

# College of Charleston Summer 2012 India

## Program Dates:

July 1 - July 23,  
2012

## Program Fee:

\$3,795\*

(\*subject to change and  
does not include tuition)



## Program Course:

**ANTH 319: Special  
Topics - Comparative  
Childhoods: India and  
U.S.**

## Program Information:

This study abroad program will provide an opportunity for students to understand the experience of childhood within very different cultural contexts. India, a country rich in cultural, economic, language, religious, and tribal diversity, provides a vivid contrast to the diversity found in the United States, allowing students to evaluate our western concepts of childhood. Students will have the opportunity to examine children's lives in the cosmopolitan city of Kolkata, focusing on health, schooling, and child labor in this large, vibrant city. The program will then move to the state of Orissa, which is off the typical tourist path, where students will live with children in residential schools, work with Indian anthropologists on research projects, tutor students in English, and experience childhood within tribal India. The program will end in the Hindu pilgrimage site of Puri, located on the Indian Ocean. The primary purpose of this program is to clarify to students that although all humans mature from infancy to adulthood, the experience of childhood varies greatly within and across cultures.

A visa for India and some immunizations are required to participate in this program. Participants should be aware that living conditions will be spare and the weather will be very hot and possibly rainy.

## Program Director:

**Dr. Christine Finnan, Department of Sociology & Anthropology and Department of Teacher Education,  
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Dr. Finnan holds a joint appointment in the departments of Sociology and Anthropology and Teacher Education. Her primary interests are in understanding how culture shapes the experience of childhood and the educational process. She has developed important relationships with anthropologists and educators in India who are collaborating on this study abroad experience.

## To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, <http://international.cofc.edu>, or picked up in the CIE office. All applications must be submitted to **Julie Swigert, Study Abroad Coordinator, Center for International Education, swigertj@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.**

The Program Fee of **\$3,795\*** includes a non-refundable \$50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, some meals, medical insurance, entrances into sites. **TUITION FOR THE COURSE IS NOT INCLUDED.**

Application deadline is **March 2, 2012.** Deposit of \$550 will be posted to the student's MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to \$1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.