



India Studies

In the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies

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Courses taken beginning Fall 2011 will count toward the new India Studies minor. For more details, please contact Anjali Kanojia at akanojia@uh.edu.

Fall 2011 Courses

HIND 1501: Beginning Hindi I. Hindi writing, reading system, and basic conversation skills. (Fall semester)

HIND 2301: Intermediate Hindi I. Continued development of listening comprehension, oral communication, reading, and writing. (Fall semester)

HIST 3395: Modern 20th Century India. Introduction to historical issues and events that define the modern Indian subcontinent in the 20th century, analysis and impact of political and socio-economic milestones, and trace the evolution of the region through the examination of colonialism, communalism, secularism, nationalism and South Asia's interactions with the world. Students will gain a broader understanding and appreciation of the context of the Indian subcontinent and its place in the world today. (Fall semester)
Instructor: Dr. Tasheen Ali

RELS 3380: Introduction to Asian Religions. Survey of religious and philosophical traditions of Asia focusing on the traditions of Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism, Jainism, Shinto, and Sikhism. (Fall semester)
Instructor: Brian Nichols

RELS 3390: Hinduism and Jainism. Historical and conceptual introduction to Hinduism and Jainism: ancient and classical forms in addition to their modern manifestation, including the forms these traditions take in the United States. (Fall semester)

SOC 3397: Sociology of India. Historical overview, sociological perspective, religion, caste-structure and change, rural social structure, secularism and Gandhi, family, kinship and marriage, impact of urbanization, India today. (Fall semester)
Instructor: Ms. Sheila Singh

Spring 2012 Courses

ANTH 3315/RELS 2396: Global Hinduism/Society and Culture of India: Emigration and the Globalization of Hinduism. Examines the diversity of Hindu practices established outside of India, compares religious phenomena in different regions of the world, including Houston, using theoretical frameworks from anthropology, sociology and religious studies. (Spring semester)
Instructor: Dr. Michele Verma

HIND 1502: Elementary Hindi II. Continued development of listening comprehension, oral communication, reading, and writing. (Spring semester)

HIND 2302: Intermediate Hindi II. Continued development of listening comprehension, oral communication, reading, and writing. (Spring semester)

POLS 3323: An Introduction to the Government and Politics of India. This course addresses the chief institutions of Indian national government, elections, public opinion, political parties and interest groups, and foreign relations. It also offers a brief summary of Indian political history, and a discussion of the major contemporary challenges and issues facing the Indian polity. (Spring semester)

WCL 3397: Cultures of India. Exploration of cultural diversity and identity on the Indian subcontinent. Special emphasis on transnationalism, modernity, and development through readings in contemporary literature and film. (Spring semester)
Instructor: Dr. Michael Adair-Kriz

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