

India, Pune
Alliance Contemporary India Program
IAP Academic Notes Summer 2017

The Contemporary India program introduces U.S. undergraduates to some of the most dynamic, exciting areas of Indian society, politics, economics, and culture today. Environmental issues, development, social justice, economics and public health, in particular, are key areas in which India both faces unprecedented challenges and is on the global cutting edge of finding solutions.

The Academic Program

Course Information

The summer curriculum consists of two required courses:

- Contemporary India

This course is worth 3 credits at UW-Madison

This course provides an overview of history, society, culture, and political economy geared toward understanding contemporary India and preparing students for their internship or research. This seminar will be taught intensively for the first two weeks of the program, and then run concurrently with the internship for the remaining six weeks. Students are expected to engage seriously with readings and associated activities, to take an ethnographic approach to exploring the India in which you find yourselves, and to learn from each other as colleagues.

- Internship OR Directed Research

This course is worth 4 credits at UW-Madison

During Weeks 3-7 students conduct their internships/research concurrently with the continued Contemporary India class. Students will be required to keep a detailed journal of their internship activities. Students are matched with internship and research placements based upon academic interests. Internships require students to thoughtfully and critically integrate the academic, experiential, and professional within an organizational context, whereas directed research involves a formal research project carried out within an organization, a library, or the field.

Grades and Grade Conversions

Alliance Grade	UW-Madison equivalent grade
A+ / A	A
A- / B+	AB
B	B
B- / C+	BC
C / C-	C
D+ / D / D-	D
F	F