

SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM

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Program

The South Asia Program coordinates research, teaching, and special campus events relating to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The program faculty include members from a variety of disciplines, including agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, anthropology, architecture, art, Asian studies, city and regional planning, classics, comparative literature, development sociology, ecology, economics, English, government, history, history of art, industrial and labor relations, information science, international agriculture, linguistics, literature, nutritional sciences, public administration, and religious studies. Undergraduates with a special interest in the region may major in Asian Studies with a South Asian concentration, or complete a South Asia minor with any other major. Graduate students may pursue the M.A. degree in Asian Studies with a concentration in South Asia.

Languages offered are Bangla, Hindi, Nepali, Pali, Persian, Punjabi (DL), Sanskrit, Sinhala, Tamil (DL), Tibetan (DL) and Urdu. Foreign Language and Area Studies scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Scholarships are available for undergraduates and graduate students studying intensive language in the summer at an intermediate or advanced level. Cornell is a member of the American Institutes of Bangladesh, Indian, Pakistan, and Sri Lankan Studies, and the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies. For details on the major, see the Department of Asian Studies listing in this volume. For courses available in South Asian studies and further information on South Asia-related activities on campus and outreach to schools and community, consult the South Asia Program and Department of Asian Studies websites.

Related Courses

South Asia Studies - Area

Code	Title	Hours
AAS 1100	Introduction to Asian American Studies	4
AAS 2620	Introduction to Asian American Literature	3
AAS 3020	Asian Americans and Popular Culture	4
AAS 3030	Asians in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective	3
AAS 4950	Independent Study	1-4

AEM 1300	Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory and Policy	3
AEM 3388	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3
AEM 3390	Research Methods in International Development	3
AEM 4450	Toward a Sustainable Global Food System: Food Policy for Developing Countries	3
AEM 4545	Money and Finance in the Digital Age	3
AEM 4880	Global Food, Energy, and Water Nexus – Engage the US, China, and India for Sustainable Future	3-4
AEM 4970	Individual Study in Applied Economics and Management	0.5-6
AEM 4990	Undergraduate Research	1-4
AEM 6600	Natural Resources and Economic Development	3
AEM 7620	Microeconomics of International Development	3
AEM 7900	Graduate-Level Thesis Research	1-12
AEM 8900	Master's Level Thesis Research	1-12
AEM 9900	Doctoral-Level Thesis Research	1-12
AMST 2620	Introduction to Asian American Literature	3
AMST 3025	Asian Americans and Popular Culture	4
AMST 3703	Asians in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective	3
AMST 6703	Asians in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective	3
ANSC 4880	Global Food, Energy, and Water Nexus – Engage the US, China, and India for Sustainable Future	3-4
ANTHR 1400	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology	3
ANTHR 1520	Tamil Conversation in Context	2
ANTHR 2421	Worlding Sex and Gender	3
ANTHR 2546	South Asian Religions in Practice: The Healing Traditions	3
ANTHR 3000	Introduction to Anthropological Theory	3
ANTHR 3420	Myth, Ritual, and Symbol	3
ANTHR 3520	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3
ANTHR 3703	Asians in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective	3
ANTHR 4520	Society and Culture in the Nilgiris: Engaged Research in Rural South India	3
ANTHR 6020	History of Anthropological Thought	3
ANTHR 6403	Ethnographic Field Methods	3
ANTHR 6520	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3
ANTHR 6703	Asians in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective	3
ANTHR 7513	Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia	4
ANTHR 7530	South Asia: Readings in Special Problems	1-4
ANTHR 7540	Problems in Himalayan Studies	1-4
ANTHR 7900	Department of Anthropology Colloquium	1-4
ANTHR 7910	Independent Study: Grad I	1-4
ARCH 5402	Architecture, Culture, and Society	3
ARCH 5819	Special Topics in the History of Architecture and Urbanism	3
ARKEO 3520	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3

