# Course Change Proposal

**Form A**

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<td>Department Chair: Christopher Castaneda</td>
<td>Submitted by: Mitch Numark</td>
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This course replaces experimental course Subject Area (prefix) and Catalog Nbr (course number):

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| Title: South Asian History and Civilization | Units: 3 |

## JUSTIFICATION:

This course fills a gap in the History department's curriculum in world history – there are no existing courses that cover South Asian history.

## NEW COURSE DESCRIPTION: *(Not to exceed 80 words, and language should conform to catalog copy. See http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/crspsl.htm - Guidelines for Catalog Course Description)*

South Asian history from the Indus Valley Civilization to the 1947 partition of British India to the nation-states of India and Pakistan. Topics include: development of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism; rise and fall of the Mauryan, Mughal, and British empires; Indian philosophy, art, and literature; South Asian expressions of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity; elite and popular religious syncretism; gender and sexuality in South Asia; Portuguese and British colonialism; South Asian nationalism; and the life and thought of Mahatma Gandhi.

## Note:

Prerequisite: Enforced at Registration: Yes ___ No x ___

Corequisite: Enforced at Registration: Yes ___ No x ___

CAN (California Articulation Number):

Graded: Letter x Credit/No Credit ___ Instructor Approval Required? Yes ___ No x ___

Course Classification (e.g., lecture, lab, seminar, discussion): lecture and discussion 02

Title for CMS (not more than 30 characters): South Asian History and Civ

Cross Listed? Yes ___ No x ___ If yes, do they meet together and fulfill the same requirement, and what is the other course.

How Many Times Can This Course be Taken for Credit? 1

Can the course be taken for Credit more than once during the same term? Yes ___ No x ___
FOR NEW COURSE PROPOSALS OR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES ONLY:

**Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes:** Describe outcomes using the following format: "Students will be able to: 1), 2), etc." See the example at http://www.csus.edu/acad/example.htm

Students will be able to:
1. Explore the social, cultural, and intellectual changes in South Asian history.
2. Trace the contours of South Asian political history.
3. Compare the two great Indian epics.
4. Examine the impact of the Aryan, Muslim, and British conquest of India.
5. Describe and distinguish among the religions labeled Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and Sikhism.
6. Examine the Aryan-Dravidian, Indo-Islamic, and Indo-British cultural syntheses.
7. Explain the ways in which Indian worldviews differ from Western, Christian, and Islamic worldviews.

**Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities [Note: it is understood that these are updated and modified as needed by the instructor(s).] This attachment should be forwarded only to your Dean's office, not Academic Affairs.**

**Assessment Strategies:** A description of the assessment strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre-and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers) which will be used by the instructor to determine the extent to which students have achieved the learning outcomes noted above:

- Map Quiz: 10%
- Midterm exam: 30%
- Final exam: 30%
- Discussion: 30%

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For whom is this course being developed? x
- Majors in the Dept __ x __
- Majors of other Depts __
- Minors in the Dept __ x __
- General Education __
- Other __ x __

Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate)? Yes __ No __ x __

If yes, identify program(s):

Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer facilities, faculty, etc.)? Yes __ No __ x __

If yes, attach a description of resources needed and verify that resources are available.

Indicate which department or programs will be affected by the proposed course (if any). None – Consultation with Raghu Trichur of Anthropology and Jackie Donath in HRS revealed no adverse affects on other departments offering similar courses.

The Department Chair's signature below indicates that affected programs have been sent a copy of this proposal form.

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**Approvals:** If proposed change, new course or deletion is approved, sign and date below. If not approved, forward without signing to the next reviewing authority, and attach an explanatory memorandum to the original copy.

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Associate Vice President
and Dean for Academic Programs

Distribution: Academic Affairs (original), Department Chair and College Dean. Dean's office to send original after approval to Academic Affairs, at mail zip 6016. An electronic copy must also be sent.

8/27/07
Hist 145 -- South Asian History and Civilization

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Course Description: Surveys South Asian history from the Indus Valley Civilization to the 1947 partition of British India into the nation-states of India and Pakistan. Topics include: development of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism; rise and fall of the Mauryan, Mughal, and British empires; Indian philosophy, art, and literature; South Asian expressions of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity; elite and popular religious syncretism; gender and sexuality in South Asia; Portuguese and British colonialism; varieties of South Asian nationalism; and the life and thought of Mahatma Gandhi.

