

SEWANEE

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Field Study at the GRAMEEN BANK

Winner of the 2006
Nobel Peace Prize



Professor Muhammad Yunus, winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize with the 2005 Sewanee group.

2011 Program
May - June

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Take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel with Sewanee students and faculty for an educational, cultural, and an unforgettable field study to Bangladesh (home of the Nobel Peace Prize winning Grameen Bank and of BRAC) and India. The

program centers on a course on Microfinance Institutions in South Asia with a community engagement component. It is more than four weeks in duration, 13 days of study in Sewanee, 7 days in Bangladesh, 7 days in India, and 3 days would be spent in travel. The program is led by Dr. Yasmeen Mohiuddin, professor of economics.



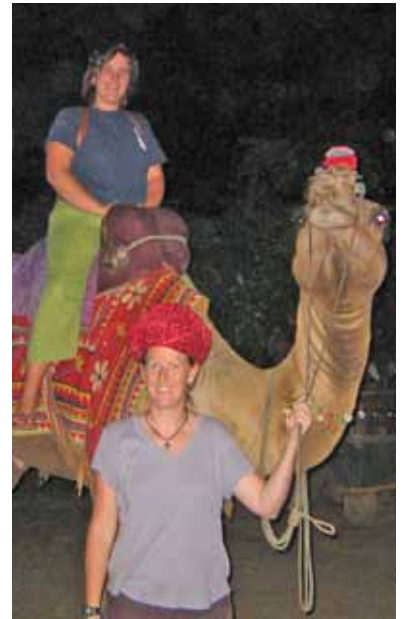
The 2005 group in Italy.

The Locations in 2011 Sewanee, India, and Bangladesh

The Cost

\$6,300 per person

Fees include airfare, other travel costs, accommodations, meals, and tour guides/consultants.



The 2004 group at the BRAC informal school.

The Highlights

- Four hours course credit for Econ. 347: Microfinance Institutions in South Asia and 2 hours for an Anthropology course
- Lectures by Sewanee Faculty at Sewanee, and on-site in Bangladesh and India
- Guest lectures by United Nations experts
- Extensive field trips to villages and focus group discussions with poor women borrowers of Grameen Bank, BRAC, and ASA
- Field trips to wheat distribution centers and meetings with ultra-poor women receiving food aid through UNWFP
- Service learning and community engagement
- Opportunity to meet Nobel Laureates Dr. Yunus of Grameen Bank and Sir Fazle Hasan Abed of BRAC
- Access to sites normally off-limits to tourists including the United Nations projects in villages
- Opportunities to interact with senior UNWFP officials in Bangladesh
- Special visa clearance
- Sightseeing in New Delhi and Agra
- Trip to the Taj Mahal



Dr. Yunus and staff with Prof. Yasmeen Mohiuddin and the first Summer in South Asia group in 2003.



The 2007 group with Sir Fazle Hasan Abed of BRAC.



The 2009 group at the Sundurban Forest in Bangladesh.

Itinerary

Sewanee

- Day 1-13 Arrival, Orientation and Classes
- Day 14 Depart for Delhi

India

- Day 16 Arrive Delhi
Red Fort, Jama Mosque
- Day 17 Lecture at USAID/CURE
Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple
- Day 18 City tour, New Delhi
Depart for Agra
- Day 19 The Taj Mahal
- Day 20 US AID Project
- Day 21 Return to Delhi
Reflections on trip
- Day 22 Depart for Bangladesh
Arrive Bangladesh

Bangladesh

- Day 23 Visit to Grameen Bank Head Office
Visit to BRAC
- Day 24 Visit to ASA Head Office
Visit to ASA University
Meeting with Mr. Shafiqul Chowdhury
- Day 25 Field visit to
Grameen Bank Programs
Meetings with borrowers
- Day 26 Field visit to BRAC Programs
BRAC Informal Schools
- Day 27 Field visit to ASA Programs
Return to Dhaka
- Day 28 Meeting with Nobel Laureate Dr. Yunus
and debriefing
Meeting at UN World Food Program
- Day 29 Meeting with Sir Fazle Abed of BRAC
and debriefing
- Day 30 Depart for U.S.
- Day 31 Arrive in U.S.



The 2006 group with Grameen borrowers.



Students with BRAC borrowers and their children in 2010.



The 2010 group in Cambodia.

Participants List

2010

Will Edwards III
Barbara Gillard
Jay Hill
Courtney Hinkle
Morgan Ann O'Donnell
Natalie Rothwell
Chappell Stewart
Matt Stringer
Victoria Thomas
Morgan R. Tucker
Mehdi Zaidi
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
Julie Flowerday, *Visiting Professor*

2009

John Armistead
Daisey Blom
Daniel Coe
James Duracin
Emily Finch
Thomas Giblin IV
James Jayroe
Samuel Schneidman
John Williamson
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
Julie Flowerday, *Visiting Professor*

2008

James David Callis
Sedar Thomas Dunn
Charles Cate Grigsby
Mary Grace Hinkle
Virginia Houston
Andrew Allan Evans Hunter
Jonathan Mark Klabunde
John DuPont Lines
Michael Fred Mansfield
Aglaia Alexandra Matthews
David Middendorf
Rachel Mae Miller
Rebecca Jean Price
Benjamin Bradford Pursell
Alexander Maxwell Stein
Joseph True Steuer
Benjamin David Swann
Taylor Brooking Triplett
Anne Marie Vaughn
Colin Squires Wilhem
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
Professor Krishna Ayyangar
Raghav Virmani, *Assistant Coordinator*

2007

William Benjamin Avery
William Thomas Avery
Virginia Baker
Michael Benjamin
Charlotte Coleman
Matthew Councill
Tian Gao
Elizabeth Hamrick

(2007 *continued*)

Meredith Hoover
Richard Hubbard
Lauren Jarvis
Emma Leonard
Catriona Morrison
Shashin Patel
Axtion Reilly
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
Dr. Manfred Metz, *Guest Lecturer*
Dr. Asma Niaz

2006

Alex Hutchinson
Kristina Lueck
Kerrie McCotter
Courtnei Wisenbaker
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*

2005

Lorin Cooke
Louise Fisher
Julie Lorch
Douglas McRae
Nora Frances McRae (alumna)
Selby McRae
Vaughan McRae
James Nalley
Michael Ortale
Theresa Shackelford (alumna)
Susan Shands
Katie VanCleave
Abigail White (alumna)
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
Professor Tayyeb Shabbir, *Guest Lecturer*
Felix Bivens, *Assistant Coordinator*

2004

Aaron Breeden
Frank DiMauro
Sallie Hart
Ashleigh Holloway
Jessica Martin
Vishal Nehru
Olu Pacheco
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
Felix Bivens, *Assistant Coordinator*

2003

Omair Ahmad
Laura Buck
John Crawford Craig
Mason Freelin
Joseph Fritz
Thresa Garen Hover
Alexander Mackintosh
Christopher Ramsey
Nazia Siddiqi
Timothy Waldrop
Professor Yasmeen Mohiuddin, *Director*
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ECON 347: Microfinance Institutions in South Asia. The course would provide an overview of the microfinance industry: its origins, evolution, theoretical underpinnings, and empirical evidence. It would focus on both the tools of microfinance operation such as financial management and lending methodologies, and on the basic issues and policy debates in microfinance, such as impact assessment, poverty targeting and measurement, and sustainability.



The 2008 group at the Taj Mahal in Agra.