

# India

## UCEAP Advising Notes

### Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This 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 the Advising Notes 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/advising>

### International Summer School, Delhi (Summer)

The summer program 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 ISS Delhi: <http://www.issnewdelhi.in/>

### Semester in Mumbai with Internship (Fall)

Students take a core class that introduces Hindi language, India's history, and the complexities of poverty, gender issues and economic inequality in Mumbai today. This course runs alongside an in-depth full-time internship in which you contribute to an organization or business for several months. Internships are 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.

### 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 [UCEAP 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. LGBTIQ students are invited to reference the [UCEAP LGBTIQ Community Resource Page](#) to learn about host country laws and norms.

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

### Educate Yourself

Get acquainted with India and your new host city and culture before you leave the U.S. Travel guides and travel-related websites, such as [Lonely Planet](#), are excellent resources. You can keep up with current events in India by reading articles in magazines and newspapers. Local staff also recommend watching the movie *Swades* before arrival, to give you a perspective of issues and mindset in rural India.

#### Travel Guides

- Rough Guides: *India* and *Mumbai*
- [Fodor's India](#)
- [Frommer's Mumbai](#)
- [Insight Guide to India](#)
- About Travel: [9 Common Problems to Expect in India](#)

#### Recommended Newspapers and Magazines

- [The Times of India](#)
- [The Hindu](#)
- [Daily News & Analysis \(DNA\)](#)
- [First Post](#)
- [Scroll.in](#)