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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Faculty

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

Majors

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.

Minors

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 Washington University study abroad programs during the regular academic semester, summer programs, and transfer courses can earn a maximum of 3 units subject to review by the adviser and the 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 the 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 the 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 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.

Courses


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 101D, 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 BU: IS EN: H

L73 Hindi 307 The Writing of the Indian Subcontinent
The Indian Subcontinent has in recent years yielded a number of writers, expatriate or otherwise, whose works articulate the postcolonial experience in the "foreign" English tongue. This course is designed to be an introductory survey of such writing, drawing on select Subcontinental writers. Covering both fiction and nonfiction by several authors including R.K. Narayan, Salman Rushdie, Anita Desai, Amitav Ghosh, Sara Sudri, Micheal Ondaatje and Romesh Guneseker, we discuss such issues as the nature of the colonial legacy, the status of the English language, problems of translation (linguistic and cultural), the politics of religion, the expatriate identity, and the constraints of gender roles.
Same as L14 E Lit 307
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD A&S IQ: HUM, LCD Art: HUM BU: HUM

L73 Hindi 3292 Topics in Politics: Modern South Asian Politics
This course focuses on the recent political history and development of South Asia. It begins with a review of the British colonial period and the Independence movement. The remainder of the course examines different political issues in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Topics include political mobilization, land reform, law and politics, social movements, religious and caste politics, the rise of religious nationalism, and political control of the economy.
Same as L32 Pol Sci 3292
Credit 3 units. A&S: SS A&S IQ: SSC Art: SSC BU: HUM, IS

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 3670 Gurus, Saints, and Scientists: Religion in Modern South Asia
Many long-standing South Asian traditions have been subject to radical reinterpretation, and many new religious movements have arisen, as South Asians have grappled with how to accommodate their traditions of learning and practice to what they have perceived to be the conditions of modern life. In this course we consider some of the factors that have contributed to religious change in South Asia, including British colonialism, sedentarization and globalization, and new discourses of democracy and equality. We consider how new religious organizations were part and parcel with movements for social equality and political recognition; examine the intellectual contributions of major thinkers like Swami Vivekananda, Sayyid Ahmad Khan, and Mohandas Gandhi; and explore how Hindu, Islamic, and other South Asian traditions were recast in the molds of natural science, social science, and world religion.
Same as L23 Re St 3670
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD A&S IQ: HUM, LCD BU: ETH EN: H

L73 Hindi 38C8 Religion and Politics in South Asia: Writing-Intensive Seminar
The relationship between religion, community and nation is a topic of central concern and contestation in the study of South Asian history. This course explores alternative positions and debates on such topics as: changing religious identities; understandings of the proper relationship between religion, community, and nation in India and Pakistan; and the violence of Partition (the division of India and Pakistan in 1947). The course treats India, Pakistan and other South Asian regions in the colonial and postcolonial periods.
Same as L22 History 38C8
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD, WI A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, WI BU: IS EN: H

L73 Hindi 3921 Secular & Religious: A Global History
Recent years have seen a dramatic rethinking of the past in nearly every corner of the world as scholars revisit fundamental questions about the importance of religion for individuals, societies and politics. Is religion as a personal orientation in decline? Is Europe becoming more secular? Is secularism a...
European invention? Many scholars now argue that "religion" is a European term that doesn't apply in Asian societies. This course brings together cutting-edge historical scholarship on Europe and Asia in pursuit of a truly global understanding. Countries covered vary, but may include Britain, France, Turkey, China, Japan, India and Pakistan.

Same as L22 History 3921
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD, SD A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SD BU: IS EN: H

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

L73 Hindi 39SC Imperialism and Sexuality: India, South Asia and the World: Writing-Intensive Seminar
What is the connection between the appropriation of other people's resources and the obsession with sex? Why is "race" essential to the sexual imperatives of imperialism? How has the nexus between "race," sexuality and imperial entitlement reproduced itself despite the end of formal colonialism? By studying a variety of colonial documents, memoirs produced by colonized subjects, novels, films and scholarship on imperialism, we seek to understand the history of imperialism's sexual desires, and its continuation in our world today.
Same as L22 History 39SC
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD, WI A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, WI BU: IS EN: H

L73 Hindi 499 Independent Study
Prerequisite: permission of instructor and the department.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units.