

## Regional Seminar: Culture and Traditions in Modern India

This course provides students with an in-depth introduction to the cultures and traditions in contemporary India. Students begin their study in this course through an overview of the country's cultural, social, and political background. Using lectures, readings, and discussion, this course then surveys social issues and vulnerable populations in India such as the role of women, economic issues of the caste system, environment, public health, education, and spiritual traditions for Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists. Opportunities are also provided for students to engage local experts in discussion through guest lecturers and field trips. This course helps students deepen their understanding of the traditions, religious practices, history, and contemporary lifestyles of the people who call the cities and villages of modern-day India home. In addition, program travels in India take students to communities which are engaged in addressing these issues, providing experiential opportunities for learning and growth. For Asian Studies students only.

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