ARKEO 6530	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3	ASIAN 4487	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3
ART 5092	Graduate Independent Studio in Art	1-4	ASIAN 5505	Methodology of Asian Language Learning and Teaching	2
ARTH 2805	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	ASIAN 6615	The Body Politic in Asia	4
ARTH 3600	Contemporary Art: 1960-Present	3	ASIAN 6623	The City: Asia	3
ARTH 3611	Art of South Asia, 1200-Present	4	ASIAN 6644	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3
ARTH 4852	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	ASIAN 6646	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3
ARTH 4855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	ASIAN 6648	Classical Indian Poetry and Comparative Poetics	3
ARTH 4858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	ASIAN 6652	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3
ARTH 5991	Supervised Reading	1-4	ASIAN 6680	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3
ARTH 5992	Supervised Reading	1-4	ASIAN 6697	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4
ARTH 6101	Proseminar: Introduction to Methods	3	ASIAN 7703	Directed Research	1-4
ARTH 6720	Curating the British Empire	3	ASIAN 7704	Directed Research	1-4
ARTH 6852	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	ASIAN 7713	Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia	4
ARTH 6855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	ASRC 2674	History of the Modern Middle East	3
ASIAN 1111	FWS: Literature, Culture, Religion	3	BSOC 4127	The Body Politic in Asia	4
ASIAN 2250	Introduction to Asian Religions	3	CAPS 3387	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3
ASIAN 2254	South Asian Religions in Practice: The Healing Traditions	3	CAPS 4127	The Body Politic in Asia	4
ASIAN 2274	Mughal India and the Early Modern World, c. 1500-1800	4	CAPS 4870	China and Asian Security	4
ASIAN 2275	History of Modern India	4	CHEME 4880	Global Food, Energy, and Water Nexus – Engage the US, China, and India for Sustainable Future	3-4
ASIAN 2285	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	CLASS 2691	Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics	3
ASIAN 2299	Buddhism	3	CLASS 3391	Independent Study in Sanskrit, Undergraduate Level	1-4
ASIAN 3309	Temple in the World: Buddhism in Contemporary South and Southeast Asia	3	CLASS 3395	Advanced Sanskrit I	4
ASIAN 3341	Mahayana Buddhism	3	CLASS 3396	Advanced Sanskrit II	4
ASIAN 3342	History of Modern South Asia: 1526 to 1947	3	CLASS 3674	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	3
ASIAN 3344	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	3	CLASS 7691	Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics	3
ASIAN 3362	Kingship and Statecraft in Asia: Angkor and Beyond	3	COGST 2801	Game Theory: For Finance, Diplomacy and Everyday Life	3
ASIAN 3366	Poetry of Classical India	3	COML 2036	Literature and the Elements of Nature	3
ASIAN 3368	Imagining India, Home and Diaspora	4	COML 4423	The City: Asia	3
ASIAN 3376	Digital Asia	4	COML 4930	Senior Essay	3
ASIAN 3380	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3	COML 6159	Literary Theory on the Edge	3
ASIAN 3382	Art of South Asia, 1200-Present	4	COML 6221	Postcolonial Theory: Then and Now	3
ASIAN 3397	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4	COML 6623	The City: Asia	3
ASIAN 4401	Asian Studies Honors Course	4	COML 6902	Environmental Humanities: Theories and Methods	3
ASIAN 4402	Asian Studies Honors: Senior Essay	4	CRP 3750	Nilgiris Field Learning Center (NFLC) Preparatory Seminar	1
ASIAN 4403	Supervised Reading	1-4	CRP 3850	Special Topics in Planning	1-4
ASIAN 4404	Supervised Reading	1-4	CRP 5190	Urban Theory	4
ASIAN 4415	The Body Politic in Asia	4	CRP 8901	M.R.P. Exit Project: Research	1-4
ASIAN 4423	The City: Asia	3	CRP 8902	M.R.P. Exit Project: Research Paper-Writing	0-3
ASIAN 4442	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	CRP 8904	M.R.P. Exit Project: Professional Report-Writing	0-9
ASIAN 4446	Classical Indian Poetry and Comparative Poetics	3	CRP 8906	M.R.P. Exit Project: Thesis-Writing	2-9
ASIAN 4449	History, Theory, and Methods in the Academic Study of Religion	4	EAS 7930	Earth Science Seminar	1
ASIAN 4456	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	ECON 2801	Game Theory: For Finance, Diplomacy and Everyday Life	3
ASIAN 4475	China and Asian Security	4	ECON 3545	Money and Finance in the Digital Age	3
			ECON 4560	Development Economics	3

