



# Emory Tibetan Studies Program



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Spring Semester  
Study Abroad  
Dharamsala,  
India

Information and Application Materials online at [cipa.emory.edu/tibetan](http://cipa.emory.edu/tibetan)

**Situated in the** foothills of the Indian Himalayas and home to His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, Dharamsala is the capital of the Tibetan exile community. Within this remarkably beautiful and culturally rich environment, Emory University and its partner, the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics (IBD), weave together rigorous academic study, field research, cultural immersion, and contemplative practice in order to provide a unique semester-long program for students interested in both India and Tibet.

## Academic Coursework

Classes are taught by both IBD and Emory faculty.

- Buddhist Philosophy and Practice
- Tibetan Culture and Civilization
- Tibetan Language
- Independent Field Research

## Cultural Immersion

Students live with Tibetan roommates while on the IBD Sarah campus and then with homestay families in McLeod Ganj. During the program, students participate in weekly field trips, celebrate several important Tibetan and Indian holidays, and attend numerous cultural events, including Tibetan Uprising Day, Shoton (opera festival), a trance by the Nechung oracle, a session of the Tibetan exile parliament, and teachings by the Dalai Lama and other meditation masters. Many students also hike, do volunteer work, learn Hindi, or take a Tibetan class in cooking, dance, or music in their free time.

## Emory's close relationship with the Dalai Lama

As part of Emory's ongoing partnership with the Tibetan exile community, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama has been named Presidential Distinguished Professor at Emory, the first university appointment accepted by the 1989 Nobel Peace Laureate. In this capacity, His Holiness has often offered a private class to our Tibetan Studies Program students, which is always a highlight of this exceptional study abroad program. For information about this appointment and other dimensions of Emory's relationship with the Dalai Lama, please visit: <http://dalailama.emory.edu>

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have completed at least three semesters of college-level work and be currently enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited institution the semester prior to the study abroad semester. Former program participants include students from Columbia University, Barnard College, Williams College, Colorado College, Rice University, Stanford University, University of Puget Sound, and Emory University.

Emory also offers a summer program focusing on Tibetan Mind/Body Sciences. In conjunction with the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative, students study Buddhist philosophy, culture contemplative practice, and Tibetan medicine while actively engaging in dialogue with Tibetan monks and nuns studying neuroscience, biology, and physics. Find more information online at [cipa.emory.edu/tibetan](http://cipa.emory.edu/tibetan).

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—STUDENT PARTICIPANT

“The program was extremely helpful as a tool to integrate into the community. Being surrounded by Tibetan students, nuns, and monks helped me immediately feel that I had joined a new community.”





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## “MEETING THE DALAI LAMA

*is an incredible experience, but equally wonderful was becoming a member of such an interesting and diverse community. In Dharamsala, every day offered something new to me, and the majestic Himalayan mountains provided a beautiful backdrop. Being on this program was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I am very grateful that I took part.”*

—STUDENT PARTICIPANT

