Need to Know: India

Objective of the “Need to Know” Document
The Need to Know document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or Need to Know document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/contact/advising

Choosing a Program

International Summer School, Jamia Millia Islamia University (Summer)
The summer program at Jamia Millia Islamia University in Delhi brings Indian and international students together to attend courses and discussions that explore Indian politics, economics, history, and sociology. The first four weeks are spent in Delhi, the nation’s largest city and national capital with majestic monuments, diverse places of worship, and many museums. For the final two-weeks of the program, students participate in community field service with the relief organization RitiNjali in a rural setting in Rajasthan; undertake a case study on a topic of your choice, exploring gender studies, local traditions and social practices, or activities that empower and give voice to women and children. This program is 6 weeks long, from late-June to mid-August. Students earn 8 units. To learn more about the program, please visit the website for the International Summer School at Jamia Millia Islamia University.

Internship or Research, Pune (Summer)
The summer internship program in Pune, offered in partnership with the Alliance for Global Education, provides students with the chance to gain hands-on experience by interning or conducting directed research, while attending a core course on contemporary India. Students live in a shared apartment or a home stay. This program is 6 weeks long, from mid-June to early August. Students earn 6 units. To learn more about the program, please visit the website for the Alliance for Global Education.

University of Hyderabad (Fall)
The program in Hyderabad, offered in partnership with CIEE, allows students to experience the southern capital city of Hyderabad, a leading technology center with a rich historical tradition and unique blend of diverse cultures, religions, and languages. Students may attend courses in the interdisciplinary Study India Program (SIP) at the University of Hyderabad, or directly enroll in University of Hyderabad courses. Students live in on-campus housing or in a group home stay. Visit the CIEE Hyderabad website for more program details. This is one of two fall semester UCEAP options in India.

Semester in Mumbai with Internship (Fall)
Students first take an intensive class taught by a UC faculty member that introduces you to the India and the role that Mumbai plays today. The introductory course is followed by a two-month internship in which you contribute to an organization or business in a full-time position organized by the Academic Internship Council (AIC). Internship assignments correspond to your academic and career interests, whether in education, poverty reduction, energy, local business or the environment. Students attend classes with UC students only. This is one of two fall semester UCEAP options in India.

Application Materials

International Summer School, Jamia Millia Islamia University
Students must submit all required application items to the BSA Office by the application deadline. Scholarship note: In addition to the UCEAP Scholarship, you are eligible for the JMI International Summer School (ISS) scholarship. You must apply for the UCEAP Scholarship in MyEAP by February 15 to be eligible for both.

Internship or Research, Pune
Students must submit all required application items to the BSA Office by the application deadline. Students must complete Alliance application materials after the have been selected to the program, but absolutely no later than March 1, 2016. Students should note that the Alliance application will require items that take additional time to prepare, including, but not
limited to, letters of recommendation, official transcript, passport-sized photos, and an internship/directed research intent form. Within 10 days of the notification from Alliance saying that they have officially accepted you into the program, they will require a non-refundable deposit in the amount of $500.00. You do NOT pay this directly to Alliance. It will be paid on your behalf by UCEAP and you will be liable for the cost of it. The amount of this deposit is incorporated into your total UCEAP fees. PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: If you change your mind about participation in this program after you have been notified of your acceptance by Alliance, you still owe the Alliance deposit to UCEAP.

University of Hyderabad
Students must submit all required application items to the BSA Office by the application deadline, including the CIEE Application (Item #9 of the application checklist). Students should note that the CIEE Application will require items that may take additional time to prepare, including, but not limited to, letters of recommendation, official transcript, and passport-size photos. Important note about CIEE cancellation fees: In the event that you withdraw from the program after April 30, 2016, CIEE will charge financial penalties, in addition to any UCEAP withdrawal penalties.

Curriculum
Universities in India are based on British higher education in structure and method. For some courses, this may be more lecture-based instruction requiring effective note taking of lectures and the ability to demonstrate understanding of material based solely on lectures. Students must be prepared to assume more responsibility and independence in completing readings, be assessed for a course through a single paper or exam, and be able to seek out assistance from instructors and Indian students.

International Summer School, Jamia Millia Islamia University
The program begins in Delhi, with four weeks of instruction on contemporary India taught by local faculty and experts in the field. The courses cover Indian politics, economy, sociology, and history. Each course is assessed through a literature review and short research paper. The final two weeks provide fieldwork experience in which students volunteer with various community development initiatives and explore a topic of their choice. The majority of service placements are in rural educational settings. Students also see government in action at the local level and interact with the tribal communities. The program culminates with a final presentation and research report or project. All students enroll in all courses and are required to participate in all program activities. Students will also be continually engaged in a short non-credit-bearing course on conversational Hindi at the beginner’s level.