ECON 7300	Applied Bayesian Time Series Methods	1.5	HIST 6950	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4
ECON 7660	Microeconomics of International Development	3	HIST 8004	Supervised Reading	2-4
ECON 7740	Law and Economics: A Game-Theoretic Approach	3	ILRGL 2350	Work, Labor, and Capital in the Global Economy	3
ENGL 2620	Introduction to Asian American Literature	3	ILRGL 3375	Labor Practices in Global Supply Chains: Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives	3
ENGL 3530	Imagining India, Home and Diaspora	4	ILRGL 3380	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3
ENGL 6021	Literary Theory on the Edge	3	ILRGL 4260	ILR Global Engaged-Learning Pre-Departure	1.5
ENGL 6221	Postcolonial Theory: Then and Now	3	ILRGL 5375	Labor Practices in Global Supply Chains: Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives	3
FDSC 4880	Global Food, Energy, and Water Nexus – Engage the US, China, and India for Sustainable Future	3-4	ILRGL 5380	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3
FGSS 2421	Worlding Sex and Gender	3	ILRGL 7380	Anthropology of Work	3
FGSS 3000	Feminist Theory	3	KANAD 1100	Elements of Kannada Language and Culture	1
FGSS 3376	Digital Asia	4	LAW 3887	International Human Rights in Theory and Practice	4
FGSS 4127	The Body Politic in Asia	4	LAW 7084	Asian Americans and the Law	2
FGSS 4504	The City: Asia	3	LAW 7740	Law and Economics: A Game-Theoretic Approach	3
FGSS 6127	The Body Politic in Asia	4	LGBT 2421	Worlding Sex and Gender	3
FGSS 6504	The City: Asia	3	LING 2261	Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics	3
FGSS 6880	Proseminar in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3	LING 6261	Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics	3
GDEV 2010	Population and Social Change	3	LING 6635	Indo-European Workshop	4
GDEV 3700	Comparative Social Inequalities	3	LING 7701	Directed Research	1-4
GDEV 4450	Toward a Sustainable Global Food System: Food Policy for Developing Countries	3	MEDVL 4858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4
GDEV 4880	Global Food, Energy, and Water Nexus – Engage the US, China, and India for Sustainable Future	3-4	MUSIC 1701	FWS: Sound, Sense and Ideas	3
GDEV 4990	Independent Research in Global Development	1-4	NES 2674	History of the Modern Middle East	3
GDEV 8720	Graduate Level Ind Study in Development Studies	1-9	NES 3325	Literary Reading and Writing in Advanced Urdu	3
GOVT 2264	Political Violence	4	NES 3535	Religions of Iran	3
GOVT 2747	History of the Modern Middle East	3	NS 2061	Site-Specific Preparation for Engaged Learning in Global and Public Health Sciences	1-2
GOVT 2803	Game Theory: For Finance, Diplomacy and Everyday Life	3	NS 3060	Nutrition and Global Health	3
GOVT 3384	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3	NS 4000	Directed Readings	1-4
GOVT 3887	International Human Rights in Theory and Practice	4	NS 4010	Empirical Research	1-4
GOVT 4877	China and Asian Security	4	NS 4020	Supervised Fieldwork	1-4
GOVT 4949	Honors Seminar: Thesis Clarification and Research	4	NS 4030	Teaching Apprenticeship	1-5
GOVT 6109	Field Methods	4	NS 4060	Experiential Learning in Global and Public Health Sciences	1
GOVT 6384	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India	3	NS 4450	Toward a Sustainable Global Food System: Food Policy for Developing Countries	3
GOVT 6857	International Political Economy	4	NS 6000	Special Problems for Graduate Students	1-9
GOVT 6877	China and Asian Security	4	NTRES 4150	Conservation with Communities for One Health	2
GOVT 7274	Research Seminar in Political Violence	4	NTRES 6330	Ways of Knowing: Indigenous and Place-Based Ecological Knowledge	4
HIST 1200	FWS: Writing History	3	PE 1427	Ashtanga Yoga Foundations	1
HIST 2001	Supervised Reading - Undergraduate	2	PE 1429	Vinyasa Yoga	1
HIST 2674	History of the Modern Middle East	3	PHIL 2540	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	3
HIST 2749	Mughal India and the Early Modern World, c. 1500-1800	4	PHIL 2835	Game Theory: For Finance, Diplomacy and Everyday Life	3
HIST 2750	History of Modern India	4	PMA 3420	Asian Americans and Popular Culture	4
HIST 2760	The British Empire	4	PMA 4358	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4
HIST 3002	Supervised Research - Undergraduate	2-4	PMA 4504	The City: Asia	3
HIST 3420	History of Modern South Asia: 1526 to 1947	3	PMA 6421	Literary Theory on the Edge	3
HIST 3950	Monsoon Kingdoms: Pre-Modern Southeast Asian History	4	PUNJB 1122	Elementary Punjabi II	4
HIST 4127	The Body Politic in Asia	4	PUNJB 2202	Intermediate Punjabi II	4
HIST 6127	The Body Politic in Asia	4			
HIST 6634	Curating the British Empire	3			

