

India Studies

Tradition and Modernity



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Past India Studies participants say:

"I miss Pune and my family so much.... It's a part of my life I'll never forget and always cherish. The intensity with which we took on this culture was key."

"This program introduces you to a new way of life that you must adapt to.... It was great to be able to see the life of some Indians firsthand."

*Left: Street scene in Pune.
Front cover: Students visiting the Peacock Gate in Jaipur (photo by Jeanne Firth).*



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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.
- In pursuing their independent research, students can use 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 Hindu 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 joins neighborhood children who are playing cricket (right); a student with her host mother (above); and a street scene in Pune (top).



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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 ACM India Studies Program in Pune, students have the rare opportunity to experience India’s dynamism and diversity first-hand through courses, independent study, and daily life in an Indian home and community.



For more details, go to www.acm.edu/india

Dates Fall semester (*mid-July - early December*)

Enrollment Maximum of 20 students

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

Courses and credits Recommended credit is 16 semester hours or the equivalent:

- **Marathi** Language study is intensive during the first five weeks and continues the rest of the semester.
- **Courses** Students choose among courses with a special emphasis on the state of Maharashtra. Courses in past years have included sociology, political science, Indian philosophy, art and architecture, film, and Marathi literature.
- **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 previous field projects.



Photo by Tyler Quinn

Field trips and travel opportunities The program includes field trips to nearby cultural sites. There are several holidays during the program and a two-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, dance, yoga, batik, and weaving. Many students combine their extracurricular activities with their formal research projects.

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 three weeks 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 Students are billed tuition and a program fee by their colleges. Students from non-ACM colleges must contact the ACM office in Chicago. For complete information, go to: www.acm.edu/india.

How to apply

- For more information about applying, go to www.acm.edu/apply.
- ACM must receive completed applications (having gone through all on-campus procedures) by **March 15**.

India Studies Program schedule

| Weeks 1-3 | Weeks 4-8 | Week 9: Break | Weeks 10-16 |
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| Contemporary India | | Week 9: Break | Contemporary India |
| Marathi language | | | Marathi language |
| Independent study project | | | Independent study project |
| Orientation | Elective course | | Elective course |
| Stay in a hotel | Home stay with a host family | | Home stay with a host family |
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