Internship or Research, Pune
All students take two courses – Contemporary India Seminar and Directed Research or Internship. Click on the links to access past course syllabi. Contemporary India: This intensive group seminar-lecture provides an overview of history, society, culture, and political economy, geared toward understanding contemporary India and preparing you for internship or research. You’ll spend mornings in class and afternoons developing topics under faculty and staff guidance. This seminar is taught intensively for the first two weeks of the program, and then runs concurrently with your directed research or internship. Directed Research or Internship: You are matched with internship and research placements based upon academic interests articulated in your application. Both internships and research projects are conducted under close academic supervision and require relevant outside reading, regular meetings with a faculty guide, weekly journals, and a final paper or project with accompanying presentation. Intern managers and faculty guides give students at least one discrete task they can accomplish in the time of their internship/research project. The final product of the internship/research will be a paper and accompanying presentation that report and reflect on the student’s experience, shared during the final three days of the program. More information about the curriculum can be found on the The Alliance for Global Education website.

University of Hyderabad
A mandatory course load for one semester is four courses, including one language course. Study abroad students are required to take one language course – Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, or Sanskrit – at the appropriate level as well as three additional courses either through the Study in India Program (SIP) at the University of Hyderabad or by directly matriculating in regular university courses. It is recommended that students take two courses offered as part of SIP. These have been designed specifically for international students and are structured like classes taught in the U.S. CIEE strongly encourages each student to directly enroll in at least one course at the University of Hyderabad with local Indian students to ensure that they benefit from this unique cross-cultural opportunity. Students may enroll in more than one direct enrollment course, but they should be prepared for differences in course structure and delivery of information by the faculty. More information about the curriculum can be found on CIEE’s website.

Semester in Mumbai with Internship
The first month of the program is an intensive core course taught by a UC visiting faculty member that examines various facets of India. Course and personal excursions within Mumbai augment classroom instruction, illustrate social, economic and cultural situations and provide opportunities to observe topics discussed in class. The core course will be 4 semester
Internships, Research and Independent Study

International Summer School, Jamia Millia Islamia University
This program includes a required community service course. Internships or independent study for academic credit are not possible in this program.

Internship or Research, Pune
Choice of an internship or directed research is the main focus of this program. Additional internships, research, or independent study are not possible. Here is a list of sample internship placements and a descriptions of previous internship placements.

University of Hyderabad
Independent/directed study courses, in which a faculty member supervises readings, field study, and/or research focused on a specific topic, are available as direct enrollment courses at the university. Students interested in this option need to coordinate with the UCEAP Systemwide office as well as discuss with their home campus academic department/s.

Semester in Mumbai with Internship
Internship is a major component of the program. Additional internships, research, or independent study are not possible. All internships are secured pre-departure in collaboration with AIC.

Housing

International Summer School, Jamia Millia Islamia University
Students stay on-campus in a residence hall (Nehru Guest House) on a twin-sharing basis. Each room has a private bath.

Internship or Research, Pune
Students in Pune may choose to live in a shared apartment or a home stay with an Indian family.

University of Hyderabad
Students at the University of Hyderabad may choose to live in university housing (Tagore International House) or in a Group home stay.

Semester in Mumbai with Internship
Live in student residences convenient to the city center and easily accessible via public transportation. Apartments are fully furnished and include kitchen facilities, access to laundry, and internet connection. Bedrooms are typically doubles.

Visa and Entry Clearance
Due to the late issuance of entry clearance documents and the time required for visa application processing, travel after the UC term ends and before the official program start date is not recommended.

Anti-Malarial Medications
Anti-malarial medications are covered by your EAP insurance. Any drug categorized and prescribed as an anti-malarial is covered, provided they are ordered and purchased within the plan terms (14 days before the official start of the program). Vaccinations and/or any other medication linked to travel advice are not covered. UCEAP will send you more information before the start date of the program.

Special Demands of the Program
Health and safety remain primary issues of concern for study in India, particularly security and motor traffic. Students should review the Program Guide to familiarize themselves with risks associated with participation on the program.

Students should familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in India, and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification. Students should be prepared for the local environment and immediate impact of different gender relationships, especially on female students.

Given the special demands of the program, it is highly recommended that applicants meet with the BSA adviser prior to submitting an application.