

**SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
2<sup>nd</sup> FIELD COURSE ON PUBLIC HEALTH IN INDIA  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**



***GENERAL INFORMATION VISA, HEALTH INSURANCE, ACCOMODATION***

Welcome! This is a brief note to introduce you to the Campus and accomodation for the seconded field Course. Please feel free to ask questions, in case we have missed out something.

**The Campus:**

The SPPU Campus is 441-acres, with over 50 departments scattered across the Campus. The key landmark is the Main building. This is a protected building which was formerly the summer residence of the Governor-general during the British era. One year after Independence, in 1949, this building was dedicated as a centre of learning, and the University of Pune came into existence. In 2016, the University was renamed Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), after Savitribai Phule a woman reformer, who worked for the upliftment of women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In July, the Campus will start getting crowded as students start joining classes after the summer break.



**Visa and Health Insurance requirements:**

A valid and relevant visa for the entire duration of the stay at SPPU is necessary. Health insurance is a mandatory requirement. Please check if any vaccinations are mandatory for visiting India. Please do remember that it is your responsibility to take care of all travel related regulations. Invitation letters to support the visa application will be issued after completion of registration.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation will be off campus this year. We have negotiated costs at a nearby hotel and would be happy to share the details on request. Expenditure on accommodation has to be borne by the students. Pick up and drop off from the hotel will be provided by us. In case you decide to choose alternative accommodation, please be aware of the distance to the University, and the bad traffic jams on working days. Also

be aware that we may be leaving early for the field visits and it may be difficult to pick up students staying at great distances from the University.

### **Telephone/ Internet facilities:**

It is a good idea to get an international SIM card, and stay connected with us by WhatsApp. The University is Wi-Fi enabled. Internet speed of 10-20 Mbps is available on campus.

### **The monsoons:**

July is the rainy season. In case of very heavy rains, we may have to cancel/reschedule our visits. Please carry an umbrella, raincoat and mosquito repellents. Preferably carry long sleeved shirts and full length trousers (but with high humidity, it may become uncomfortable). Please do bring light, cotton clothes, and a light cloth stole in case it gets cooler in the evenings. On Campus, expect to bump into frogs, lots of insects and perhaps, snakes. Be prepared for slippery steps and muddy footmarks. Also be prepared to bravely cross puddles, they will be everywhere. Clothes will not dry easily. Be prepared to catch a cold in case you get wet in the rain. Most of all please be prepared to enjoy the inconvenience of the monsoons.



### **Medical facilities:**

The University health centre is well-equipped for minor health issues and emergencies. The Medical Officer is resident on Campus. There is a hospital about ten minutes away from the main University gate. Please find out the medical facilities covered by your insurance provider that is closest to the University.



### **General safety measures:**

Pune is a safe city, but please be careful about your own safety. Please be extremely careful of the unruly traffic. In case you are adventurous about food, expect to come down with stomach upsets. It is a good idea to be careful about food, especially during the rainy season.

**A summary of what we will be providing:**

Pick up and drop off from and to the airport  
Pick up and drop off from the Hotel to the School for the study period  
Refreshments, lunch, water bottles on working days  
All travel for field visits included in the course  
Study materials  
Wi-Fi at the School

**You will need to pay for**

Your travel to Pune  
Stay and food at the hotel (including breakfast and dinner)  
Out-of-course related and out of course time expenses

**Course timings:**

We will start at 09.30hrs each day. The schedule will be shared with registered students. Coffee and lunch breaks will be based on the day's schedule. Please be aware that we may postpone a visit, or change the schedule in case of heavy rains.

***Questions? Have we missed something? We are here to help you during your stay, so that you have an enjoyable learning experience!***