

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

South Asia

The South Asian Studies named option offers a multidisciplinary range of courses that explore the diverse and vibrant cultures, arts, histories, political systems, and literatures of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. Students in the South Asian option can study Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tibetan, or Urdu language; and probe the roots of Yoga; methods of Buddhist philosophy and meditation; South Asian religion and politics in the past and present of the Indian subcontinent; and medical history in South Asia. ALC faculty and instructors offering courses in this option include: F. Asif, G. Bühnemann, S. Beckham, A. Cerulli, S. Farsiu, J. Dunne, J. Khedup, N. Tiwari.

To take advantage of the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures' many relationships with other departments and program units across campus, students may choose to double major or enhance their studies in ALC with one of the certificates offered at the university, such as the global health certificate, the certificate in health and the humanities, or those offered by the area studies centers: Center for East Asian Studies (<https://eastasia.wisc.edu/>); Center for South Asia (<https://southasia.wisc.edu/>); and Center for Southeast Asian Studies (<https://seasia.wisc.edu/>).

This major is interdisciplinary and offers a wealth of options. Careful planning and consultation with the ALC advisor, is especially important.

REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES OPTION

32 credits to include the Introductory and Residence and Quality of Work requirements of the general major, plus these requirements specific to the South Asian Option:

SOUTH ASIAN INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete a sequence:		
ASIALANG 233 & ASIALANG 234	Third Semester Hindi and Fourth Semester Hindi	8
ASIALANG 237 & ASIALANG 238	Third Semester Persian and Fourth Semester Persian	8
ASIALANG 235 & ASIALANG 236	Third Semester Modern Tibetan and Fourth Semester Modern Tibetan	8
ASIALANG 239 & ASIALANG 240	Third Semester Urdu and Fourth Semester Urdu	8
ASIALANG 241 & ASIALANG 242	Third Semester Sanskrit and Fourth Semester Sanskrit	8

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES BREADTH

South Asian Studies Humanities

Code	Title	Credits
Complete 9 credits from the following course options:		
ASIAN 203	Lost in Translation: Western Experience in Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 218	Health and Healing in South Asia	3-4
ASIAN/RELIG ST 236	Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/RELIG ST 267	Asian Religions in Global Perspective	3-4
ASIAN 268	Tibetan Cultures and Traditions	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 274	Religion in South Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 307	A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism	3
ASIAN 311	Modern Indian Literatures	3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
ASIAN/ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 405	Gods and Goddesses of South Asia	3
ASIAN/ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3
ASIAN/COM ARTS 443	Indian Cinema and Beyond	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 444	Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 460	The History of Yoga	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 463	Topics in South Asian History	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 466	Buddhist Thought	3
ASIAN/ENGL 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3
ART HIST 203	Survey of Asian Art	3-4
ART HIST 305	History of Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ART HIST/RELIG ST 373	Great Cities of Islam	3

South Asian Studies Social Science

Code	Title	Credits
Complete 9 credits from the following course options:		
ASIAN 252	Contemporary Indian Society	4

ASIAN/ RELIG ST 306	Hinduism	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	3-4
POLI SCI 323	Islam and World Politics	3-4
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 327	Indian Politics in Comparative Perspective	3

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES CAPSTONE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course for at least 3 credits:		
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis	3
ASIAN 691	Senior Thesis	3
ASIAN 699	Directed Study	2-3
ASIALANG 653	Advanced Readings in Hindi Language	3
ASIALANG 675	Advanced Readings in Sanskrit	3
ASIALANG 677	Advanced Readings in Tibetan	3

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

See Four Year Plan for the Asian Languages and Cultures Major; course choices for the South Asian Studies Named Option will focus on that region.