Global perspectives on agriculture and food systems in India

Fall embedded course: FD SC 499 with travel to India over fall break, 2017

Open to any major!

Tentative travel itinerary:
Nov 17 (Fri): Depart State College
Nov 18 (Sat): Reach Hyderabad, India
Nov 19 (Sun): Rest in the morning, Orientation
Nov 20 (Mon): Visit ITC Foods & Bambino Foods,
Nov 21 (Tues): Visit Mahila Griha Udyog/Lijat Papad & Vijaya Dairy
Nov 22 (Wed): Guided City Tour of Hyderabad, Visit SEED
Nov 23 (Thu): Visit ICRISAT, Indian School of Business
Nov 24 (Fri): Visit Deccan Development Society
Nov 25 (Sat): Visit Kalamkari House, Leave for State College
Nov 26 (Sun): Reach State College

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Fall semester curriculum at University Park and travel component over fall break. The course will meet one hour per week during the fall semester. Day, time, location TBA. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor(s).

Student Based Learning Objectives:
1. This course explores food production, distribution, and processing operations in India, focusing on fruits & vegetables, grape production/enology, and dairy operations.
2. Through lectures, the student will understand the key economic and cultural drivers of agricultural and food processing operations in India.
3. Through case studies, the students will learn about the role agriculture and food production and processing is playing in this booming economy.
4. Through a week-long study tour, the students will be exposed to agricultural, food processing & distribution operations in Hyderabad, India and surrounding metropolitan and rural areas.
5. Through a week-long study tour during the Thanksgiving break, the students will be exposed to culture and food habits of India.
6. Through report writing and group presentations, the student will learn cooperative and collaborative learning strategies and effective communication techniques.

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Grading:
Language skills development 25%
Homework/assignments 25%
Product development project 50%

Expenses
Estimated student cost is $3200 for airfare, visa, on-ground transportation, lodging, and meals.
Payments due: $500 by April 30, $1500 by July 30, $1200 by Aug 31. Payments are non-refundable.

If interested, please email Dr. Anantheshwaran for additional details: swamy@psu.edu
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