

# Religions In Asia- Exploring Hinduism

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## Project Goals

The goal of this project was to connect the material learned in the course “Religions in Asia” and connect the material to an out-of-class experience. Katherine and Lydia then reflected on how this experience will help us connect with Loyola University of Chicago’s mission statement. Furthermore, we reflected on how this experience in particular will help us in our future careers as we are both pursuing careers in which there will be much personal interaction.

## Introduction

There are many Asian religious sites and communities in the Chicago land area. A beautiful Hindu Temple stands down the road from the Loyola University of Chicago. On February 10, 2023, Lydia Hamilton and Katherine Fangman had the opportunity to visit the Shree Ganesh Temple of Chicago (Hindu Temple, 2545 Devon Ave, Chicago). The community that surrounds the temple is known as “Little India” and is home to many people with an Indian descent. While at Shree Ganesh Temple of Chicago, we had the opportunity to interview Dave, the Hindu Pandit of this temple. He is 31 years of age. Dave has been practicing Hinduism for his whole life. This experience has allowed us to see the world with greater depth and a great amount of knowledge was obtained through this experience.



## Conclusions

Both Lydia and Katherine were able to demonstrate their interest in the world around them through this experience. The fact that they both ventured outside of their comfort zones to encounter something different also demonstrated their passion to learn.

They were able to fulfill the mission of Loyola University Chicago through this experience. They had the opportunity to enter a setting rich in diversity and gain knowledge of what Hinduism entails. Lydia and Katherine were able to learn more about our surroundings in Chicago as a result of the entire experience.

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