

Winter School on Astronomy

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20 - 23 February 2017
Hyderabad, India



Open to students
from all disciplines

International Study

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Why Study Abroad?

- ▶ Global opportunities and citizenship
- ▶ Life experience and new friendships
“Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” – T S Eliot
- ▶ Travel to exotic places with a group and with financial support
- ▶ Travel while you are young!
- ▶ Represent Canada to the rest of the world
- ▶ Western is putting money into this. Take advantage of it

The Winter School

- ▶ Feb 20-23, 2017 – Reading Week
- ▶ Lectures by professional astronomers/physicists in mornings
- ▶ Hands-on workshops in afternoons (Astronomy 4101B students can apply work to count for class project)
- ▶ Cultural excursions on some afternoons, banquet one evening
- ▶ Students in other programs welcome. Last year included students in Anthropology, English, and Political Science programs
- ▶ On last day, Feb 23, listen to research talks by professional astronomers

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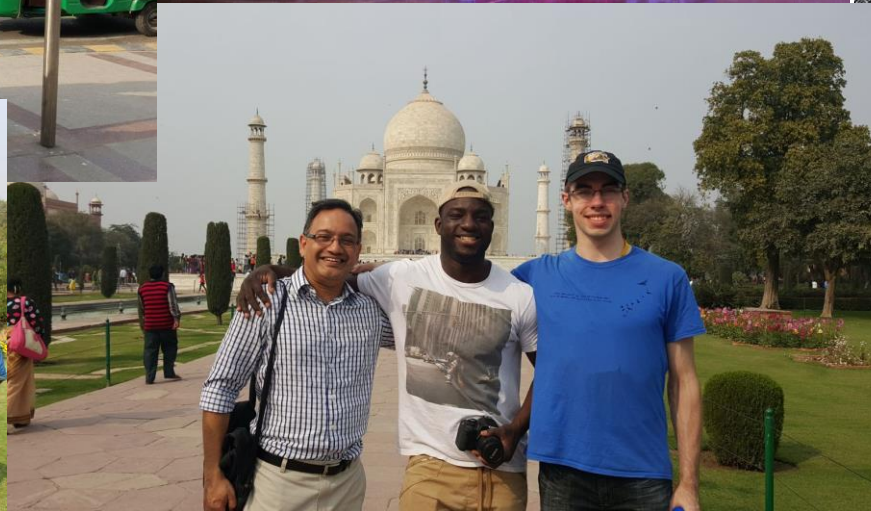
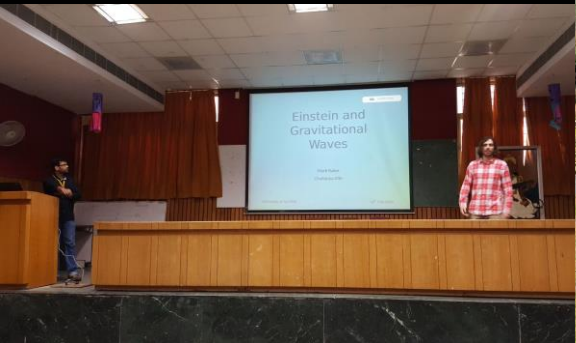
- In the heart of south India. Famous for forts, monuments, palace, museum, temples, pearls, biryani, moviemaking, tech sector
- Major international airport

Birla Science Centre, our venue



The 2016 school – Astronomy at Taj

- Summary, video, articles available through <http://www.astro.uwo.ca/~basu/agra2016/>



Western International Learning Award

- The **Boarding Pass**. \$1000 award.

http://www.uwo.ca/international/learning/go_abroad/award.html



The graphic is a boarding pass for the Western International Learning Award. It features the Western University logo and the text 'BOARDING PASS' with an airplane icon. Below this is the slogan 'At Western, the world is your classroom' and a row of four photos showing students in various international settings. The title 'The Western International Learning Award' is at the bottom left, and a barcode is at the bottom right. On the right side, there are input fields for NAME, DEPARTURE, and CLASS.

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Who qualifies?

Full-time undergraduate students registered in a regular undergraduate program who have a cumulative 80% average at the end of Year 2

More International Info

- ▶ Western International <http://www.international.uwo.ca/>
- ▶ Western International Week, Nov 21-25
<http://www.internationalweek.uwo.ca/>
- ▶ Safety Abroad: there is a **required** pre-departure online training session
http://www.uwo.ca/international/learning/safety_abroad/
- ▶ International SOS, a medical and travel security assistance company
<http://www.internationalsos.com/>

Application Process

- ▶ <http://astrowin.uwo.ca/>
- ▶ Application deadline 1 Dec 2016 (earlier better)
- ▶ Selection process ends by 15 Dec 2016
- ▶ Registration fee \$250. Covers accommodation 5 nights in Hyderabad and lunches, snacks, some transportation in Hyderabad
- ▶ Travel costs are responsibility of student
- ▶ A **Boarding Pass** award from Western International can cover almost all airfare cost

Visa for India

- ▶ New e-Tourist visa has streamlined the process. No need to visit consulate or mail them your passport. Total fee ~ US\$90
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>
- ▶ Traditional visa application process also available <http://www.blsindia-canada.com/visa.php>
- ▶ Tourist visa is the best option (not student visa)
- ▶ Passport should have at least six months validity from the date of arrival in India

Thank You!



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