STUDY IN KERALA

(GOD's OWN COUNTRY @ Mahatma GandhiUniversity, Kottayam, Kerala, India)

An Unforgettable Learning Experience For Young People Who Love The Life and People of Traditional Villages in Kerala, The Tiny State in the Southern Most Tip of India

Regular Programmes, Customized Study Abroad programmes, Faculty Development Programme, workshops Tailored to the Specialized Needs and Preferences of College, University Students and faculties of Overseas Countries

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The beaches of Hawaii, the backwaters of Venice, the boathouses of Kashmir, the vales of Switzerland, the wildlife of Africa, the festivals of Spain, the boat races

of Singapore, the Waterfalls of North America, the health resorts of Phuket. Find all these in one place. That is Kerala, God's Own Country. National Geographic Society Traveller listed Kerala among the world's 50 greatest places of a lifetime. The only other Indian name on the list is Taj Mahal. Kerala has a long history and tradition of welcoming people from other lands. The Arabs, Chinese, Phoenicians, Romans, Jews, Portuguese, Dutch, French and English came to Kerala for trade and assimilated themselves into the mainstream of life in this most tolerant society.

Kerala has also an impressive history of higher education. This tiny state in the southern-most tip of India has a strong higher education system. Considering its small area Kerala has the highest number of colleges among all other states of India. Colleges in Kerala can be generally classified into two categories, traditional and professional. Almost all these colleges offer undergraduate and graduate degree programmes in several disciplines. The quality and standard of professional education in Kerala are very high. Tuition fee is perhaps, the lowest among all destinations in the world. Living cost is also the lowest. Most of the colleges in Kerala are situated in agricultural villages and are very close to the nature.

Malayalam is the local language. However, most people understand and speak English. There are also English newspapers published from Kerala. Hinduism, Islam and Christianity are the three major religions. People of Kerala live in complete religious harmony. In fact, Christianity was founded in Kerala, in A.D. 52, much before it was established

in Europe. Early Arab traders brought the Prophet's words. The oldest Jewish synagogue in Fort Kochi is still an attraction for tourists from all over the world.

Keralite students are very friendly, hospitable and helpful to students from other countries. Teachers may not be as informal as teachers in the United States, United Kingdom or Australia. Almost all colleges and universities in Kerala offer on-campus accommodation for students. There are also private hostels for students. Homestay is another option for international students.

Weather in Kerala is very moderate, mainly two seasons-summer and rainy. Kerala is the land of coconuts. Palm shade the entire state from the tropical sun. The wildlife sanctuary, the beach at Kovalam, one of the best in the world, the greenery, the lagoons, the wide verity of tropical fruits and the people of high hospitality are a rewarding experience for young students from other countries.

Main food is rice and spicy vegetable, fish and meat curries. However, all varieites of Indian, Chinese and continental dishes are also available at restaurants and hotels in Kerala.

Kerala has four international airports, at Kannur, Kochi, Kozhikode and Thiruvananthapuram. Less than four hours flight from South East Asia and the Middle East, about eight hours from Europe and less than sixteen hours from the United States. There are direct flights to Kerala from several overseas destinations. Internal travel is mainly by road and rail. Kerala is also connected with all major towns and cities of India by both air and rail.

A significant advantage of studying in this tiny state in the southern most tip of India is that since life in Kerala is deeply rooted in strong family set-up and social relationship and since it also sets high store by spiritual and moral values, the experience gained from studying and living in the state will be of immense help to lay solid foundations for personal and family life later. In short, the education system in kerala is tailor-made to produce morally upright, spiritually enlightened and socially committed citizens of tomorrow.

If the attitude towards new experiences and people are open-minded and positive, international students will enjoy their stay in Kerala where education is a perfect blend of oriental wisdom and modern technology.

KOTTAYAM

Kottayam, popularly known as the land of letters, latex and lakes. is the first district in the country to have achieved

100% literacy, a feat achieved as early as in 1989 itself. CMS college, the first college in Kerala and CMS press, the first printing press in Kerala are located in this Town. The district is also a leader in printing and

publishing industry, in Kerala - Hence the title 'Land of Letters'.

