

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

**Program Length:** Semester or Academic Year

**Applications:** [www.cuabroad.cornell.edu](http://www.cuabroad.cornell.edu)

**Eligibility:**

- 3.0 GPA
- Cornell & Non-Cornell Students
- 2nd semester sophs., juniors, 1st semester seniors, and M.A. and Ph.D. Candidates
- Previous Nepali recommended (NOT req.)

**Application Deadline:**

**Fall or Year** - February 15

**Spring** - October 15

**2013/14 Costs:** \$23,450 per semester for Cornell students. Non-Cornell students should check with your study abroad office. Includes tuition in Nepal, housing, all meals, orientation, study tour, group field trips, required excursions. Health insurance, personal expenses (including books), airfare and recreational travel are additional. Only modest funds are needed for personal expenses. Round trip airfare from New York to Kathmandu is approximately \$1700. Immunizations cost \$800 to \$1000.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

*Check the website:*

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*"The most memorable aspect of Nepal was my research in a remote district. I lived in a health clinic with two health workers and interviewed women in five villages on their use of Depo-provera. The contraceptive has been distributed for the last 20 years, but only recently gained popularity...Although language was at times a barrier, I was able to develop friendships with the other women in the villages. I would wash my clothes alongside these women and help with cooking and chores. We were able to laugh and have a wonderful time together. I am still overwhelmed and amazed by their generosity, sincerity and strength."*

- Anshu Mohllajee, Returned student



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Study in Nepal,  
a land of cultural and natural richness

## Cornell Nepal Study Program (CNSP)



Open to students  
from all Cornell Colleges &  
non-Cornell students as well!



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cornell-Nepal Study Program is a pioneering joint venture between Cornell University and Tribhuvan National University of Nepal initiated in 1993. Courses are taught in English at the program facility and the main Tribhuvan campus in the medieval town of Kirtipur, near Kathmandu, by Nepalese faculty from the Tribhuvan University Departments of Botany and Sociology/ Anthropology.

CNSP is the first and only study abroad program in Nepal to draw together students from American universities to live and study with Nepalese peers in residential program houses.

## LOCATION

Nepal offers a splendid venue for a study abroad program in a developing country. The geographical diversity of Nepal ranges from the subtropical Terai region to the mountain regions of the north. Nepal's amazing geographic diversity has created equally amazing cultural diversity; over 50 distinct languages are spoken.



## ADMINISTRATION

CNSP is administered on-site in Nepal by a Resident Director with the services of an Academic Coordinator, working with Tribhuvan National University faculty. Administration in Ithaca is coordinated by Cornell Abroad with faculty involvement in the establishment of the curriculum and research program. On-site staff includes Graduate Teaching Fellows and a Residential Coordinator.



## COURSES OF STUDY

*Each student chooses a major theme, either the **cultural diversity** or the **ecological diversity** of Nepal, and completes 15 hours of course work.*

### *Nepali Conversation* (4 credits)

Instruction in oral Nepali designed for everyday use and is also tailored to each student's research interests and plans.

### *Nepali Literacy* (2 credits)

Instruction in written Nepali language corresponds to what students learn in the conversation course, and also allows for the development of written materials for field research.

### *Contemp. Issues in Nepali Studies* (3 credits)

This course is taught by leading Nepali university faculty in their specialties, covering the arts, history, cultures, ecology, agriculture, development, religion, and politics.

### *Research Design & Proposal Writing* (4 credits)

This course prepares students for field research as they are guided in the selection of research topics, research methods, and field sites.

### *Field Research* (2 credits)

Each student will spend between four and five weeks in supervised field research. Students undertake independent field study, according to their qualifications and preparation.

## SCHEDULE

The semester is organized around the following schedule:

**Orientation:** . . . . . 2 weeks

**Classroom Instruction:** . . . . . 8 weeks

**Study Tour:** . . . . . 2 weeks

Study trek with field exercises and classes.

**Field Research:** . . . . . 4 weeks

Students carry out projects developed in the research design and methods course.

**Completion of Research Reports:** . . . . 2 weeks

Students will prepare and present the results of their field work.



## LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Program participants live in student residences. Following Nepalese cultural norms, men live in one residence and women in another. The Nepalese students who join the program come from various parts of the country and are paired with North American roommates. The living situation provides Nepalese food and furnishings, with conveniences like electricity, hot water, and good sanitation. Computers provide e-mail and internet connections. Homestays with Nepalese families become an integral part of the program experience during holidays and the study tour.