

# University of Hawaii - Shidler College of Business 2010 Microfinance Field Study to South Asia

## Program Overview

This 11-day field trip is intended to provide a broad overview of the myriad issues that face microfinance initiatives in today's global marketplace. The trip will expose students to traditional and local village microfinance lending institutions, loan recipients and programs. There will be visits to NGOs, international organizations, village banks and relevant credit and village microfinance program recipients (loans are typically not more than \$100). The group will engage in conversations with villagers and in some of the indigenous villages, meet local social entrepreneurs and observe at local microfinance learning cultures.



**Credits:** 3

**Registration:** BUS 675 and/or BUS 676

**Faculty Lead:** Dr. Dharm Bhawuk

**Cities:** Delhi, India and Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Cost:** \$3500 - \$4000 (includes airfare, lodging and ground) plus 3-credit tuition

**Class Size:** 15-20, first priority fulltime daytime (Fulltime daytime, CIMBA and JEMBA), then open to EMBA and part-time MBA students

**Dates:** Pre-Trip Classes May 6 to May 8. (7) 3-hour sessions during the daytime, possibly during the evening. Trip May 9 to May 22.



## Special Notes

1) The cities to be visited are classified as developing and the conditions may be considered crude, thus for the seasoned traveler who has the physical and mental ability to tolerate such conditions. Your accommodations will likely be comparable to dorms, and you will be traveling via van or mini-bus, possibly non-air-conditioned, on sometimes unpaved roads. Two informative guides to visit are the Center for Disease Control, travelers health, destinations ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)); and U.S. Department of State, travel, ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)).



2) There is a possibility this program may not be offered due to limited enrollment (15 student minimum), lack of funding, or other reasons

## Program Questions:

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