

Taking the Classroom to India

UFV students prepare to travel to India for one month and earn credits

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January 29, 2010 some of UFV's geography students will embark on a one month tour of India. The study tour is part of a Geography and Field Study India course, and could also include Directed Studies students if arranged with professors ahead of time.

In previous years, all the students and faculty participating in the tour had traveled together, but this year it is possible to meet the tour in Delhi if you can find either cheaper airfare or an alternate route, provided the students can ensure that they will arrive in Delhi at or before the time of the rest of the tour group. The geography department is trying to arrange it so that students will have the opportunity to visit Delhi, Agra, Chandigarh, Shimla, Amritsar, Bhopal, Mumbai, Goa, but until the tour is more finalized, these locations are still tentative.

The course consists of four weeks study prior to departure, one month in India, and then three weeks of study upon return.

The cost of the program is yet to be set; however, the cost of last year's tour was approximately \$1500 for airfare, \$1800 for various ground costs, such as food, transportation, lodging, as well as tuition for the semester.



More definite prices will be worked out by October 2009. A course pack and study program will be available during that time as well. Students are in charge of their own passports, inoculations, and the cost of the visa for entering the country.

If the twenty spots reserved for students are not filled, spaces in the tour group will be open to faculty and community members. Information sessions will be held in June and

July and an application form will need to be submitted in that time. A payment schedule will be worked out in August, with the first payment due September 1st. All payments should be made out to UFV.

Faculty Members of the tour include Dr Garry Fehr, Cherie Enns and Satwinder Bains. For any further information please call 604-854-4547 or e-mail Satwinder Bains at satwinder.bains@ufv.ca.