

Study Abroad in India, December 7-23, 2013

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Host organization: Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS)

Readings: To be assigned by VIIS faculty including those available in the VIIS library.

About the host organization: VIIS is the training wing of a non-government organization, a training wing that grew out of a social service movement, the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), located about 110 miles from Bangalore international airport. It was founded in 1990 to facilitate health services for a very marginalized tribal population in South India., From those beginnings SVYM has grown into a comprehensive health and socioeconomic development organization working with government agencies targeting rural, tribal and urban poor in Mysore district. It runs two non-profit hospitals (one modern systems of medicine and one indigenous ayurvedic system of medicine) serving as referral hospitals for indigent and local rural population, a residential school for tribal children, a rural day school, training programs for rural school teachers, and training programs for rural development officers and functionaries of government and non-government organizations. The training wing, VIIS has a residential training campus in Mysore city where trainees (including our study abroad group) are housed. Details of the VIIS can be accessed at <http://www.viis.in/>. The VIIS has four full time faculty who are exclusively devoted to teaching and training. It draws upon 26 additional faculty who are either primarily working in a clinical or program position within the organization providing faculty services on as needed basis, or are adjunct faculty with their primary appointment being in a college or research institute setting.

Day	Date	Time/Activity	Topic and Faculty/Resource persons*
Saturday	7th	Arrive VIIS at about 7-00AM from Bangalore International Airport	
	AM	11.00am to 12.30pm - CLASS	Orientation & Introduction to the 2 week course.
	PM	3.00pm to 6.00pm - Field Trip	Visit Devaraja Market, a cultural and historic icon
Sunday	8th		
	AM/PM	All Day Field Trip	Mysore City Tour
Monday	9th		
	AM	8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief - CLASS	Full Group - USC faculty
	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	Indian thought and Values
	PM	3.00pm to 5.15pm(with a break of 15 minutes at 4.00pm for tea)- CLASS	Epics of India
Tuesday 10th			
		8:45 -9:45am Discussion and debrief CLASS	USC faculty

		10:00 - 12:15pm	Health Care in India-Traditional and contemporary systems, emerging challenges. Analysis about the health care system in India in comparison to US.
		3.00pm to 5.30pm-Field trip	Visit to a local PHC / if possible meet with `Meet Health workers/
Wed	11th		
	AM	8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief - CLASS	USC faculty
	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	NGO's Role in Health Care delivery-Present health care system, Public private relationship in health care delivery, NGO's, its role and contribution.
	PM	2.00pm to 6.00pm-Field visit	Visit to a Govt district hospital and a corporate hospital
Thursday	12th		
	AM	8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief - CLASS	USC faculty
	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	Public Health situation in India-an overview
	PM	2.00pm to 5.30pm-Field visit	Visit to DHO office in Mysore
Friday	13th		
	AM/PM	Field trip SVYM project site to Sargur. Morning	Tour of Vivekananda Memorial Hospital:Interactive session about SVYM activities./an overview of HIV AIDS Program
		Afternoon	Tour of Viveka School of Excellence at Sargur:Interaction with Head-Institutional based program on the teaching methods, training philosophy and different methods of approach to the rural children
Saturday	14th		
		SVYM project sites visits continued ...	
		Morning	Tour of the Viveka Tribal Center for Learning, teachers training institute and interaction with the Teachers and children.
		Evening: Field trip SVYM project site-Kenchanahalli Hosahalli.	Visit the Ayurveda hospital. Session: Introduction to Ayurveda.Demonstration of an ayurvedic therapy
Sunday	15th		
	AM/PM	Free Day(Mysore palace illumination in the evening)	
Monday	16th		
	AM	8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief	USC faculty

	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	NGO' S Role in Development(panel Discussion)
	PM	2.00pm to 6.00pm-Field visit	An exposure to Self Help groups of Street Vendors of Mysore City
Tuesday	17th		
	AM	8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief	Full Group - USC faculty
	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	Health and Development/Gender and development
	PM	3.00pm to 5.15pm(with a break of 15 minutes at 4.00pm for tea)- CLASS	India in a Global Context
Wednesday	18th		
		8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief - CLASS	Full Group - USC faculty
	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	Interface of Health and environment
	PM	2:00-6:00 pm - Field Trip	Visit to Bio Medical waste management plant
Thursday	19th		
		8:45- 9:45 Discussion and debrief - CLASS	Full Group - USC faculty
	AM	10.00 am to 12.15 pm (with a break of 15 minutes at 11.00am)- CLASS	Gender and Health
	PM	6:00- 7:00pm	Cultural Program. Classical vocal/classical instrumental/classical south Indian dance.
Friday	20th		
	AM	After Breakfast departure to Jungle retreat, Madhu Malai Hill resort	
Saturday	21st		
	PM	After Lunch departure to Mysore	
Sunday	22nd		
	AM	10-00 to 12-00Noon- CLASS	Final class debrief - USC faculty
	PM	Departure from Mysore for Bangalore Airport	
Monday	23rd	Departure to US	

*SVYM faculty/field staff unless noted as US faculty

Teal: SVYM faculty lectures; Yellow: Public health and development program related field visits; Pink highlight: Cultural programs/heritage sites/cultural immersion field visits