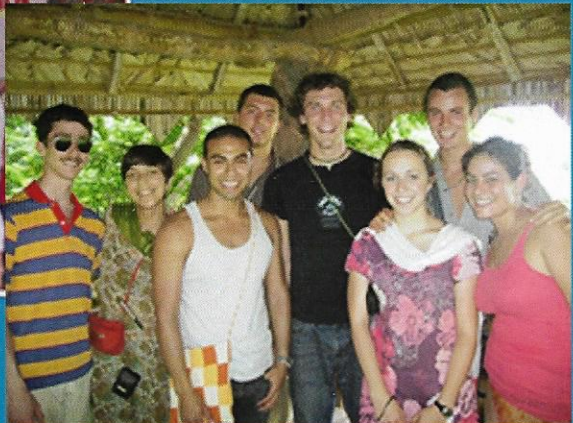


Study In India Programme



PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
PONDICHERRY, INDIA

INDIA -- UNIVERSITY IN DIVERSITY

India, the largest democracy of the world, has been a home of rich and varied cultures and civilization. Ancient India was an advanced knowledge society with a continual process of intellectual renaissance through inspiring contributions by saints and many faiths, philosophers, poets, scientist, astronomers and mathematicians. There existed great universities like Takshasila and Nalanda where students not only from India, but also from far off countries came to study diverse subjects. In the 21st century, India, by using its core competence in various technologies including information technology, vast national resources and human resources, is poised to become a knowledge super power.

Puducherry(Pondicherry), a beautiful serene territory on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal with a French ambience, is situated 160 km (about 100 miles) South of Chennai (Madras) in South India, where many cultures meet. The area is unique for being the only place in India with a touch of French culture, majestic churches, temples, mosques, sea side villas and cobbled streets. Pondicherry has been known as a seat of spiritual emancipation and educational excellence since the days of Sage Agasthya, who choose this place for his ashram of higher learning and pursuit. In recent times, its pristine glory has been acclaimed throughout the world by the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother underscoring the progress of humanity and the growth of spiritual brotherhood. The city has the unique honour of nurturing Subramania Barathi, the national bard and a great Tamil poet of the last century, and also being the birth place of Bharathidasan, a revolutionary and humanist among poets. Pondicherry provides a peaceful niche to people of various countries, states and religious faiths with different linguistic and cultural backgrounds. An international city, Auroville, is situated about 6 kms from the town. Pondicherry has many eco-friendly industries and multinationals like HCL, Whirlpool, Larsen & Toubro, Lenovo, Hindustan Lever, Saint Gobain and Wipro. Pondicherry, a Union Territory which receives funding directly from the Central(Federal) government, has very good educational, medical, transport and communication infrastructure. The nearest airport is Chennai(Madras) / Pondicherry, and the train station is Puducherry.



PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Pondicherry University, a Central University fully funded by the Government of India, was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985. It invites students from across the globe to study and research in an highly stimulating and tranquil environment. Sprawled over nearly 800 acres of lush green nature, it is nestled in the shores of the Bay of Bengal. The University is located at R.V.Nagar, Kalapet, 15 kms from Puducherry town, a bustling tourist centre known for its history and spiritual heritage. The University has established two more campuses to offer P.G. courses, one at Karaikal (U.T. of Pondicherry) and the other Port Blair (U.T. of Andaman and Nicobar Islands). The University offers many inter-disciplinary courses in Arts, Pure and Applied Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Commerce, Management, Social Work, Food Science and Technology, Escande Chair in Asian Christian Studies, South Asian Studies, Electronic Media, Performing Arts and Software Engineering. The University has excellent ambience for higher studies, research and cultural exchange. It has twenty hostels, a networked campus (Wi-Fi connection), support services. Good avenues of learning are available to the students by way of scholarships and freeships to help many deserving students to pursue their education and research. The modern laboratories, conference halls, playfields, health centre, placement and other support services. This Post-graduate teaching and research University has over 450 faculty and above, 6000 regular students on the campus. The University has 14 Schools, 35 Departments and 9 Centres. The University offers its various courses under the credit system which offers a freedom of choice to the students within the framework of the system. The Faculty of the University has been involved in publishing books and research papers. Many of them have won national and international recognitions for their teaching and research. The corporate life of the University is further enriched by the input from visiting students, scientists and professors. The University has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with various Indian and foreign institutions. More than 400 students from various countries have visited Pondicherry University under different programs.

COMMON FACILITIES

LIBRARY

An Independent Library building with a beautiful inspiring ambience of greenery around is focused in developing with technology. The Library collection is housed in stacks of three floors, with a state-of-the-art Annexe. The last infrastructure development includes an online e-resource browsing facility of about 100 computers, with latest electronic equipments such as ZLCD projector, DVD player and Plasma TV to conduct workshops, video shows, product presentation, etc. It has a collection of 4.97 Lakhs of which print is 2.22 and 2.7 Lakhs of e-resources (e-books, e-journals, e--databases, e-theses, academic online videos, video talks, etc). Pondicherry University has the honour of being one of the 16 U.N. Depository Libraries in India.



COMPUTER CENTRE

A full-fledged and well-equipped Computer Centre is available for the use of students, research scholars, faculty and non-teaching staff of the University. The Centre functions between 9:30a.m and 8:30p.m on all working days, and 9:30a.m.and 5:30p.m.on holidays.

