

Overview

Participants in this course will depart for India at the beginning of the first 5 week Summer Session on or about June 6, 2011. The course will have duration of 21 days. The group will arrive in Goa, India on or about June 7 where students will have a day to recover from jet lag. They will travel by bus through forests of the Western Ghats to the picturesque city of Sirsi, the center of the Appiko Movement of the 1980's. For one or two nights they will stay in a comfortable hotel in Sirsi where orientation sessions will be held. They will travel to nearby villages where they will be housed in village homes to observe sustainable agriculture practices. The focus of the journey will be a 5 day foot march or *padyatra* through village communities of the hills where they will be housed with local families, and where they will learn about the life strategies of the people. They will return to Sirsi for a day of rest and some hands on experience pertaining to the life of the forest people. They will travel by bus to Goa where they will have a day off before departing for America. Our objective is to achieve an informed understanding of some of the most pressing environmental issues in the Western Ghats and an appreciation of the resources in Indian traditions of life and thought to address these issues.



At a Glance

Program Term:	Summer 2011 5WK1
Courses:	PHIL 4960/6960
Program Dates:	June 6 - June 26, 2011
Housing:	Hotels, Home Stays (Huts)
Program Cost:	<p>\$150 GLE Administrative Charge (Non-refundable)</p> <p>\$4,500 Program Cost (includes airfare, lodging, in country transportation, meals).</p> <p>\$850/\$1,050 UNT Undergraduate/Graduate tuition and fees for 3 hours .</p> <p>\$500 This is an estimated average cost for predictable expenses associated with this program. Actual cost will vary by person. (Estimate amount may include: Passport, Spending Money, Optional Activities, etc.)</p>
IEFS Scholarships:	<p>Merit: GPA of 2.75 and above: \$400</p> <p>Geographically Under-represented: TBA</p> <p>Academically Under-represented: TBA</p> <p>Applications accepted: November 1</p> <p>Available on a first-come basis.</p> <p>Awarding of scholarships is based upon meeting select criteria and available funds.</p> <p>See <i>GLE</i> for further information</p>
Eligibility:	All students in good standing with UNT who have at least a 2.5 GPA.
Application Deadline:	January 31, 2011

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Experiencing Sustainable Futures:
Ecology and Spirituality in the Western Ghats of India
 Summer 2011



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 3 UG/GR credit hours
 Sirsi, Karnataka India

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Course Description

PHIL 4960/6960

This course is about environmental issues in one third-world country, India. It will center upon environmental issues in the Western Ghats of South India focusing on the relationship of the spiritual traditions of the region to its ecology. The program is designed (1) to enable students from UNT to achieve an informed appreciation for the ways in which forest people depend upon their environment for the maintenance of their communities, (2) to help students understand some of the threats to the ecosystems upon which the existence of the forest communities depend, and (3) to facilitate an appreciation for the philosophical and spiritual views of the local people for sustainable living, and for the activism that has addressed local environmental issues. The course can be taken for Graduate or Undergraduate credit.



Payment Deadlines

GLE Non-Refundable Application Charge (Due upon enrollment)	\$150
1st Installment to GLE 03-DEC-10	\$2000
2nd Installment to GLE 28-JAN-11	\$1200
3rd Installment to GLE 25-FEB-11	\$1200

- The application charge is paid to the UNT Global Learning and Experience when application is submitted.
- Additional program costs due to GLE at above dates.
- Student **must** complete early registration for the term and pay UNT tuition accordingly.
- The application can be found online at: http://www.international.unt.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=301&Itemid=82 or at the GLE office.

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IEFS Scholarship

- You must have enrolled at UNT during the last 12 months.
- The IEFS scholarship Information and forms are available at GLE
- Separate applications are required for each scholarship.

Before you Go

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIRED

You must have a current passport and provide the Center for Global Learning and Experience with a copy of your passport information page by 04/01/11.

PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE OFFICE LOCATED AT GLE
Call 940-565-2207 for more information

Financial Aid

Attend a Financial Aid/ Student Money Mgmt/ GLE Meeting

Upcoming Dates to be announced



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