RELST 2250	Introduction to Asian Religions	3	BENGL 4432	Directed Study	1-4
RELST 2299	Buddhism	3	CLASS 1331	Elementary Sanskrit I	4
RELST 2546	South Asian Religions in Practice: The Healing Traditions	3	CLASS 1332	Elementary Sanskrit II	4
RELST 3309	Temple in the World: Buddhism in Contemporary South and Southeast Asia	3	CLASS 2351	Intermediate Sanskrit I	3
RELST 3341	Mahayana Buddhism	3	CLASS 2352	Intermediate Sanskrit II	3
RELST 3344	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	3	HINDI 2201	Intermediate Hindi I	3
RELST 3420	Myth, Ritual, and Symbol	3	HINDI 2202	Intermediate Hindi II	3
RELST 3536	Religions of Iran	3	HINDI 2203	Intermediate Hindi Reading and Writing for Heritage Students I	3
RELST 4449	History, Theory, and Methods in the Academic Study of Religion	4	HINDI 2204	Intermediate Hindi Reading and Writing for Heritage Students II	3
SANSK 3301	Advanced Sanskrit I	4	HINDI 3301	Advanced Hindi I	3
SANSK 3302	Advanced Sanskrit II	4	HINDI 3302	Advanced Hindi II	3
SHUM 2805	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	HINDI 4431	Directed Study	1-4
SHUM 4127	The Body Politic in Asia	4	HINDI 4432	Directed Study	1-4
SHUM 4455	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	NEPAL 4431	Directed Study	1-4
SINHA 1100	Elements of Sinhala Language and Culture	1	NEPAL 4432	Directed Study	1-4
SNLIT 6601	Topics in Sanskrit Literature I	4	NES 1312	Introduction to Urdu Script	3
SNLIT 6602	Topics in Sanskrit Literature II	4	NES 2201	Intermediate Urdu Reading and Writing I	3
SOC 2202	Population and Social Change	3	NES 2202	Intermediate Urdu Reading and Writing II	3
SOC 3710	Comparative Social Inequalities	3	PERSN 1320	Elementary Persian-Farsi I	4
STS 4127	The Body Politic in Asia	4	PERSN 1321	Elementary Persian-Farsi II	4
STS 6127	The Body Politic in Asia	4	PERSN 1322	Intermediate Persian-Farsi I	3
STS 6634	Curating the British Empire	3	PERSN 2322	Intermediate Persian-Farsi II	3
STS 6902	Environmental Humanities: Theories and Methods	3	SANSK 1131	Elementary Sanskrit I	4
TIBET 1111	Elementary Modern Tibetan I	4	SANSK 1132	Elementary Sanskrit II	4
TIBET 1112	Elementary Modern Tibetan II	4	SANSK 2251	Intermediate Sanskrit I	3
TIBET 2201	Intermediate Classical Tibetan I	4	SANSK 2252	Intermediate Sanskrit II	3
TIBET 2202	Intermediate Classical Tibetan II	4	SANSK 4431	Directed Study	1-4
TIBET 3311	Advanced Modern Tibetan I	3	SANSK 4432	Directed Study	1-4
TIBET 3312	Advanced Modern Tibetan II	3	SINHA 1121	Elementary Sinhala I	4
URDU 3325	Literary Reading and Writing in Advanced Urdu	3	SINHA 4431	Directed Study	1-4
VISST 2805	Introduction to Asian Art: Material Worlds	4	SINHA 4432	Directed Study	1-4
VISST 3600	Contemporary Art: 1960-Present	3	TAMIL 1121	Elementary Tamil I	4
VISST 4852	Shadowplay: Asian Art and Performance	3	TAMIL 1122	Elementary Tamil II	4
VISST 4855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	TAMIL 2201	Intermediate Tamil I	4
VISST 4858	Dancing the Stone: Body, Memory, and Architecture	4	TAMIL 2202	Intermediate Tamil II	4
VISST 6855	Threads of Consequence: Textiles in South and Southeast Asia	3	THAI 2201	Intermediate Thai I	3
			URDU 1125	Introduction to Urdu Script	3
			URDU 2225	Intermediate Urdu Reading and Writing I	3
			URDU 2226	Intermediate Urdu Reading and Writing II	3
			URDU 4431	Directed Study	1-4
			URDU 4432	Directed Study	1-4

South Asia - Language

Code	Title	Hours
BENGL 1121	Elementary Bangla-Bengali I	4
BENGL 1122	Elementary Bangla-Bengali II	4
BENGL 2201	Intermediate Bangla-Bengali I	3
BENGL 2202	Intermediate Bangla-Bengali II	3
BENGL 3301	Advanced Bangla-Bengali I	3
BENGL 3302	Advanced Bangla-Bengali II	3
BENGL 4431	Directed Study	1-4