More than 20% of the natural rubber produced in the country comes from the well kept rubber estates of Kottayam (mainly from the Taluks of Pala and Kanjirappally), which makes it the largest rubber producing district in the country. This gave Kottayam the title - 'The Land of Latex'. Kottayam district is bordered by the mighty Western Ghats in the east and Vembanad lake in the west. The western parts of the district are agriculture oriented, mainly paddy cultivation. Kumarakom, the famed backwater destination is located in this district, which is just 14 Kms away from Kottayam Town. This makes it The land of Lakes. The nearest beaches are in the neighbouring Alleppey district, which can be accessed in 45 minutes - 1.5 hours from Kottayam Town.

Climate in Kottayam is a judicious blend of tropical and equatorial climate. Overall weather of Kottayam can be

characterized as hot and humid. The city has a hilly terrain and the high altitude vastly influences the climate of Kottayam. Kottayam Experiences plenty of rainfall in monsoon season from June to September. The best time to visit kottayam is in between September and March, the pleasant and cool climate during this period has a calm and smoothing effects.

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

Mahatma Gandhi University one of the major Universities in Kerala, is a premier educational institution that strives to fulfill the higher educational needs of the people from Central Kerala. Set on the sprawling 110-acre Priyadarsini Hills

Campus at Athirampuzha, 12 kms off Kottayam, 80 Kilometers from Kochi Air Port, the University also has two satellite campuses in Kottayam . The University was established on 2nd October 1983, birth date of the father of nation Mahatma Gandhi and has jurisdiction over the revenue districts of Kottayam, Ernakulam, Idukki and parts of Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha. The Institution offers large number of programmes at the Undergraduate, Postgraduate, M.Phil and Doctoral levels through its 17 University Departments, 1 International and Inter University Centre,

7 Inter University Centres, 10 Inter School Centres, 77 Govt./Aided Affiliated Colleges, 10 Autonomous Colleges (of which 8 are Colleges with a Potential for Excellence), 200 Unaided Affiliated Colleges and 199 Recognized Research Centres. It imparts education in the interdisciplinary as well as conventional disciplines of Science, Social Science and Humanities besides in the professional disciplines like Technology, Management, Legal Studies, Pedagogy, Pharmacy and Nursing.

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

The University is well known for wide variety of specializations at the Under graduate, Post graduate and Professional programmes through its Statutory schools

and affiliated colleges keeping pace with industry and market requirements. There are 52 specialisations for Bachelor of Arts (B.A), 43 for Bachelor of Science (B.Sc), 14 for Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com), 8 for Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech), 27 for Master of Arts (M.A), 44 for Master of Science (M.Sc), 10 for Master of Commerce (M.Com) , Master of Business administration(MBA), Master of Computer Applications (MCA)and 6 for Master of Technology (M.Tech) programmes. Research Programmes of M.Phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral Programmes are available in almost all disciplines. Options are available to do the programme as full time regular programmes or on twinning basis as mutual agreement between University in abroad with credit transfer facility.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED SEMESTER ABROAD AND INDIA STUDY PROGRAMMES

Tailor made Short modules of India Study Programmes of one month to one semester duration with credit transfer facility are available in the following area:- Indian policy, society, economy, culture, history, philosophy, Sustainable Tourism, Tourist Destinations in Kerala, Arts and Culture in Kerala, Yoga, Foreign language learning like German, Sanskrit, Chinese and French. Foreign students in Regular Programmes can also join for these programmes along with their programme of study. The approximate cost of this programme is 150$ per month.

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

This programme specially designed for the faculty members, academicians,and Educational Administrators in foreign Universities who are interested to visit Kerala / India for a short termvisit as part of their academic requirement or personal travel plan. It is a two week programme preferably conducted in the month of December/January. In the first week

participants will spend within University Campus attending academic sessions, visiting the selected departments. The second week dedicated to site visits to Kerala tourist locations and pilgrim centers. The programme fee includes academic session fee, tourist visit fee, accommodation excluding food airport pickup and launch which approximately costs to 1500 US$.

