Study-Serve Southern India
ASU’s International Community Development Initiative
Opportunities in Southern India!

- Study abroad opportunities – full semester/year
- Service-based internships – 2 to 4 months
- Community-based research – varies

Open to most juniors and seniors…see handout for details.
Landscape. Culture. Language.

- Tamil is spoken, predominantly, in southern India. English is spoken by most educated people. Hindi, Gujarati, and Marathi also are heard.

- Predominantly Hindu. Christians, Muslims and Jains are also present in good numbers.

- The climate is hot and humid, with the most rain during October-December. Temperatures during summer range from 79-104. Winter temperatures range between 64-84. The average annual rainfall is 33.5 inches.

- In southeast Asia, 10.5 hours ahead of east coast time.
About Madras Christian College…

- Located in Chennai, in the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India.

- 35 departments with more than 4,300 students, half of whom notably are women (MCC has a rich tradition of admitting female students since 1939, and the female faculty members since 1940).

- The institution has 220+ faculty members, more than half of whom possess Doctorates.

- One of the oldest colleges in Asia, established in 1837.

- The India Today Magazine in its recent survey (June, 2007) places MCC among the Top Ten Arts and Science Colleges in India in all the three streams—Arts, Science and Commerce.

- The 365-acre campus is known for its deer and trees, and is distinguished by a lake encompassed within the campus. It is the second largest scrub jungle in Asia, actively used by various departments like Botany and Zoology for their practical work.

- [http://www.mcc.edu.in](http://www.mcc.edu.in)
Service Opportunities with Madras Christian College

Service-based internships and community-based research opportunities are available with the following NGO …

Madras Christian Council Social Services -- resources/support for women in development, STI/HIV/AIDS intervention among slum dwellers, STI/HIV/AIDS intervention among women in prostitution, counseling center, prevention of trafficking in women and children

For more information about this NGO’s, please see the supplementary document with full descriptions.
About Chennai, India…

• Chennai (formerly Madras) is the fourth largest metropolitan area of India and the capital city of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Located on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal, Chennai had a population of 4.2 million (2001 census) within its municipal corporation.

• The economy has a broad industrial base in the automobile, technology, hardware manufacturing, and healthcare industries. The city is home to much of India's automobile industry and is the country's second-largest exporter of software, information technology and information-technology-enabled services.

• Located on the southeast coast of India in the northeast of Tamil Nadu on a flat coastal plain known as the Eastern Coastal Plains. Its average elevation is around 20 ft, and its highest point is 200 ft.
About Bishop Heber College…

- Located in Trichy in the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India.

- Started as a school in 1762 by the German Missionary, Christian Frederick Schwartz – making it the oldest educational institution in the city.

- A religious minority educational institution with the objective to cater to the higher educational needs of the members of the Church of South India and other Christians. However, it admits students of all faiths and religions and seeks to provide for them the best possible higher education.

- Offers 11 undergraduate, 14 post-graduate and 2 post-graduate diploma courses of study in addition to research programmes leading to M.Phil. and Ph.D.

- Has been awarded the prestigious A+ rating by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

- [http://www.bhc.ac.in](http://www.bhc.ac.in)
Service Opportunities with Bishop Heber College

Service-based internships and community-based research opportunities are available with the following NGO’s ...

**Anbalayam** – outreach, health care, and rehabilitation for the wandering mentally ill

**Bharat Heavy Electrics Limited (Human Resources)** – counseling, support, and increased safety initiatives to the employees of this organization

**People's Development Initiatives** – services/resources, economic development, and education for vulnerable populations

**SEVAI** – resources, support, and educational development for people living in rural poverty

For more information about these NGO’s, please see the supplementary document with full descriptions.
About Trichy, India…

- The city of Trichy (formally known as Tiruchirappalli) has a population of 1,061,915 (as of 2008) and is also one of the A1 metropolitan cities of Tamil Nadu.

- Situated in the centre of the state, on the banks of the Cauvery River. Trichy is a corporation and the administrative headquarters of Tiruchirapalli District.

- One famous landmark in Tiruchirapalli is the Rock Fort, a large outcrop of rock of 248 feet high. On top of the rock is the Ucchi Pillayar Koil, a temple dedicated to the Indian god Ganesha from where one can enjoy a panoramic view of the city.