

Discover India through Ashoka!

# Visiting Students Programme





Ashoka University is India's premier Liberal Arts and Sciences University, located in the Delhi NCR capital region. It is a pioneer in its

focus on providing a liberal arts education at par with the best in the world.

Ashoka University welcomes students from international institutions across the globe to experience the university's unique academic offerings through the Visiting Student Programme (VSP). Under this programme, students can spend either a semester or a full academic year at Ashoka.

### Study at Ashoka

- Experience the liberal arts and sciences pedagogy
- Expand your academic interests
- Engage with Ashoka's eminent faculty
- Explore India through organised social and cultural activities





### THE ASHOKA EXPERIENCE

#### Maya Rabow Northeastern University:

"The field course helped me in developing ethnography skills to conduct community-based research and it surprised me how easy it was to speak with people at the field sites."

#### Theo Brettell University of Sheffield:

"The Ashoka Conversation course helped to develop skills in writing with journalistic flair combined with academic rigor. It was individually relevant as we were encouraged to do research about our specific chosen topics."

#### Pia Sarah Haykel Princeton University:

"I learned about the formation of the modern Indian state and gained a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of a democracy from the Contemporary Indian Politics course. While we were taught India specific chronology and history, Professor Sitapati also introduced us to concepts of the State, Democracy, Ethnicity and Identity. All of these are relevant as I go forward in research."

#### Sophie Daubigney King's College London:

"Incredible sports facilities at Ashoka! Spent a lot of time either in the gym or the pool – clean and comfortable."



### Experience India through Ashoka

In addition to academic courses, study abroad office organizes several opportunities for students to meet and interact in forums beyond the classroom. These take the form of social, cultural, and sports activities. Some of the prominent activities include Bike-Rides, Movie Nights, Water Polo, Delhi Cultural Tours.

Visiting international students are encouraged to participate in Ashoka clubs and societies which form the backbone of the rich and vibrant cultural atmosphere at Ashoka University. When not occupied with academics, students find themselves immersed in pursuing their hobbies and interests through more than 50 student-run clubs and societies! These give students an ocean of opportunities to contribute and enrich their campus experience culturally and intellectually.

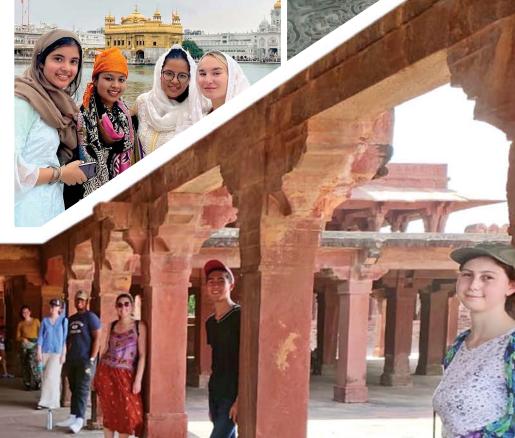
Visiting students travel and discover the cultural,
natural and historical diversity of India. Some of the
common trips include Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur,
Corbett National Park, Chandigarh, Shimla,
Manali, Dharamshala amongst others.
During mid-term breaks, students
often travel to Leh-Ladakh,
Kashmir, Rajasthan, beaches
in Goa, Kerala backwaters,
Tamil Nadu temples
and more.















### Eligibility

- Must be enrolled as full-time student
- The home university must accept Ashoka course transfer credits
- Completed a minimum of 1 year of university level study
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale; or its equivalent

### How to apply?

- To apply for VSP at Ashoka, please write to studyabroad@ashoka.edu.in
- Students will be guided to the online application system
- For Nominated /exchange students, the home institution must send a list of nominated students to the Office of International Programmes at Ashoka via studyabroad@ashoka.edu.in



### Application documents

- Transcript & CV
- Statement of purpose (SoP)
- LoR from faculty
- Passport PDF
- Passport size Photo

### Application deadlines

- Fall (Monsoon) Semester or full academic year: 1 June every year
- Spring Semester: 1 November every year
- Summer Semester: 30 May every year

### Academics

#### Fall & Spring Semester course load:

- 4 courses (4 credits each) equivalent to 30 ECTS.
- Each 4-credit course entails 40 contact hours.
- 1 optional (2 credits) co-curricular course in performing arts/visual arts/languages.

#### **Summer Semester course load:**

- 1 or 2 courses (4 credits each). Each course is equivalent to 7.5 ECTS.
- Each 4-credit course entails 40 contact hours.











#### **Summer Semester**

The Office of Summer Programmes at Ashoka University offers an intensive six-week study programme, during the summer for undergraduate students. Summer Programme offers a range of four-credit courses offered across disciplines.

Summer Dates: July (first Monday) – August (second Saturday)

#### Courses Offered:

- Creative Writing
- Economics
- Environmental Studies (field courses)
- Indian Politics
- Indian Civilization
- Media studies
- Philosophy
- Psychology and Behavioral sciences
- Sociology & Anthropology

## Accommodation and Campus Facilities

- All international visiting students are guaranteed campus accommodation in fully-furnished residence halls with laundry service.
- Rooms are on double-occupancy basis.
- Students receive a meal plan (buffet and combo meals) at the dining facilities of Ashoka.
- Campus facilities include library, campus shuttle, sport facilities, health services at infirmary and more.

### Study Abroad Team

The Office of International Programmes provides extensive support to applicants of the programme. The office supports visiting students in their academic planning, course selection, and supports them during their time at Ashoka.



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