

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

The South Asian Studies minor is designed for students who wish to augment their major with concerted study of the history, culture, society, and languages of South Asia. This is comprised of Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and the Maldives, but in certain respects the study of Afghanistan and Myanmar (especially in the period when Burma was under British colonial rule) might legitimately be included under the rubric of South Asian studies.

Preparation Requirements

❑ **History Prep (1 Course)**

History 9A: *Introduction to Asian Civilizations: History of India*

❑ **Language Requirement-Elementary Level (Up to 3 Courses)**

Completion of the third term of a South Asian language (e.g., Hindi-Urdu 3 or 3R, *Sanskrit-South Asian 110C*)*

*The language requirement can also be fulfilled via a language proficiency exam. Contact the Asian Languages & Cultures Dept, <http://www.alc.ucla.edu> for more information. If you have tested completely out of the requirement, please present a copy of the results to the South Asian Studies Academic Counselor.

In lieu of Hindi or Sanskrit, students may, upon petition, demonstrate proficiency in some other South Asian language, such as Gujarati, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Pashto, or Urdu, by either a placement examination to be administered at UCLA, or by approval of an alternative and recognized course of language study. Students will need to seek out UCLA professors who are capable of determining proficiency.

To enter the minor, students must be in good academic standing (a 2.0 grade-point average or better); have completed 45 units, and have completed History 9A. After satisfying these requirements, students may declare the South Asian Studies minor upon consultation with the South Asian Studies Academic Counselor.

Upper Division Requirements (5 Courses)

❑ **Upper Division Electives (5 Courses)**

Five Upper Division courses with a South Asian focus from at least three different departments (i.e., no more than two from any single department). See reverse for course list.

Please note the following:

- ❖ All courses for the minor (including preparation courses) must be taken for a letter grade.
- ❖ The GPA for all courses in the minor must be 2.00 or higher.
- ❖ No more than two Upper Division courses can be from any one discipline or department.
- ❖ No Independent studies courses (199s) may be applied toward the minor.
- ❖ No more than one Upper Division course may be applied toward both this minor and the student's major or another minor.
- ❖ Variable or selected topics courses (e.g., Comp Lit 191) fulfill minor requirements only when the content focuses substantially on South Asia. Other courses with substantial South Asian content of at least 50 percent may be applied toward the minor pending prior approval of a petition filed with the Academic Counselor.
- ❖ Up to 12 units taken through a study abroad program may be applied toward the minor, though no more than 8 of these units will count toward the 20 units of upper-division requirements. The remaining 4 units may apply towards the lower division requirements, however.
- ❖ Successful completion of the minor is indicated on the transcript and diploma.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES FOR THE SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

Anthro 116: Archaeology of South Asia

Art His 114A: Early Art of India

Art His 114D: Later Art of India

Art His C115A: Advanced Indian Art

Art His C180C: Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art

Asia Am M172A: Indian Identity in the U.S. and Diaspora

Asian 151: Buddhist Literature in Translation

Asian 162: Buddhist Meditation Traditions

Asian 163: Buddhism across Boundaries

Asian 164: Buddhism & Early Religious History of Pakistan, Afghanistan, & Central Asia

Ethnomu 146: Folk Music of South Asia

Ethnomu 147: Survey of Classical Music in India

Hist 174A: Early History of India

Hist 174B: History of British India I

Hist 174C: History of British India II

Hist 174D: Indo-Islamic Interactions, 700-1750

Hist 174E: Indo-Islamic Interactions, 1750-1950

Hist 175A: Cultural & Political History of Contemporary South Asia

Hist 175C: Special Topics in Contemporary Indian History

Hist 185B: Religions of South and Southeast Asia

Hist 185C: Religions of South and Southeast Asia

Hist 191N: Undergraduate Variable Topics Seminars: India

Islamic 110: Introduction to Islam

Islamic 130: Shi'a in Islamic History

Islamic 151: Contemporary Islamic Thought

South Asian 115: Readings in Sanskrit

South Asian 150: Classical Indian Literature in Translation

South Asian 175: Introduction to Indic Philosophy

South Asian 185: Women and Gender in Ancient India

Wld Arts 111B: Dance in South Asia

Course descriptions are available from the South Asian Studies website:

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/idps/southasia/>

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