HEALTH CENTRE & GYM FACILITIES

The Health Centre of Pondicherry University functions in association with Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences. An ambulance is also available for emergency medical care. Fitness gymnasiums for women and men is also available on the campus.

POST OFFICE & BANK

A post office functions on the campus where all postal services including savings bank facilities are available. Indian Bank operates a branch with all services in the University campus. The ATM facility is also available on the campus.

CANTEEN

Four canteens & a milk parlour are available on the campus.

TRANSPORT

The University offers free transport facilities to the students for commuting from the city to the campus for attending classes. In-campus trips are operating for mobility of the students from one place to another. Bicycles are available for the use of students within the campus.

SHOPPING COMPLEX

Basic groceries, vegetables, fruits and other items are available in this complex which also houses a tailoring unit, a photocopying centre, 2 eating places, and a tea shop.

FOREIGN STUDENTS' HOSTEL

Girl students stay at the Mme Curie Hostel Foreign Students' wing, and boys at the C.V. Raman Foreign Students' wing on the campus which provides accommodation on twin sharing basis. This facility comes with kitchens, a recreation hall and a laundry room equipped with washing machines.

- Air conditioned fully furnished rooms
- Attached toilet facility
- Kitchen facilities (Cookware, Microwave ovens, Electric Stoves, Refrigerators, Mixie, etc).
- 24-hour internet Wi-Fi connection
- Phone facility
- Television with cable connection
- Magazines & Newspaper
- Facility for indoor games like Table Tennis, Carrom, Chess, etc.
- Lobby servants to cater to the small needs of the students.

FOOD

Arrangements have been made to provide Indian vegetarian meals to the students each day in their hostels. Indian cuisine is also available across the street from the University and in town. Western cuisine is available in many of the restaurants in town as well. If students decide to take a break from the hostel food, there are many grocery stores in the town with a variety of imported goods which cater to the large international community residing in Pondicherry; It also provides Indian groceries if students would like to experiment with cooking their own Indian food.

STUDY IN INDIA PROGRAM [SIP]

The University launched the program in the year 2000 in collaboration with the International Institute for Scientific and Academic Collaboration Inc. (IISAC), U.S.A. The University has received several undergraduate students from USA and other countries like France, Germany, Finland & Norway for one semester each under the Study in India Program.

The students are counselled through e-mails prior to their arrival here. The students choose the relevant courses which would be most suitable to them from the pertinent syllabi on the website of the Pondicherry University.

Credits earned by them are transferred to their respective institutions within a month of the close of the semester. In addition to academic programs, the students are allowed to experience the rich culture of Pondicherry, South India and the whole country. Proper counselling is given to the students to make their stay comfortable and experience enriching.

The SIP offers a wide range of courses. In some cases, need-based courses have been devised.

- ❖ Classroom course work involving lectures, seminars, assignments and examinations.
- ❖ Individualized independent / directed study where a faculty member supervises readings, field study, and research topic focused on some topic.
- ❖ Internship, where a student undertakes extensive fieldwork and / or work with the chosen faculty member.

The prospective students are advised to consult the SIP Coordinator for their course selection. The University offers various specialized courses to foreign students. Some of these courses are given below :

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| ➤ Studies in Post-Colonial Literature, | ➤ Cell Biology |
| Women's Writing | ➤ Environmental Biotechnology |
| ➤ Hinduism & its Practices | ➤ Indo-US Relations |
| ➤ Tribal Ethnography | ➤ Recent trends in Food Science & Nutrition |
| ➤ Spoken Tamil | ➤ Environment & Social Work Intervention |
| ➤ Practical Classical Yoga Training | ➤ Indian Political System |
| ➤ South Indian Classical Dance | ➤ Christianity in India |
| ➤ Social & Agrarian movement in Modern India | ➤ Psychopathology |
| ➤ Gender & Society | ➤ Foundations of Indian Culture |
| ➤ History of India | ➤ Social Stratification |
| ➤ Economic Sociology | ➤ International Trade & Payment |
| ➤ Human Rights & International Relations | ➤ Economics of Infrastructure |
| ➤ Peasant & Village Communities | ➤ Social Cultural Anthropology |
| ➤ India's Foreign Policy | ➤ Contemporary Indian Writing in English Fiction |
| ➤ Philosophy of Science | |

WHY JOIN SIP AT PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY?

Nationally and internationally acclaimed faculty, many of whom have teaching and research experience abroad.

- The choice-based Credit system with flexibility of course options and timing.
- A well-equipped computer facility and library.
- A diverse campus with students from all over India and also from abroad.
- Pollution-free picturesque campus of 780 acres with decent lodging and boarding facilities.
- A very supportive team of the Coordinator, advisors and administrative set-up.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The program is aimed at overseas students who have proficiency in English and meet the special pre-requisites of the course. The following can approach SIP :

- Universities and their International Studies Divisions or Study Abroad Programs.
- Heads of Academic Programs, Disciplines or Departments of Universities.
- Institutions with South Asia / Area Studies Programs.
- Higher education institutes or Councils of International Education.
- Individual students -- on the basis of a selection.

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