ACADEMIC YEAR

Each year Academic Year starts in the month of July for the first semester and December for the second semester. Usually there are three vacations, one week vacation for Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala in the month of September and one week Christmas vacation during december and two months summer vacation during April/May.

TUITION FEE AND LIVING COST

The approximate annual tuition fee for graduate programmes ranging from 400$ to 1500 $, Post graduate programmes and research from 600$ to 2000$. Accommodation facilities are provided in University International Hostels, Studio type apartments and homestay nearby the campus at an average monthly rent per head, ranging from 60$ to 300$. The average living cost in Kottayam is 5$ per day.

INTERNATIONAL QUOTA FOR ADMISSION

20% seats are additionaly reserved for international students in each programme

HOW TO APPLY

Visit the University Website **www.mgu.ac.in** admission_foreign/Registration/index

PROGRAMMES IN M.G UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS/ DEPARTMENTS /CENTERS

1. School of Behavioural Sciences (SOBS)

Courses: M.Sc.- Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Science/Psychology, M.Phil- Behavioural Medicine and Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Psychology, Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, Behavioural Science and Rehabilitation Nursing, Ph.D- Special Education, Psychology, Behavioural Medicine, Rehabilitation Nursing and Behaviouiral Sciences

2. School of Biosciences (SBS)

Courses: M.Sc. -Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Biophysics, M.Phil- Bioscience, Ph.D- Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology & physiology

3. School of Chemical Science (SCS) (1983)

Courses: M.Sc. - Chemistry, Organic, Inorganic, Physical, Polymer Sciences, M.Phil- Inorganic / Organic / Physical/Polymer Chemistry, Ph.D- M.Sc. Ph.D

4. School of Computer Science (SOCS)

Courses: M.Sc.- Computer Science, M.Phil- Computer Science, M.Tech- Computer Science, Ph.D.- Computer Science

5.School of Environmental Sciences (SES)

Courses: M.Sc. - Environmental Science & Management, Environmental Science & Disaster Management, M.Phil & Ph.D. Environmental Management, and Short Term courses on Geoinformation Science and Technology

6. School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies (SGTDS)

Courses: M.A. Gandhian Studies, Development Studies, M.Phil. Development Studies, Gandhian Studies, Social Work and Ph.D.- interdisciplinary

7. School of Indian Legal Thought (SILT)

Courses: 3 Year LL.B, 5 Year BA.LL.B, LL.M., Law of Human Rights, Constitutional and Administrative Law and Ph.D.

8.School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP)

Courses: M. A. Politics &International Relations,M.A. Politics and Human Rights ,M.A. Public Policy and Governance, M.Phil. in Politics and International Relations, and Ph.D. in International Relations)

9. School of Letters (SOL)

Courses: M.A.- English, M.A. Malayalam, M.Phil. - Malayalam, English, and Theatre Arts, Ph. D. - English, Malayalam, Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies.)

10. School of Life Long Learning and Extension (DLLE)

Courses: Certificate courses: Yogic Science, Organic Farming, Counselling, Management of Learning Disabilities, Diploma Courses: Yogic Science, Organic Farming

11. School of Management and Business Studies(SMBS) (1998)

Courses: MBA, M.Phil. in Business Studies, and Ph.D. in Management

12. School of pedagogical sciences (SPS)

Courses: M.Ed., M.Phil, Ph.D

13. School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (SPESS) (1983)

Courses: M.Ped. and Ph.D.

14. School of Pure and Applied Physics (SPAP)

Courses: M.Sc. Physics, M.Phil. and Ph.D.

15. School of Social Science (includes (SSS)

Courses: MA History, MA Anthropology, M.Phil - General Social Science, Social Transformation and Empowerment, Human Ecology &Natural History, Ph.D. - Social Science

16. School of Tourism Studies

Courses: Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM)

17. School of Mathematical Science

Courses: M.Sc Mathematics, M.Sc Statistics, M.Sc Data Science

18.School of Artificial Intelligence of Robotics

Courses: M.Sc Artificial Intelligence of Machine Learning

19. School of Nano Technology

Courses: M.Tech in Nano Technology (Physics)

M.Tech in Nano Technology (Chemistry)

20. School of Energy Material

Courses: M.Sc in Energy Materials

21. Institute for multidisciplinary programme in social sciences

5 years intergrated master programme in social sciences

INTERNATIONAL INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRES

1. International and Inter-University Centre For Nano Science & Nano Technology (IIUCNN) (2009)

Courses: PG Diploma in Nano Science and Nano Technology (3 months) PhD in Nano Science and Nano Technology (3 years), M.Tech in Nano Science and Nano Technology, M Phil in Nano Science and Nano Technology.

INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRES

1. The Advanced Centre of Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (ACESSD)

Courses: PhD-Environmental Science, Chemistry, Forestry), Inter disciplinary open courses, Research Programmes, Extension Programmes

2. Inter University Centre for Disability Studies (IUCDS)

Courses: M.Phil. -Disability Studies, PhD - Disability Studies, Short term certificate programmes in Disability Rehabilitation, Early Assessment and Management Services (DREAMS) Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychological Assessments, Counselling Services, Disability Assessments.

3. Inter University Centre For Social Science Research And Extension (IUSSRE)

Inter disciplinary teaching, research (PhD) in Human Geography, Human Ecology, Social Transformation Studies, Gender Studies, Tribal Studies and Sustainable Development Studies.

4. Inter University Centre for BioMedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital (IUCBR &SSH)

Research in Bio-medical domain & Virology lab

5. Inter University Instrumentation Centre (IUIC)

Courses: PhD - all branches of Science, Short term course on Analytical Instrumentation

6. Inter University Centre for Studies in Science of Music (IUCSSM)

Short Term Programme on Science of Music for Researchers.

7. Inter University Centre for Organic farming and Sustainable Agriculture (IUCOFSA)

INTER SCHOOL CENTRES

1. Institute For Intensive Research In Basic Sciences (IIRBS)

Courses: Five Year Interdisciplinary Integrated MS (Master in Science) Chemistry, Physics, Biology - stream (Major), Five Year Interdisciplinary Integrated PhD (MSc + PhD) in Physics, Chemistry, Biology streams.

2. K.N. Raj Study Centre for Planning And Centre-State Financial Relations (KNRC)

Courses: M.A Economics, MPhil and PhD - Fiscal Federalism, Centre-State Financial Relations

3. Centre For English Language and Communication Skills (CELCS)

Courses: Post Graduate Certificate in English Communication (PGCEC), Post Graduate Diploma in English Communication (PGDEC), Other short-term courses in English Language and Communication, Eligibility: Graduation

4. Institute of Research in Learning Disability (IRLD)

Short Term Programmes on Awareness on Disability

5. University Centre for International Corporation (UCIC)

MOOC Programmes (2 weeks) on Art forms in India, Cultural Heritage of Kerala, Tourism Sports in India, Architecture of India, India Study Programme on various modules (3-6 months), International Faculty Development Programme (2 Weeks)

6. Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies (ICCS)

Courses proposed: 5 year M.A. Integrated Programme in International Relations with specialization in Chinese Studies; Semester Abroad/ Study Programme where by students from Mahatma Gandhi University will spend one semester in China and will specialize in course modules related to China. On the other hand, Chinese students will spend one semester at Mahatma Gandhi University, focusing on India studies; M.Phil/ Ph.D. Programmes in Chinese Studies.

7. Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC)

Workshop on High Performance Computing

8. Advanced Molecular Materials Research Centre (AMMRC)

Ph.D Programme in material sciences

9. National Institute of Plant Science Technology (NIPST)

Research and Short Term Programme on Food Science and Technology, Plant Sciences

10. Centre for Yoga Naturopathy (CYN)

Short Term Programme on Yoga Practices

11. Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (BIIC)

Promotion of Start-Up by Special Training and Support

12. Directorate of Applied Short term program (DASP)

Courses: PG Diploma in Data & Business Analytics

PG Diploma in Food Analysis & Quality Controls

Diploma in Computerized financial Accounting & Taxation

Diploma in Bakery & Confectionery

Certificate program in Business Data Analysis Using Tally & Excel

PG Diploma in Food production & Quality Assurance

Post Graduate Certificate in Instrumental methods & Analysis

Post Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology & Nano Sciences

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