

TIBETAN STUDIES PROGRAM SCHEDULE (*Tentative*)

Emory University and the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics

January 9 - May 6, 2016

Orientation: New Delhi and Pragpur, January 10-15 (1 week)

Sat, Jan 9: Arrive [YMCA Tourist Hostel](#) in New Delhi (everyone should arrive by this evening)

Sun - Mon, Jan 10-11: Orientation and Delhi site-seeing, including (but not limited to) [Bangla Sahib Gurdwara](#), [Hanuman Mandir](#), [Connaught Place](#), [Agrasen ki Baoli](#), Rastrapati Bhavan and other [government buildings](#), [Lodhi Gardens](#), [Chandni Chowk](#), [Jain Svetambar Temple](#), and [Jama Masjid](#)

Tu, Jan 12: Jeeps to [Judges Court](#) in Pragpur, arrive in time for dinner

Wed, Jan 13: Explore [Pragpur](#), a lovely heritage village

Thu, Jan 14: breakfast and lunch in Pragpur, jeeps to [Institute of Buddhist Dialectics](#), Sarah campus; arrive in time for tea, move in with your Tibetan roommates

IBD Sarah campus, with Tibetan Roommates, January 15-February 21 (5.5 weeks, including pilgrimage)

Fri, Jan 15: IBD Sarah Campus tour, Welcome Tea, and “Culture Show” in the evening

Sat, Jan 16: tour of Institute of Buddhist Dialectics (upper campus), [Tsuglagkhang](#) (main temple in McLeod Ganj) and the Kora (circumambulation route) around HH the Dalai Lama’s residence

Sun, Jan 17: Free day with Tibetan roommates

Mon – Fri, Jan 18-22: Classes @ IBD Sarah with fieldtrip to [Tibet Museum](#), [Gu Chu Sum](#), and [Ama Adhe’s](#) residence at old Tibetan Reception Center

Mon – Fri, Jan 25-29: Classes @ IBD Sarah with fieldtrip to [Central Tibetan Administration](#) Offices and [Men-tsee-khang](#) (Tibetan Medical Institute)

Mon – Fri, Feb 1-5: Classes @ IBD Sarah

Sun-Th, Feb 7-11– Tibetan New Years (Losar) Pilgrimage to [Palpung Monastery](#), [Bir Settlement](#), and [Tso Pema](#), Bir 7th-9th (Nyishugu Feb 7th and 1st day of Losar, Feb 9th), Tso Pema 10th & 11th, return on Fri 11th

Fri-Sat, Feb 12-13: Classes @ IBD Sarah, with fieldtrip on Saturday

Sat or Sun, Feb 13 or 14: meet homestay families

Mon – Fri, Feb 15-19: Classes @ IBD Sarah, with fieldtrip to [Tibetan Women’s Association](#) and [Tibetan Youth Congress](#)

Fri, Feb 19th – goodbye party at IBD Sarah

McLeod Ganj, with Homestay Families, February 20 – March 11 (3 weeks)

Sat, Feb 20: move in with homestay families

Sun, Feb 21: free day in McLeod

Mon-Fri, Feb 22-26: Classes at Upper IBD campus, with fieldtrip on Feb 22 to Tsuglagkhang Temple for HH Dalai Lama’s [Jataka Tales teachings](#)

Mon-Fri, Feb 29-Mar 4: Classes at Upper IBD campus, with fieldtrip to [Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts](#) for Tibetan Opera season (Shoton)

Mon – Fri, Mar 7-11: Classes at Upper IBD campus, with fieldtrip to [Tibetan Uprising Day](#) on March 10th

Mar 11: after last class move luggage from homestay family’s home to Kalsang Guesthouse Library

- Long Weekend Break, Sat-Wed, March 12-16

McLeod Ganj, Kalsang Guesthouse March 17 - April 8 (3.5 weeks)

Th-Fri, Mar 17-18: Classes at Upper IBD

Mon – Fri, Mar 21-25: Classes at Upper IBD with fieldtrip to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi (March 23rd)

Mon-Fri, Mar 28-Apr 1: Classes at Upper IBD

Mon – Fri, Apr 4-8: Classes, final papers & exams

Independent Research and Concluding Activities, April 11 – May 6 (4 weeks)

Sat–Tu, Apr 9-May 3: Research Period

Tu, May 3: Be at Horizon Huts (near [Galu Devi Temple](#)) by 3 pm to begin end-of-program activities

Wed-Th, May 4-5: Hikes, farewell activities, and presentations of research in mountains near McLeod Ganj

Fri, May 6: Program ends at noon, after the conclusion of our morning activities. You can take an afternoon or early evening bus, train, or flight to Delhi in order to fly out of Delhi airport either the evening of May 7 or the morning of May 8. *Everyone should plan to attend the final activities the morning of May 6, so **please do not book a flight out of Delhi before the evening of May 7th!***

Note: sometime during the semester, our group will likely (although not guaranteed) have private meetings with [His Holiness the Dalai Lama](#), [His Holiness the Karmapa](#), [Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo](#), and [Prime Minister Dr. Lobsang Sangay](#), and other Tibetan luminaries. Dates for these will be announced during the program.