

## Study Abroad Program Gender Studies & Development in India



The Gender Studies and Development in India course was conceptualized as a study abroad program for students from United States at the behest of Wells' College New York by the Centre for Women's Studies at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. It is now open to other national (from India) and international students/practitioners. This program offers a unique opportunity to study issues related to gender and development in the context of a rapidly globalizing developing country like India.

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences located in Mumbai established in 1936, was recognized as a deemed university by the University Grants Commission of India in 1964 and has since then been offering a range of courses in the areas of social work, development and human resources.

The Centre for Women's Studies at the Institute established nearly 20 years ago is involved in teaching, research, practice and policy work on issues related to women and health, urban and rural poverty, environment, rural development, domestic violence, educational access and cultural identity.

The Gender Studies and Development in India course offers a total of 15 credits distributed as 5 themes spanning 4 months (January – April'08).

These include –

- Indian Society: Issues of Class, Caste, Religions, Tribes and Minorities
- Modern Indian History: Gender and Culture
- Indian Social and Economic Development Trajectory
- Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary Society
- Gender Justice and Human Rights Seminar

The program offers students a combination of classroom and experiential learning with an opportunity to visit the TISS rural campus and undertake field practicum with non governmental organizations in Mumbai to build a coherent gender based analysis of macro perspectives and micro realities. The course also includes a one-week yoga camp.

Orientations for the program will be from January 3-6, 2008. Classes begin on January 7, 2008.

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