

# Himalayan Study Abroad Program

## Taking the Classroom to the Field

### What is the program?

The Himalayan Study Abroad Program is a three-step STEAM-driven interdisciplinary learning experience that combines research, hands-on community service-learning, and eco-adventure. Students first analyze real-world data in the fall semester course ECON \*369: *Problem-Based Learning Using Data Analytics*. Next, students deliberate and offer practical interventions and/or solutions based off of their in-class research. Finally, students embark on a three-week long study abroad in Nepal to implement some of the solutions they identified in-class with our international collaborating institutions (Pratiman-Neema Memorial Foundation and its college campus.).



### What do I do in Nepal?

During the study abroad, students spend about a week in the town of Siddharthanagar working with our international collaborators implementing our solutions, installing equipment for future data collection/collecting data, conducting community awareness programs, and participating in joint-seminars with international collaborators. After this, students embark on a one-week long hill tour to give students the opportunity to see sustainable development in action. Students will visit rural clinics, observe organic farming, experience an eco-spiritual center, take nature hikes and walks, and see endangered species in Chitwan National Park.

### How Do I Start?

The fee for the program is approximately \$2000 +250. This includes room & board, most meals, local transportation, field trips, guest lectures, and other costs. What is not included is tuition, roundtrip airfare to Kathmandu, some meals, and other incidentals.

- Contact Dr. Alok K. Bohara, Professor (Bohara@unm.edu) in the Economics Department
- Register for ECON \*369 in the fall semester (optional for study abroad)
- Apply to the program through the GEO website (geo.unm.edu).

