

link between the Jain community and the academic world. Although the Jain community is relatively small, it has historically had and continues to have a large impact on Indian religious, social and cultural life. The academic study of Jainism is still an underdeveloped area of research. The spirit of the ISSJS is to work towards rectifying this omission in scholarly inquiry by fostering an interest in Jainism in universities and colleges around the world.

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Since then, 123 participants have benefitted by attending these programs in five annual summer programs. In 2009, ISSJS was also organized at Mahidol University in Bangkok Thailand. The participants to earlier ISSJSs came from eighteen universities and eight countries of the world.

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International Summer School for Jain Studies



ISSJS

April 18th -July 8th , 2010

Admissions to (ISSJS 2010) / INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES: are now open:

The ISSJS program is intended to provide scholars including faculty, graduate students, and selected undergraduate students who are associated with accredited universities and colleges in the areas of philosophy, religion, anthropology, theology and South Asian studies an opportunity to pursue academic Jain studies and to experience Jainism in a variety of practical settings in India. The 2010 program will run from May 26th to July 8th 2010. During this period the participants will study in the cities of Mumbai, Jaipur, Varanasi and Delhi (including Hastinapur) and will also undertake several one-day pilgrimages to selected Jain historic and holy places.

The ISSJS course of study follows a daily schedule of academic lectures by reputed Jain scholars covering a range of topics including Jain history, philosophy, rituals, ethics and contemporary Jain life. An important part of this program is the opportunity to contextualize what is learned in the classroom by visiting academic and historical places of interest, as well as by interacting with the Jain community and participating in cultural activities.

In addition, ISSJS also provides some opportunities to learn languages like

Prakrat and Sanskrit and to study Jain scriptural texts such as Acaranga, Utradhyana, Rattankara and Shravakachar, and Samayasara.

These specialized programs will be in the afternoons and require a minimum participation of three students.

ISSJSs offered in 2010:

Program	Duration
ISSJS2010-3W	June 1 st - June 21 st
ISSJS2010-6W	May 26 th - July 6 th
ISSJS2010-O	May 26 th - June 16 th
ISSJS2010-M *	April 18 th - May 8 th

* For Southeast Asians

Note: First three programs will be offered in INDIA and the last one will be at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Eligibility:

This program is open only to faculty and graduate/undergraduate students in the related areas of study and engaged in teaching or research, or pursuing advanced studies, at any accredited university or college worldwide. All participants are expected to be fluent in English since this program is offered using English as the primary medium of instruction.

Specialization in Jainism is not required. However, applicants should have some prior experience in the study of South Asia and its religious traditions, or

knowledge of Hindi/ Sanskrit/ Prakrat, and have the desire to integrate the study of Jainism into their work in these fields. Although this is a non sectarian program, applicants must be willing to respectfully adhere to certain Jain principles while in India during the program because they will be interacting with the Jain community and participating in Jain cultural events. Please see www.jainstudies.org for further details. You must apply online at www.jainstudies.org ISJS accepts applications throughout the year but the deadline to apply for ISSJS2010 is February 14th 2010. If you have questions about the application process, please contact ISJS at info@jainstudies.org .

Program Costs and the generous financial package:

ISSJS provides complete tuition, board, lodging, travel to all participants for the program beyond a contribution by each participant of US \$400 or US \$500 (depending on the program applied for) to help cover expenses. For ISSJS in Thailand, charges are minimal or nil.

For details please visit

www.jainstudies.org. Almost all participants accepted for ISSJS2010-6W only will also be eligible for a generous financial assistance program from ISJS.

About ISSJS

The International Summer School for Jain Studies (ISSJS) provides an important