



Summer Study Abroad in the Himalayas

Summer I Session (June 1-June 28, 2016)

Join us for 4 weeks of rugged, high altitude adventure throughout northern India exploring religious identity, diversity, globalization, and development.

INTL 390/ENVT 352: International Development & Environmental Justice in the Himalaya

This course provides an overview of the key concepts, major drivers, and practical workings of international development, and introduces students to specific environmental rights issues in the Himalaya region.

We'll investigate how globalization, voluntourism, and infrastructure projects impact local communities, including refugees and marginalized groups. We'll examine responses to natural disasters and ongoing water and land use issues, and develop strategies to analyse and critique the systems and power relationships of "international development." This course is built around two case studies: in Ladakh (post-2010 cloudburst and resulting humanitarian response), and in Dharamsala (daily life water and land for Tibetan refugees, Indian residents, and Western tourists).

INTL 290/RELS 298: Encountering Religions and Globalization in the Indian Himalaya

This course introduces students to the religious diversity present in Ladakh and Dharamsala, where Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, and Jews all encounter each other.

We will examine how globalization affects this encounter, and explore various responses to globalization including the clash of civilizations, interreligious dialogue, and how religious institutions have responded to global tourism and cosmopolitanism. We will learn how various agents—tourists, missionaries, immigrants—carry religious ideas and practices, and how macro-processes such as economic development, militarization, and religious modernization, impact the local religious landscape in the Himalayas.

experiential learning + site visits + digital media + case studies + field observation

\$3,995 program cost (includes airfare), with scholarships available

online application deadline: February 12th 2016

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