



Ontario India Student Exchange Program

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Study India Program (SIP) Symbiosis International University Pune, India

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General Information

- This is a month-long program offered in **August** of every year.
- The short description provided below is taken from the Symbiosis website: (<http://siu.edu.in/international.php#resource1>)
- NOTE: for other details regarding Symbiosis University, please consult **the Information on Indian Universities** document which is posted on the OIN website.

Study India Program (from Symbiosis website)

- **Concept Note on the Study India Program**

Study Abroad Programs primarily target the student community across the world. The concept of a Study Abroad Program may be seen as a variation to the ‘Semester Abroad’ or ‘Summer School’ concept popular in higher education globally. It is estimated that approximately 3 million students worldwide engage in education abroad. The knowledge and understanding of the cultures involved in the study abroad experience leaves a lasting impact on an enhanced world view of its participants. Participating students are trained as ‘global leaders’ to be more effective, respectful of other cultures and political and economic systems. Moreover, an established long term benefit of studying abroad, is the range of professional opportunities that open up for the participants in host countries.

- **Study India Program at Symbiosis International University**

The Study India Program (equivalent to Study Abroad Program) offered by the Centre for International Education under the aegis of the Symbiosis International University is an intensive, tailor-made, three weeks program which offers the students an unparalleled opportunity of combining academics with diverse cultural activities. The SIP consists of specific short duration courses in Management, Economics, Law, Design, Engineering, IT & Technology, Media, Humanities, Health, Communication Skills and Liberal Arts.

Along with the academic modules, industrial visits, cultural trips showcasing the fascinating world of India’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, workshops on various arts etc. are included in the program. The underlying element of a ‘cultural thrill’ remains pronounced during the promotion and execution of this program. The content itself is largely divided into three broad categories:

Academic Content which facilitates understanding of the political make up of India, the financial systems, the emerging markets, large and small scale industries, public and private partnerships, and social and administrative structures etc.

Cultural Content which helps the participants to be immersed in the Indian experience with exposure to Indian mythology and Indian History, Indian films, Indian arts and handicrafts,

appreciation of Indian dance and music, appreciation of Indian cuisine, Indian languages and age old Indian traditions.

Industrial Visits which are organized at different companies and industries etc. to allow the participants to gain a first hand experience of all that is introduced and taught in the academic modules.

Cultural Visits which includes visits to Indian villages as well as cultural heritage sites of India. This gives the students an opportunity to experience the real Indian life and also appreciate the rich and varied culture of India.

The assessment of the participants' performance in such programs is the responsibility of Symbiosis International University. Students who successfully complete the Study India Program are awarded a certificate and a transcript which bears the details of the credits earned from such a program. The assessment is done as per global norms so that the students can consider the transfer of earned credits to their program of study in their home university.

Sample Program

- Here is the tentative program for the August 2017 SIP. It is intended only to give you some idea of the course content, structure, and requirements. The program is taken from the communication sent to SIP students by Symbiosis in May 2017.
- The program is, in turn, followed by other information provided by Symbiosis to SIP students about accommodation, meals, transportation, internet facilities, and so on.
- **Dates:** 1st August 2017 to 30th August 2017
- **Venue:** Symbiosis Vishwabhavan, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune 411004
- **Credit details:**

Total no of hours of instruction:

Lectures: 12 Hours of classroom teaching

Workshops: 23 hours

- **Course Content:**

Sr. No.	Name of lecture/Workshop	Content
1	Lecture: Introducing India through the perspective of Media and films	This lecture will give an overview about India and how we can understand the Indian culture through the perspective of Media and advertisements
2	Lecture: Technological development in India	India is a developing Country where even though main occupation is agriculture, IT is gaining huge importance, with the Government's "Digital India" drive.
3	Lecture: Introducing India-Diversity and Multiculturalism	This lecture will give a brief about the Rich Indian History and cultural diversity.
4	Lecture: Emerging Business Opportunities in India	This lecture will give an idea about the emerging business scenario.
5	Workshop: Vedic Mathematics	Vedic mathematics in a very old method for solving mathematical problems. This lecture will enable students to understand basic concepts of Vedic Mathematics and will learn some tricks of this art.
6	Lecture: Human Rights	Law is an integrated purposive system, residing in hierarchy of agencies, moved by and applying a hierarchy of norms. Constitution of a Nation expresses the central values and concerns of the society
7	Workshop: Basic Hindi	Introduction to basic Hindi speaking national language of India
8	Workshop: Indian Bollywood dance	Dance class to learn India Bollywood style
9	Lecture: Social structure in India and need of NGO	The human race today has favored a particular path of development that focuses on the economic prosperity of the individual.
10	Workshop: Warli painting	Traditional Indian painting style
11	Workshop: Ayurveda	Importance of ancient medical science
12	Workshop: Indian Cooking	Learning to cook Indian food

