This course will provide an introduction to diverse aspects of Indian culture and history for the general student. It will begin with a one-week preparatory seminar at the University of Richmond in Indian life and culture. Morning classes (10:00AM—12:00PM) at UR will be centered around discussion topics based on selected readings; afternoons will be reserved for student preparation and field trips in the Richmond area.* This preparatory seminar will be followed by a wide-ranging three-week tour of India, with sites selected to illustrate India’s rich history and contemporary life.

**TRAVEL ITINERARY:**

**Days 1, 2:** Travel from Washington D. C. to Mumbai (Bombay)

**Days 3, 4:** **Mumbai (Bombay):** Visit to National Gallery of Modern Art, Nehru Center, Elephanta, Prince of Wales Museum, and Kalbadevi

**Days 5, 6:** Flight to **Aurangabad** (locally, A/C bus): Ajanta and Ellora caves

**Day 7:** Flight from Aurangabad to Calcutta

**Days 7, 8, 9**  
**Calcutta:** Visit to Ramakrishna mission, Kali temple, Mother Theresa’s mission, walking tour of Calcutta with local urban planner, Tagore house, national heritage buildings

**Day 9**  
Overnight A/C train to Varanasi

**Days 10, 11, 12**  
**Varanasi:** Visit ghats along the Ganges, rickshaw ride and walking tour, sunrise boat ride on the Ganges, A/C bus to Buddhist site at **Sarnath**, local sightseeing

**Day 12**  
Flight to Dehli

**Days 12, 13, 14**  
**Dehli:** Visit Qutab Minar, Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Sikh temple, Crafts Museum, Ghandi Memorial Museum, National Museum, Raj Ghat, India Gate, Humanyun’s tomb, walking tour of Old Dehli bazaars, shopping/Janpath

**Day 15**  
A/C bus or train to **Brindavan**, visit **Taj Mahal**

**Day 16**  
A/C bus to **Mathura, Fathepur Sikri**, then back to Dehli
Day 17 flight to Shimla/Himalayas

Days 17, 18, 19 Sightseeing in Shimla, lectures at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, afternoon trek in the lower Himalaya

Day 20 flight to Dehli, shopping

Day 21 return US from Dehli via Mumbai

Travel in India is both profoundly rewarding and challenging. Students must be prepared to contend with hot weather at this time of year—though all efforts will be made to ensure that we are as comfortable as we can possibly be.

*Students will also be required to attend at least two orientation meetings during the spring term, 2001—the first in early March, during the week prior to Spring Break, and the second in very early April. Attendance is mandatory at these sessions. Among other things, we will address passport issues, visa applications, and medical preparations. All participants must possess a valid U. S. passport.

PROGRAM COST: approximately $4800.00 per person

Includes:
- Round-trip transportation from Washington, D. C. to India
- All expenses for three weeks of travel in India:
  - Lodging—at three and four-star hotels
  - Food
  - Transportation within India (airfare, train and bus)
  - Excursions
  - Visa fees
- International Student ID card fees
- UR tuition for 3 credit hours

Preventive medical treatment (inoculations and specific prescriptions) totaling approximately $100.00 not included in cost. The program directors will arrange for a group consultation with MCV Travel Clinic physicians during the spring semester. All students will be required to attend the travel clinic and to undergo inoculation and preventive medicating as prescribed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact the program directors:

Prof. Gene Anderson

Prof. Kathleen Hewett-Smith
Application procedures and deadlines:

Applications may be obtained from the program directors, the School of Continuing Studies, or from the Office of International Education.

*Application deadline: March 1*

  *Deposit: $150.00 due March 1 with application

1st payment—1/2 of total fee: Due March 20
2nd payment—1/2 of total fee: Due April 16

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program during the first week of March.