Gustavus Adolphus College and Concordia College-Moorhead have established the Social Justice, Peace, and Development: Semester in India program. This program is by nature experiential; but it is also designed to be a full academic experience. The traveling, with its varied experiences, is not in itself justification for the existence of this program. It has a solid academic base. It could be physically demanding as well.

When you accept a place on this program you are agreeing to support the policies and procedures set down to help ensure the success of the program. You have a responsibility to make the course the best possible group, personal, and academic experience by supporting the following policies and procedures. Remember that there are both freedoms and limitations involved in community membership.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and mature manner at all times. This includes being sensitive to members of the group and the group as a whole, as well as to cultural dress norms and behavior in the countries/cities visited.

The faculty member has full authority to act on behalf of the Gustavus/Concordia administration in any matter concerning the academic program, travel procedures, or student personnel. Should the faculty member decide that a student must be separated from the program because of violation of rules, for disruptive behavior, or for conduct which could bring the program disrepute, that of rules, for disruptive behavior, or for conduct which could bring the program disrepute, that decision will be final. Separation from the program will also result in loss of academic credit.

Drugs

Foreign visitors in countries abroad are particularly vulnerable when in concerns violations—intentional or unintentional—of local rules and regulations concerning alcohol and, in particular, drugs. The process of law and punishment is often far more arbitrary than within the United States and may lead to prolonged imprisonment under substandard condition. Consequently, it is of utmost importance for the welfare of the individual and the group that extreme caution and prudence be applied when it concerns these matters.

The use, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs (hallucinogens, narcotics, stimulants, or depressants) is forbidden while participating on a Gustavus Travel Course. Any student who uses, buys, or sells drugs will be expelled from the course and immediately returned.
to the United States or home city in the United States at his/her own expense. The cost of legal advice, fines, and return travel must be borne by the violator.

**Alcohol**

Students may not engage in illegal and/or excessive use of alcohol. It is within the faculty member’s discretion to determine that the violation of this rule warrants an immediate sanction which may include a student’s termination from the course. In the event, the student may be sent home at his/her own expense.

**Travel Coordination**

Traveling with a group of people requires organization and coordination. Schedules for trips and other areas concerning travel arrangements will often necessitate a certain regimentation which the faculty must impose. Students are obliged to cooperate in this regard, realizing that it is imperative to follow the direction of one person at such times. Due to the complexity of group travel, the instructor reserves the right to change travel arrangements or arrange substitutions as necessary to accomplish the goals of the program.

**Class Attendance**

It is even more important for students to be diligent in class attendance while on a study abroad experience than on the home campus itself. The future of our program depends upon the good will of our professors and guides in India. We must protect that good will by requiring that students be present in class unless they are ill. It could be taken as an insult to be absent from the classroom.

The faculty member is responsible for reviewing all grades to be awarded on the program and not only has the prerogative but the responsibility to lower the grade of a student who has a poor attendance record.

All classes will be graded.