Kathmandu, Nepal

The ancient capital of Kathmandu is in the center of Nepal in a valley at 4,600 ft. elevation along the Bagmati River, in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. It is in a region of diverse cultures at the edge of the highest mountains in the world.

Plant and Soil Science 390 (Food Forever) is an exploration of food production systems and the people and practices that determine their sustainability.

Geography 304 (Sustainability Issues) is an analysis of humanity's interaction with the environment. It seeks to enhance awareness of one's role in and interaction with natural systems. Focus will be on the diverse challenges facing Nepal with a rapidly growing population in a diverse landscape of environments and cultures.

Plant and Soil Science 399 (Special Problems) is available for students who don't need one of the above courses.

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Program

- Earn 6 units of credit toward GE pathway requirements.
- Study and travel for five weeks in north-central Nepal in a collaborative program with Nepali university students.
- Engage in cultural programs.
- Participate in a village homestay.
- Nepali cooking lessons.
- Nepali language instruction
- Employ your skills to help villagers in a service project
- Participate with guidance from agricultural and humanities faculty
- Explore the markets, temples, villages and neighborhoods of diverse ethnic groups
- Study case reports with diverse perspectives on current issues related to food production, environmental and resource management, and development efforts.

Course Overview

- Depart Chico on Thursday, June 1.
- Arrive in Kathmandu on Friday, June 2.
- Classroom and field instruction.
- Overnight field trips to villages to the west and east of K'du.
- Other days will be available for working on projects, excursions, and sightseeing.

Eligibility

- Good academic and disciplinary standing
- Important note: students should be physically prepared for some rigorous trekking in mountainous terrain through beautiful countryside!

Financing the Program

The program fee for the 6-unit, 5-week program is $2,745 (estimate). This includes lodging and all in-country course-related travel and activities. It does not include course unit fees, travel to Nepal, food, or free-time activities. All government-sponsored financial aid offered to the student applies, including Pell Grants, Cal Grants, and loans.

Application Deadline

Monday, April 10, 2017

Application Procedure

- Complete application package
- Submit fees
- Get passport
- Attend mandatory meetings

Applications Available

Continuing Education Office
http://rce.csuchico.edu/passport/

Important Dates

- April 10: application deadline
- April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18: mandatory orientation meetings
- June 1: Fly to Nepal!
- July 8: Program ends