

## Students Study at One of the World's Leading IT Companies



A handful of USF business students sat in the executive dining hall in India in one of the world's leading IT firms this summer, awaiting the arrival of one of the country's most influential men, [K. Dinesh](#). Dinesh, included in Forbes magazine as one of the [richest men in India](#), is one of the founding directors of [Infosys](#), the second largest IT company in India and experts in software engineering. Dinesh cleared his lunchtime schedule to meet and talk with the eager and nervous students.

"It was an incredible experience being able to meet such an important and influential person in the IT industry," said Brian Wing, a senior from Williamston, Mich. who is majoring in management information systems. "Mr. Dinesh was a great motivator. When you think of the task of building and heading a powerhouse like Infosys, it seems impossible to do, but he makes it appear reachable."



This summer, Wing, and a group of his fellow MIS classmates, along with Kaushal Chari, chair of the Information Systems Decisions Sciences Department, spent three weeks in India studying at Infosys. This year was the second year the Infosys partnership took place. While the majority of the College of Business' study abroad programs feature a partnership with another university overseas, the India study abroad teams up with Infosys and its corporate training facility, the largest of its kind in the Asian nation.

"It was amazing to be on the Infosys campus and be surrounded by hundreds of IT professionals," Wing said, describing the unique experience. "India is a major hub for MIS technology, and to see the work being done in that atmosphere allowed me to see what my future holds."



Students spent roughly 12 hours a day taking classes, studying, and working on projects at Infosys' corporate training facility.

"India is one of the hubs in the IT world," said Chari. "Just like manufacturing has moved to China, IT and IT-enabled services are moving to India. Students were exposed to issues involving outsourcing. They were able to see how software was built far away from the companies that actually used them."

In this era of globalization, it's vital for students to expose themselves to multiple countries and understand the business practices and cultures of other countries. This will help them to be more competitive in the job market."

"Just having Infosys on my resume gives me an incredible advantage," added Wing. "Every internship and job interview I have had since I have returned has focused on my time in India. Infosys is such a well-respected company that anyone in the MIS field knows who they are, what they do, and the quality of their work. Going through this experience has definitely given me an edge."

While the majority of the trip was spent in the classroom, students did have the chance to venture out into the country to explore some of its well-known landmarks, including the Taj Mahal, Mysore Palace, Agra Fort, and historic temples at Belur, Halebidu, and Shravanabelagola. They also traveled on a safari through Nagarhole National Park.



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Last year, the USF IT Summer program at Infosys, was the first time that the company participated in a study abroad program with any American university. USF students not only learned software engineering from one of the leading practitioners, but also gained a better understanding of the global delivery model and outsourcing. The USF team also had the privilege of attending presentations by [Narayana Murthy](#) and K. Dinesh, co-founders of Infosys and eminent business leaders of India. Students were also given the opportunity to have lunch with them.

View a video highlighting the program on the USF College of Business YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_yLx9iGxxM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_yLx9iGxxM)