International Study Centres

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Why do the Indian ISC?

Stay in three Indian cities

Understand our relationship from British rule to Brexit

Visit the Taj Mahal

Gain a better understanding of India's prominent religions, visiting temples and ashrams
The programme

**Topic: MODERN INDIA VS. HISTORIC INDIA**

Explore the rich history and culture of India through lectures and visits exploring the following topics:

- Business, politics and economy
- Digital India
- Culture (including: yoga, classic and Bollywood dancing, cuisine and the role of women)
- The role of NGOs in modern issues
- Prominent religions
- British rule to Brexit implications
- Mahatma Ghandi
The trip was incredibly eye opening in many different aspects. For me, the most eye opening part of the trip was realising that living and studying in Europe, everything is obviously very Eurocentric, and I think it’s very easy for everyone to forget this and to think the rest of the world function in the same way as European countries.”

Eleanor, Politics

I believe the biggest asset of the study centre, was the opportunity to become part of such a diverse and interesting group of students. [The] group of individuals varied by age and topic of study and yet we all got on unbelievably well and I have most definitely made friendships for life. It is hard to believe that such relationships were created in the short space of two weeks and it has opened my eyes up to become much more open minded when returning to York after the summer.”

Carrie Ann, Law

From other courses as India is a new programme for 2019
Excursions

The lectures are complemented with visits to sites around the cities. For example:

- Bangalore Palace
- The Art of Living International Centre
- ISKCON Temple
- Rashtrapati Bhawan - the Presidents’ home
- The Taj Mahal complex – an UNESCO World Heritage Site

Note: some visits are subject to ticket availability as it is not always possible to book far in advance.
Student feedback

“There were countless times that I was challenged in my own beliefs and my own thoughts on wealth, poverty and inequality. Combined, our classes and tours consolidated my love of history and view that knowledge is power.”

Emily, English

“Some of my assumptions of colonial history have been changed due to the trip which I think allows me to investigate other historical events and matters differently to how I would of before.”

Alexandra, History

“The opportunity has looked amazing on my CV, I spoke about it with an interview for a role as a Student Ambassador for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which I was successful in applying for... The ISC really is a life experience that transcends any single academic qualification.”

Rhian, History of Art

“I chose to apply for an International Study Centre through the University, as I had always been keen to study abroad, however did not have the courage or financial resources to undertake a year-long placement.”

Carrie Ann, Law
Accommodation

The programme will be in hotels, in Bangalore, Delhi and Agra. All hotels are aimed at business traveller level guests, with a private bathroom for each room and air-conditioning.

You will share a room with at least one other student.

Visa requirements

- Students will require a tourist visa to enter India. For UK nationals this is an online form, which doesn’t require an embassy visit.

- For the current cost of the visa please visit the below website and use the visa cost calculator.
  
  www.ivisa.com/apply-online/india

- The cost of a visa is not included in the programme cost.
What will it cost?

- Participation in the 2019 ISC programme costs £2,250 per student.
- A non-refundable acceptance fee of £250 is necessary to secure your place on an ISC.
- A payment plan of two further £1,000 instalments is then implemented to allow you to spread the programme participation cost.
- You must pay in full before the departure date. Failure to pay will result in you being withdrawn from the programme.

What is included in the cost:
- International flights
- Tuition fees
- Transfer to and from airport in host country
- Travel insurance
- Entry tickets
- Accommodation
- All meals

What is not included in the cost:
- Visa
- Spending money
- Travel to and from airport in the UK
- Vaccinations
Bursaries

- Each year there are a limited number of bursaries you can apply for towards the cost of the Study Centre.

- These are highly competitive and will be distributed on a needs basis. They are evaluated by a bursary case submitted as part of your application.

- Previous award amounts have been between £500 and £2000.

- Bursary offers will be made at the same time as offers on the programme (see application and deadlines).

Admission criteria

- International Study Centres are open to all York students, including final year, masters, postgraduates and distance learners.

- You do not need any prior knowledge of the topic and it doesn’t need to be linked to your degree. It is a chance to learn something from a different perspective, something completely different, and/or about a country that interests you.

- Students must be of good academic standing.

- A reference is requested from your supervisor as part of the application process.
Application and deadlines

- The application is online at [york.ac.uk/globalyou](http://york.ac.uk/globalyou) via the How to Apply tab.

- Applications for 2019 close on Wednesday 6 February at 1pm.

- The application is a number of personal statement type questions. We recommend that you write your answers to these questions in a Word document before you copy them into the application.

- Shortlisted applications will be invited for a 10 minute interview. (Skype or phone interviews will only be offered to distance learners or students on placements).

- Interviews will take place between 20 and 26 February 2019, with a first pre-departure workshop on Wednesday 6 March.
Pre-departure

- There are three pre-departure workshops scheduled in the spring and summer terms, where you will be told all the information you require for the trip. They are mandatory and will be held on Wednesday 6 March, 1 and 8 May (all in the afternoon).

- Topics will include (amongst others) vaccinations, visas, free insurance provided by the University, flight details and group risk assessment.

- You will also have a chance to meet the rest of the group going on the trip and the York team leader who will also accompany the group.
For more information

- Contact summer-abroad@york.ac.uk
- Speak to our peer advisor Emily who has been on an ISC global-peer-advisors@york.ac.uk
- Visit one of the following events to speak to us in person:
  - International Study Centre information session – Wednesday 14 November, 1.15-2.15pm, Derwent (D/L/047)
  - Summer Opportunities Fair – Wednesday 23 January, 1-4pm, James Hall