Learning Objectives:
Students will be able to:
1. Explore the social, cultural, and intellectual changes in South Asian history.
2. Trace the contours of South Asian political history.
3. Compare the two great Indian epics.
4. Examine the impact of the Aryan, Muslim, and British encounter with India.
5. Describe and distinguish among the religions labeled Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and Sikhism.
6. Examine the Aryan-Dravidian, Indo-Islamic, and Indo-British cultural syntheses.
7. Explain the ways in which Indian worldviews differed from Western, Christian, and Islamic worldviews.
8. Explore the history of traditional Indian pluralism as manifested in notions of gender, religion, philosophy, and literature.
9. Describe and discuss Gandhi’s ideas of *ahimsa*, *satyagraha*, *swaraj*, and his critique of modernity.

Course Format
The format of this course is lecture and discussion.
Requirements and Grading:

Map Quiz: Identify historically significant South Asian rivers, mountains, regions, and cities.
Midterm exam: Exam on material discussed during the first half of the course.
Final exam: Exam on material discussed during the entire semester.
Discussion: Participation in in-class group work and class discussions on assigned readings and films.

All assignments will be graded according to the standard 100 point system where the numeric totals 90, 80, 70, 60, and 50 correspond to the letter grades A, B, C, D, and F. At the end of the semester final course grades will be determined by weighing all grades according to the % system outlined below.

Map Quiz: 10%
Midterm exam: 30%
Final exam: 30%
Discussion: 30%

Readings

Sources of the Indian Tradition, Vol. 1
Ramayana
Kama Sutra of Vatsayana
Bhagavad Gita
History of India, Vol. II
Hind Swaraj
Heaven’s Command
Jewel in the Crown

A. Embree, ed.
R. K. Narayan
R. Burton, trans.
J.A.B. van Buitenen, trans.
P. Spear
M. K. Gandhi
J. Morris
P. Scott

Weekly Schedule

Week I. Introduction to the course/The Indus Valley Civilization

Week II. Aryan Entry into India, the Vedas, and the Ramayana
  • Sources of the Indian Tradition, 1-20
  • Ramayana, complete
Week III. The Upanishads, Buddhism, Jainism and the Mauryan Empire
  • *Sources of the Indian Tradition*, 20-149

Week IV. Map Quiz. “Orthodox” and “Heterodox” Synthesis I: The Mahabharata
  • Film: *The Mahabharata*

Week V. “Orthodox” and “Heterodox” Synthesis II: The Bhagavad Gita
  • *Bhagavad Gita*, complete

Week VI. Classical Hindu Civilization, Philosophy, and the Kama Sutra
  • *Sources of the Indian Tradition*, 201-273
  • *The Kama Sutra*, complete

Week VII. Islam, the Indo-Islamic Synthesis, Sikhism, and the Mughal Empire
  • *Sources of the Indian Tradition*, 342-408, 437-508
  • *History of India*, 1-81

Week VIII. Midterm. Mughal Decline, European Incursions, and the British in Bengal
  • *History of India*, 70-105

Week IX. Indo-British Encounters During the Company Raj
  • Film: *Mangal Pandey*

Week X. Company Raj, Civilizing Mission, Hindu Renaissance, and the Mutiny
  • *History of India*, 106-144
  • *Heaven’s Command*, 71-85, 218-249, 318-336

Week XI. Crown Raj, Hindu Revival, Islamic Reform and the Early Nationalist Movement
  • *History of India*, 145-180

Week XII. Race, Colonialism, and the Indo-British Synthesis
  • *Jewel in the Crown*, complete
Week XIII. Late Colonialism and Varieties of Indian Nationalism
  • *History of India*, 181-244

Week XIV. Gandhi, Hindutva, and the Question of Modernity
  • *Hind Swaraj*, complete

Week XV. Partition of British India and the Independence of India and Pakistan
  • Film: *Earth 1947*

Week XVI. Final Exam