

India

Culture, Traditions, & Globalization



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A student joins neighborhood children who are playing cricket (left) and a student with her host mother (below).

Cover: A student lighting candles during the Diwali Festival.

Pune, a city of over three million

in the state of Maharashtra, offers students excellent resources for experience, exploration, and study.

- A gathering place for artists and intellectuals as well as an industrial center, Pune's residents include leaders in the fields of art, music, dance, yoga, theatre, film, religion, politics, environmental science, and social reform.



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- As students pursue their independent research projects, they have access to the city's museums, educational institutions, government offices, political organizations, business and labor groups, and cultural and social welfare agencies.
- Local historical sites and archives chronicle Pune's role as a center of Indian resistance to British rule and as the summer headquarters for the colonial government of Bombay.
- Maharashtra is among the more prosperous and stable areas of India, embracing nearly all of the nation's religious, social, and ethnic variety.

- Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay), India's chief commercial center, is easily accessible to students by train.



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A student on a program field trip to the caves at Ajanta and Ellora.



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Students covered in gulas (red powder) from the Ganesh Festival.

"I never thought I could change my comfort zone so drastically and love it so much. I'll cherish every spoken and unspoken experience and lesson."

Elizabeth Weigler, India Program, Fall 2008

ACM also offers the six-week **India Summer Program: Service Learning & Cultural Immersion** in Pune. For complete details, go to www.acm.edu/indiasummer.

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Dynamic change in an ancient culture

From the high-tech industries of Bangalore — India’s answer to Silicon Valley — to thousands of rural villages seemingly untouched by time, India embraces both the dynamic forces of globalization and the deep-rooted traditions of an ancient culture.

The dichotomy is woven into everyday life in India — cows interrupt the streams of cars and trucks on the roads, and farmers work with hand tools in fields under the flight paths of jumbo jets.

On the interdisciplinary fall semester ACM India: Culture, Traditions, & Globalization program in Pune, students have the rare opportunity to experience India’s dynamism and diversity firsthand through courses, independent study, and daily life in an Indian home and community.



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A village scene (top) and school children in a rickshaw in Pune.



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Dates Fall semester (*mid-August - mid-December*)

Courses and credits Recommended credit is 18 semester hours or the equivalent:

- **Marathi** Language study is intensive during the first five weeks and continues the rest of the semester. (6 credits)
- **Contemporary India** This course, which provides an overview of India, begins during the three-week orientation and continues throughout the semester. (4 credits)
- **Elective Course** Students choose among courses with a special emphasis on the state of Maharashtra. Electives include courses in sociology, political science, and environmental studies. (4 credits)
- **Independent study project** Students conduct research, both academically and experientially, in their chosen field in the natural sciences, social sciences, or humanities. See www.acm.edu/india for a list of students’ field projects in previous years. (4 credits)

Field trips and travel opportunities The program includes field trips to nearby cultural sites. There are several holidays during the program and a one-week break, when students can travel to other areas of the country.

Extracurricular activities Students can arrange for private lessons in many areas, such as Indian music, yoga, dance, batik, and weaving. Many students combine their extracurricular activities with their formal research projects.

Enrollment Maximum of 20 students

Eligibility Students who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors during the program are eligible.



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A flower market in Pune.

Language requirement No prerequisites. Marathi language study is an integral part of the program and is required. All other courses are taught in English.

Living arrangements During the first week of the program, students stay as a group in a hotel. For the rest of the program, they live with host families in Pune, where they eat breakfast and dinner.

Costs For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to www.acm.edu/india. Students also should check with their Off-Campus Study or Financial Aid Office for information about their college’s pricing policies for off-campus study.

How to apply

- Access the ACM application at www.acm.edu/apply.
- Students should check with their Off-Campus Study Office about their college’s application procedures and deadlines.
- ACM must receive completed applications by **March 15**.

India: Culture, Traditions, & Globalization schedule

Weeks 1-3	Weeks 4-8	Week 9: Break	Weeks 10-16
Core course			Core course
Marathi language			Marathi language
Independent study project			Independent study project
Orientation	Elective course		Elective course
Hotel (1 week), then home stay with a host family			Home stay with a host family

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