India & Sri Lanka: winter 2017-2018
Global Sustainability

Course names

EDUC 3080 (carries “I” credit)
CPSY 5280 (Graduate credit)
HONR 3000 (carries “H” credit)

Travel dates: December 26, 2017 – January 14, 2018

Please read: This document is intended to provide an overview of the Global Sustainability course for winter 2017-2018. This information is not set in stone. All costs are estimates and dates are subject to change; information will be confirmed closer to the trip.

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Preferences

To help us plan accordingly, please click on THIS LINK to answer 3 questions on Survey Monkey. These questions are entirely anonymous and will NOT affect your application. They are simply meant to help us best plan this trip.

URL: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K38X7DP
Application process

1. Complete your application form with essay (this application will be sent out the first week in August, BUT will not be reviewed until all applications are received on Sept. 7th).

2. Please send Cindy Cario (cindy.cario@okstate.edu) an email with
   o a) your completed application AND
   o b) your name and CWID stating that you give the College of Education, Health and Aviation permission to charge you a non-refundable $500 “deposit” if selected. Your email and application are due by Thursday, September 7 (5:00pm CDT).

3. Notifications will be emailed by Tuesday, September 12 (5:00 pm CDT). Deposits will be charged Friday, September 15th.

4. Complete passport application/ renewal and visa requests by dates listed below.

5. Begin online application on OSU’s study abroad platform. Cindy will be sending the program’s link so that you can begin uploading your documents (e.g., copy of your passport page, emergency contacts). It is also on this platform that you will complete your mandatory health and safety training, and sign up for mandatory OSU international insurance.

Important Dates**

**Dates are subject to change and will be confirmed once the fall semester begins.

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<td>Application (w/ essay) due by email</td>
<td>Thursday, September 7 by 5:00 pm CDT</td>
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<td>Meet with one of the instructors</td>
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<td>Flights purchased by</td>
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<td>Visas (India AND Sri Lanka) requests completed</td>
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<td>1st mandatory pre-departure meeting</td>
<td>Thursday, November 16</td>
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Costs and fees - estimates

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<td>Intl flights (round trip)*</td>
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<td>Excursions &amp; Program Fees</td>
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<td>OSU insurance</td>
<td>$70 ($3/day + $10 health &amp; safety)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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*This cost will vary depending on your departure city, layovers, and airline. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own roundtrip international flight.

What is NOT included in the breakdown above:

- Personal expenses (e.g., souvenirs, laundry)
- Some meals (Breakfast and dinner will be included; some lunches will not)

**Note:** The above numbers are intended to be estimates. You will receive more detailed costs closer to the trip, but you are strongly encouraged to begin working on your personal budget. A budget planning worksheet is attached.

Financial aid & Scholarships

Because each student’s final situation is different, please check with the Financial Aid office as to if and how this course would affect your aid. [https://financialaid.okstate.edu/](https://financialaid.okstate.edu/)

OSU Scholarships include [https://abroad.okstate.edu/outgoing/funding/osu](https://abroad.okstate.edu/outgoing/funding/osu)

- **Provost Scholarship**

- **Gerry Auel First Passport Grant** (for first-time passport applicants)
College of Education’s list of scholarships

https://education.okstate.edu/is/scholarships

Other suggestions: In lieu of gifts (e.g., birthday, graduation), some students have asked family and friends to contribute to the cost of their trip. Others have looked to crowdfunding or some form of community or personal fundraising to help with their trip costs.

- Fund My Travel https://www.fundmytravel.com/
- Go Fund Me https://www.gofundme.com/

Visas

- India visa https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html

**Important notice about visas:** You must have a valid passport to apply for a visa. If you have the incorrect visa you may be refused entry. U.S. citizens seeking to enter India solely for tourist purposes, and who plan to stay no longer than 60 days, may apply for an electronic travel authorization at least four days prior to their arrival in lieu of applying for a tourist visa at an Indian embassy or consulate. The U.S. Embassy and Consulates General in India cannot assist you if you arrive without proper documentation. Please carry photocopies of the bio-data page of your U.S. passport and the pages containing the Indian visa and Indian immigration stamps. If your passport is lost or stolen, copies will help you apply for a replacement passport and an exit visa from the Indian government. Replacing a lost visa, which is required in order to exit the country, may take three to four business days.

**Cost:** USD $40 (tourist visa valid for 60 days)


**Important notice about visas:** You must have a valid passport to apply for a visa. U.S. citizens intending to visit Sri Lanka for purposes of tourism or transit require an approval notice from Sri Lanka’s Electronic Travel Authorization System (ETA), onward/return ticket, and proof of sufficient funds. If you have the incorrect visa you may be refused entry.

**Cost:** USD $20 (tourist visa with double entry, valid for 30 days)
Itinerary

Please see attached. The itinerary is subject to change and will be finalized closer to the trip dates.

General reminders

- Please check your OSU email regularly for notifications, documents, and reminders. This will be our main mode of communication when the fall semester begins.
- It is recommended to visit with your physician to ensure you are in good health prior to any international travel. If you take any prescription medication or have any ongoing treatment, please discuss this with your physician. Dr. Desilva, Dr. Jacobs, and Cindy Cario are also available to discuss any concerns you may have.
- If at any point you do not wish to continue receiving emails and reminders about this trip, please email Cindy (cindy.cario@okstate.edu) asking to be removed.

If you have questions, concerns, or are unsure about something, ask—please don’t assume! We welcome and encourage your questions.

Important websites

- OSU Study Abroad Webpage
  https://abroadprograms.okstate.edu/

- CDC website

- India visa
  https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html

- Sri Lanka visa
  http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/

- US Department of State
  https://www.state.gov/

- Facebook group (a specific Facebook group will be created for enrolled students to share questions, comments, and info)
Next steps for interested students

- Apply for a passport if you do not currently have one or renew your passport if it’s about to expire (see attached forms included in this email)
- Start researching flights
- Create your budget
- Visit the CDC website (Considering any optional immunizations? Need any booster shots?)
- Schedule to meet with your physician
- Begin researching India and Sri Lanka (e.g., history, food, geography, current events, language, body language, etc.)
- Talk with people about their experiences in India and Sri Lanka (e.g., natives, travelers)
- Identify scholarships, set up a Fund-My-Travel page

Thank you for your interest!

Best,

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