Hindi

The Department of Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures offers a minor in Hindi (South Asian Language and Culture).

Language Placement: Placement tests are required for all students entering our language programs. Students may be eligible for up to 6 units of back-credit based on advanced placement and successful completion of the recommended course. Native speakers are not eligible for back-credit; evidence of secondary or post-secondary study of the language is required. Any units received from back-credit cannot be counted toward the major or minor.

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For a list of affiliated faculty, please visit the Department of Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures faculty page.

The Department of Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures does not offer a major in this area. Please visit the JINELC page for a list of available majors.

The Minor in South Asian Languages and Cultures (Hindi)

Prerequisites

• Beginning Hindi I (Hindi 111D), and Beginning Hindi II (Hindi 112D) or Advanced Beginning Hindi I (Hindi 151D) - whether by course work or placement

Required courses (18 Units)

• Introduction to Islamic Civilization (JINE 210C) (or another civilization course with adviser approval)
• 9 units from 200-, 300-, or 400-level courses in Hindi language
• 6 units from 300- or 400-level courses in South Asian studies or South Asian literature and culture

Additional Information

Regulations for all language and culture minors

• Two semesters of the language must be taken at Washington University.
• No more than 12 units can be from language courses.
• Note that 300- or 400-level courses that include the study of texts in the original language may be considered courses about history, literature, or religious studies rather than language courses.

• Preapproved WU study abroad programs during the regular academic semester, summer programs, and transfer courses can earn a maximum of 3 units subject to review by adviser and DUS.
• Back-credit granted for language courses does not count for the minor.
• No credit will be given for courses taken outside the department other than those which are cross-listed.
• A minimum of 18 units is required for minor.
• Double counting courses: a maximum of 3 units used for the minor can be counted for another major or minor.
• Students have to maintain an average of B for the minor. A grade of B- must be earned in each language course in order to advance to the next language course.
• No pass/fail course can count toward either prerequisites or minor.

Study Abroad: Students minoring in Hindi are encouraged to participate in the Washington University Study Abroad program. The university currently sponsors preapproved programs of study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the University of Haifa, Aalim Arabic Program in Morocco, Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, and the American University of Cairo. Students may enroll in summer programs anytime at their discretion, however, semester abroad is usually during the junior year and after a minimum of one year of language study at Washington University.

L73 Hindi 111D Beginning Hindi I
An introduction to the most widely spoken language of South Asia. Along with an understanding of grammar, the course offers practice in all four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The Hindi (Devanagari) script is used for reading and writing. Note: students with some previous Hindi language background must take a placement examination.
Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS EN: H

L73 Hindi 112D Beginning Hindi II
Continuation of 111D, devoted to the further development of basic skills — listening, speaking, reading and writing — with a particular emphasis on the acquisition of speaking proficiency. Prerequisite: Hindi 111D or placement by examination.
Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS EN: H

L73 Hindi 151D Advanced Beginning Hindi I
Designed for the student with some background in Hindi. Emphasis on review of grammar, increased fluency and vocabulary enrichment. Prerequisite: placement by examination or instructor’s permission.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD BU: IS EN: H
L73 Hindi 201 Intermediate Hindi I
Continuing practice in listening, speaking and grammatical understanding. The Hindi (Devanagari) script is used for reading and writing. Prerequisite: grade of B– or better in Hindi 112D or placement by examination. Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS

L73 Hindi 202 Intermediate Hindi II
Continuation of Hindi 201. Prerequisite: grade of B– or better in Hindi 201 or placement by examination. Credit 5 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD, LS BU: HUM, IS

L73 Hindi 299 Undergraduate Independent Study
Prerequisites: Hindi 202 and permission of the instructor and the department chair. Credit variable, maximum 6 units.

L73 Hindi 301 Advanced Hindi I
This course is designed to help students gain advanced proficiency in the oral and written use of Hindi through reading and discussion of short stories, newspaper articles and other selected materials. Prerequisite: grade of B– or better in Hindi 202 or placement by examination. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD, LS BU: IS EN: H

L73 Hindi 302 Advanced Hindi II
This course is a continuation of Hindi 301. It is designed to continue students’ advanced proficiency in the oral and written use of Hindi through reading and discussion of short stories, newspaper articles and other selected materials. Prerequisite: grade of B– or better in Hindi 301 or placement by examination. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S: IQ, LCD, LS EN: H

L73 Hindi 330 Topics in South Asian Literature and Culture
An introduction to major texts of South Asian literature, both traditional and modern, in their cultural context. Specific topics, texts and themes may vary from year to year. The course assumes no previous acquaintance with the material. All readings are in English or English translation. Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S: IQ, HUM, LCD EN: H

L73 Hindi 350 Introduction to South Asian Literature in Translation
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD BU: HUM

L73 Hindi 399 Independent Study
Prerequisite: permission of instructor and the department. Credit variable, maximum 6 units.

L73 Hindi 499 Independent Study
Prerequisite: permission of instructor and the department.