Academic Focus
Due to the wide range of opportunities for study in the independent field project, this program can accommodate many academic interests. It will be particularly appropriate for students interested in Asian studies, history, political science, religious studies, sociology and culture, and environmental studies and development.

Accommodations
Students reside with families in Jaipur for approximately five weeks. In Delhi and Varanasi students will be housed in a tourist hostel and guesthouse.

Excursions
Numerous day-long and overnight excursions highlight the diversity of northern India at pilgrimage sites, development projects, conservation projects, ashrams (international communities), and rural villages.

Going Abroad With the CGE
Students will be charged standard HWS tuition, room and board, and a $600 administrative fee. This will cover tuition for a four-course semester, class-related excursions, room and board, health insurance, plus orientation in Delhi. Additional expenses not covered include international airfare, books, visa, immunizations and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare at $1500 from the East Coast, books at $200, visa fees at $100 and immunizations at $150-$250. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of $1000. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

Application Deadline
- This program is offered every fall semester.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office at a selected date in October. For specific date contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information.
INDIA

North India Consortium Program (NYSICCSI)

The Program

The North India program is sponsored by the New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India (Hamilton, Hobart and William Smith, St. Lawrence, and Vassar—NYSICCSI). The resident director is typically drawn from one of the Consortium member institutions each year although local on-site staff may serve in this capacity as well. The semester in India is designed to utilize field settings and important sites to introduce students to India in its varied manifestations—the richness of its history, philosophy, and culture; the diversity of its peoples and languages; the complexity of its economic, social and political processes. The program involves academic work and travel throughout India, starting in Delhi, the national capital, moving on to Jaipur in the state of Rajasthan for about half the term and finally to Varanasi (Benares) on the banks of the River Ganges. The group will return to Delhi for the conclusion of the program.

For more information on the program, please see the official consortium website: http://nysiccsi.org/

This program also has a Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/nysiccsi

Courses

Hindi Language (1 credit)
Contemporary India (1 credit)
Historical India (1 credit)
Independent Fieldwork Project (1 credit)

The academic program involves coursework in four main areas:

1) Language and culture, including the study of Hindi
2) History of India, including its philosophy and religions
3) Contemporary India, including modern political and social issues
   and
4) An independent project developed and executed by the student in consultation with on-campus advisors and an Indian mentor.

Eligibility

The program is open to all sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference is given to students with background or special interest in Asian studies. All participants must successfully complete the pre-departure course “A Passage to India” in the spring semester preceding the program and must have successfully completed one additional course with substantial India content prior to departure. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.