

VARANASI, INDIA

TOU VUE

Program: UW in India, Spring

Tou's Major: Plant Pathology

Academic Life: The classroom experience was great. I took Indian History, Field Methods, Independent Studies, Kushti Performance Tutorial, and a Hindi course. The classroom setting was laid back and comfortable in a small room with couches. My classmates were other UW-Madison students.

Memorable Experiences: Just meeting new people from different backgrounds such as other college students and people from local villages.

Benefits of Study Abroad: I am more culturally competent because I have experienced and now understand a culture much different from mine. Living in Varanasi made me more appreciative of my life in the U.S. and the things I have that I took for granted before the study abroad experience.

Tips for Students Considering India: Make sure you are ready for a challenging experience. Varanasi can be chaotic in terms of overpopulation and levels of sanitation and cleanliness. For me, this experience was an example of overcoming adversity.



Tou hanging out on the Ganges River in Varanasi.

“This experience has helped me become more culturally competent.”