- **Evaluation:**

The students will be evaluated as per below:

Sr. No.	Evaluation	Credits
1.	Essay of 2000 words	1
2.	Presentation	1
3.	Attendance in lecture & workshop	1
	Total	3

1. Essay of 2000 words.

a. The topics will be based on the lecture delivered in the program. The topics will be given on the first day of the program.

b. The deadline for the submission of essay will be with one week of completion of the program.

2. Presentation on comparison between Canada and India on topic of students' choice (Eg: Comparison between the Education systems in Canada and India)

- **Transcripts:**

Transcript will be issued to the students within 4 weeks of the completion of the program.

Other Information provided by Symbiosis

- **Campus at which lectures will take place:**

This campus is about 15 minutes away (by car) from the guest house where students will be staying. The name of this campus is: Symbiosis Vishwabhan. Address is: Senapati Bapat Rd., Pune 4.

- **Accommodation:**

1. The Accommodation for the students attending the Program will be at Symbiosis Vishwabhan Guest House. It is

centrally located in the city and is well connected by local transport.

2. The rooms are on twin-sharing basis. In one room either 2 girls or 2 boys can stay.

3. Each room has ensuite bathroom with hot water.

4. Every room is equipped with Air-conditioning, Television, Refrigerator.

5. The rooms are cleaned once in a day.

- **Food:**
The meals will have both options Veg and Non – veg.
Menu is specifically designed with a combination of Indian (Less Spicy) & continental cuisine.
In case any of the students have any food allergies, please inform the International Office accordingly.

- **Electricity:**
Electricity is available 24*7 on campus. Every campus has generator backup in case of power failure.

- **Telephone/Mobile:**
 1. Telephones are available in the guest house for calls within the campus.
 2. Students after they are done with the Registration formalities, are given the C-Form, post which they can get a SIM card for the mobile phones.

- **Laundry:**
Laundry service is available on campus and is charged as per the rates decided by the laundry.

- **Internet:**
There is a dedicated LAN connection available in all the rooms. WiFi is available in the guest house. The WiFi will be activated on the first day of the arrival of the students.

- **Curfew timings:**
All the campuses have security 24*7. We have strict time lines for the student entries and so the curfew time for all students is 10 PM.

- **Medical Help:**
Symbiosis Centre for Health Care (SCHC) provides health care facilities with doctors available between 8 am to 8 pm on all campuses of Symbiosis.
We would recommend that if any of the students are already on any particular medication, then they should carry enough supplies to last them for the duration of the program.
Also in case of any specific medical condition, we would insist that the students inform the International Office in advance.

Pre Arrival:

1. Incoming forms

We will be sending the incoming forms that the students need to fill and send scanned copies back to us.

2. Invitation letters

After we receive the incoming forms, we will issue the students Invitation letters which can be useful for the VISA.

We would suggest that the students come on Tourist VISA.

On Arrival:

1. Airport Pick up:

As Mumbai is the closest International Airport to Pune, kindly, choose the flights to and from Mumbai. One person from SCIE, would be there for pick up at International airport with the Symbiosis placard for ease for recognition.

2. On arrival registration:

As per the Foreign Registration Office formalities, we need to register all the students staying with us. Our office will

take care of this. But please get below documents for the registration:

- i. Passport and VISA scanned copy through mail
- ii. 2 Passport size photos

3. Welcome Kit:

a. All the students will be given Welcome kits in the Orientation program. This will include:

- i. Basic stationery
- ii. Handouts for the program giving information about the various visits
- iii. Schedules

4. ID cards: Will be given on arrival to all the students attending the program

For Departure:

Airport Drop:

The airport drop to Mumbai International airport will be arranged by the International Office.

Other Relevant Information

- The SIP has a fee which, in 2017, was Rs. 110,000 (approx.. \$2200). The fee can be wired, in rupees, from a Canadian bank to the bank specified by Symbiosis (details are provided by the OIN director in May), or paid in rupees when students arrive in Pune.
- The Fee covers accommodation, meals, site visits, local transportation, and lectures.
- Symbiosis registers all foreign students at the FRO within 24 hours of arrival. The Symbiosis office manages all details. After the registration, you will receive a form called