS)

This quarter we will reflect deeply on literature and ethnography, and engage with the following questions: what are the politics and pleasures of hearing other people's stories? How might we appreciate stories from cultural contexts we know little about? Whose voices get heard and why? How do we hold the multiple stories we both tell and hear as we travel? Our conversations, readings, film screenings, and assignments all work toward cultivating a humble global traveling spirit, a stance that will serve us well during the summer in India and far beyond.

Summer Credits:

12 CREDITS

Courses:

HONORS 394 (VLPA & U&S; Honors Inter) or CHID 474A (I&S): Globalization & Social Relations (5 CREDITS)

While in Bangalore, students will learn from local activists and scholars about the changes Bangalore has recently undergone, and what these changes mean to different communities of residents. We will consider what "globalization" means from the vantage point of Seattle and Bangalore, and use our time in India to complicate and stretch our ideas.

HONORS 210 (VLPA Honors Arts and Humanities) or CHID 474B (I&S): Transnational Justice: Challenges and Possibilities (5 CREDITS)

Since "social justice" as a philosophy and practice means different things for different people, our time in India will help us reflect on transnational justice. Does "human rights" or "justice" in the US mean the same thing as "human rights" in India, or are these concepts situational and specific to each context?

HONORS 499 (I&S Honors Arts and Humanities, or VLPA Honors Social Science, or Interdisciplinary Honors dependant on student project) or CHID 498: Honors Independent Research (2 CREDITS)

Students will work on research and projects

Autumn 2013

CHID 498: Special Colloquia (3 CREDITS)

Our seminar in Autumn 2013 provides a formal space for us to process and make sense of our travels in India. We would have asked each other many questions before and during our journey, and our "now-that-we're-back" seminar gives us the chance to formulate some possible answers.

PROGRAM LEADERS:

Dr. Anu Taranath, English & CHID

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Dr. Anu Taranath has led five study abroad programs with UW students and has extensive experience teaching about international issues. She teaches courses in colonial and post-colonial literature, gender theory and cultural studies, as well as contemporary world literatures, including texts from South Asia, the Caribbean, and parts of Africa. She consults with faculty across the US on study abroad and international education issues.

For more information on Anu and her work, please see www.anutaranath.com.

Program Assistants Amy Hirayama and Brandon Maust have collaborated with Anu over the past five years on radical pedagogy, writing, and social justice projects. Both Amy and Brandon have extensive experience assisting on study abroad programs in Bangalore, and are familiar with the city. Amy teaches 8th grade language arts and social studies in the Seattle Public School District, and Brandon works as a microbiology

researcher at the UW.

PROGRAM EXPENSES:

Cost:

Estimated Program Fee of \$3,050. Course costs include administrative fees, accommodations, classroom and library use, field trips and excursions, admission fees to all museums and exhibits, and most meals. Students do not pay additionally for tuition. Course fee does not include the Reduced CHID Fee (\$150) UW Study Abroad Fee (\$300); airfare; additional food (about \$10-20/day), Study Abroad Insurance (\$37/month), other health expenses and immunizations, and personal spending money

Average Airplane Ticket Price:

\$1,600* roundtrip

*Subject to when & where you buy your ticket.

Payment Schedule:

Program fees will be posted to your MyUW student account and can be paid the same way that you pay tuition and other fees. A \$350 non-refundable program deposit and the \$300 non-refundable UW Study Abroad Fee will be charged to your MyUW Account once your signed contract has been received by the Study Abroad Office.

| Payment Type | Payment Amount | Payment Due Date |
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| Non-Refundable Program Deposit | \$350 | Charged Upon Receipt of Contract |
| Reduced CHID Fee | \$150 | August 9, 2013 |
| Non-Refundable UW Study Abroad Fee | \$300 | August 9, 2013 |
| Program Fee Balance | \$2,700 | August 9, 2013 |
| TOTAL FEES CHARGED | \$3,500 | - |

Orientation

To be eligible to study abroad, all program participants must attend an in-person pre-departure orientation facilitated by the Study Abroad office as well as your program-specific orientations offered by your program directors.

You must register for orientation through your online study abroad account in order to attend a scheduled session. You can visit the [Orientation section](#) of our website to view the current orientation schedule.

Orientation must be completed prior to the enrollment deadline for the quarter that you are studying abroad.

Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Most forms of financial aid can be applied to study abroad. You can verify that your financial aid award will apply to your program costs by contacting the [Financial Aid Office](#). Financial aid or scholarships awarded as tuition waivers or tuition exemptions may not apply so you will need to verify that these funds are eligible for use with study abroad by contacting the funding office.

Financial aid and most scholarships will be disbursed according to the UW academic calendar (at the beginning of the quarter). If your program starts before the start of the UW quarter, your financial aid will not be available to you prior to your departure. If your program starts after the first day of the quarter, your financial aid will be disbursed at the start of the program. In either of these cases, you will have to finance any upfront costs such as airfare, health insurance and the start of your time abroad on your own. Please take this into consideration when you plan for your time abroad.

Revision Request:

In some instances you may qualify for an increase in your financial aid award (typically in loan funds). Check with the [Financial Aid Office](#) about your options. To request a revision in your aid, you will need to

submit the following paperwork to the Financial Aid Office:

1. [Revision Request Form](#)
2. [Summer Application for Financial Aid](#)
3. Budget of student expenses for your program: The Study Abroad Office will upload this budget to your study abroad account after a signed contract has been submitted to the Study Abroad Office. You can request an unofficial copy of this budget by emailing ipe@uw.edu.

Visit the [Finances section](#) of our website to learn more about disbursement, revising your aid package, short-term loans and scholarships.

Application Process

The application includes a Personal Statement, 3 short answer questions, 2 Faculty recommendations and electronic signature documents related to University policies and expectations for study abroad. Following the on-line application process students may be contacted by the Program Director for an in-person interview. Once an admission decision has been made regarding your application, you will be notified by the study abroad system via email.

Withdrawals

The \$350 program deposit and \$300 UW Study Abroad Fee are **non-refundable and non-revocable** once a contract has been submitted, even if you withdraw from the program. Students withdrawing from a program will be responsible for paying a percentage of the program fee depending on the date of withdrawal. More details about the withdrawal policy will be included in your payment contract. No part of the program fee is refundable once the program has begun. The date of withdrawal is considered the date (business day) a withdrawal form is received by the Study Abroad Office. Notice of withdrawal from the program must be made in writing, completing the following steps:

1. Provide notice in writing to the program director that you will no longer be participating in the program for which you have signed a contract and accepted a slot.
2. Submit a signed withdrawal form to the Study Abroad Office, 459 Schmitz Hall.

Visit the [Withdrawals section](#) of our website for more information.

Please see the CHID website for information on the CHID Fee withdrawal policy:
<https://depts.washington.edu/chid/fees-financing-and-withdrawal>