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## ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION - INDIA PROGRAMS

The Alliance for Global Education is pleased to announce its new India programs, launching in Spring 2009.

We will be establishing our first program in Pune, a vibrant, bustling city of 3.5 million people that has long been considered India's intellectual center.

Home to many of India's top academic institutions with a thriving student scene, Pune also has a wealth of traditional culture and performing arts resources, hosts many of the country's most forward-thinking NGOs, and was recently named in *Forbes'* magazine as one of the world's top three emerging global cities, with technology and international business rapidly bringing new, fascinating dimensions to its already multi-faceted urban landscape.

With all of these resources, and a short train ride from the mega-city of Mumbai, Pune offers U.S. undergraduates a stimulating exposure to the best and most intriguing elements of contemporary India—a dynamic, multi-dimensional India that is both rooted in tradition and increasingly global.

### CURRICULUM

The curriculum will consist of two required courses:

- **Contemporary India** (3 credits) - a political, historical, and social survey of post-Independence India as a complex yet unified multi-cultural, multi-linguistic, religiously plural democracy, a rising major global power and soon to be the world's largest country.
- **Internship or Directed Research** (6 credits) in an area of the students' interest. This will include training in research methods and conversational Marathi during the coursework period.
  - ✚ Students will be offered opportunities for placement within Pune's most exciting NGOs, the international business and technology community, and institutions such as the National Film Archives.
  - ✚ Students may also choose to work with a faculty member to pursue directed field research, create a documentary through the Film and Television Institute of India, or work within many of the think tanks and research institutes that give Pune its academic cache.

In addition, students will take two 3-credit electives in the following areas:

- **Social Justice**
- **Public Health**
- **Development Economics**
- **Nation, Caste, and Gender through Film**
- **Environmental Issues**
- **Hindi Language**

Students may choose to take a third elective for a total of 18 credits; the basic curriculum yields 15 credits.

In addition, the program will offer students the option of taking co-curricular, non-credit classes in yoga, Kathak dance or Bharatnatyam, classical vocals, a musical instrument, or other cultural activity.

## PROGRAM CENTER

In order to take the greatest advantage of the wealth of academic resources Pune has to offer, the Alliance will not be formally affiliated with any one institution. We will be establishing a program center in downtown Pune, with easy access to academic, cultural, and professional resources and social venues, and staffed by a skilled, experienced Alliance management team.

## SEMESTER STRUCTURE

The 16-17 week semester will follow the U.S. academic calendar and include a week-long orientation, a 10-11 week coursework period, an urban field visit to Mumbai, a rural village visit, an independent travel weekend, a month-long internship or directed research period, and a final closing seminar with re-entry orientation.

## STUDENT HOUSING

Plans for student lodging are still being finalized, but we are working toward semi-independent living arrangements with Indian families. As a university town, many Pune families have student apartments with independent access attached to their homes, and we feel this offers an ideal combination of integration within a host family and the autonomy to which U.S. college students are accustomed.

## STAY TUNED!

Program development is actively underway, and the Alliance website will be continually updated as more information becomes available.

Stay tuned, too, for forthcoming announcements about our summer programs, also slated to launch in 2009!



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