The Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations is a multidisciplinary department comprised of faculty with expertise in the languages, literatures, histories, philosophies, and religions of South Asia. The examination of South Asian texts, broadly defined, is the guiding principle of our Ph.D. degree, and the dissertation itself. This involves acquaintance with a wide range of South Asian texts and their historical contexts, and theoretical reflection on the conditions of understanding and interpreting these texts. These goals are met through departmental seminars and advanced language courses, which lead up to the dissertation project.

The Department admits applications only for the Ph.D. degree, although graduate students in the doctoral program may receive an M.A. degree in the course of their work toward the Ph.D. Students admitted to the doctoral program are awarded a six-year fellowship package that includes full tuition, academic year stipends, stipends for some summers, and medical insurance. Experience in teaching positions is a required part of the
program, and students are given opportunities to teach at several levels in both language courses and other
courses.

Students seeking a terminal master's degree should apply to the Master of Arts Program in the Humanities
(MAPH, as either a three-quarter program of interdisciplinary study or - as is often more attractive to students
interested in South Asia - in the MAPH two-year Language Intensive Option). MAPH students often take
classes with students in the Ph.D. programs. Further details about the MAPH program are available at http://
maph.uchicago.edu/

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Doctoral students in South Asian Languages and Civilizations must complete a minimum of 18 courses,
which will include the required language courses, the three required departmental seminars, and other courses
relevant to the student's chosen specialty. Under some conditions, students may receive credit for earlier course
work done in a higher degree program at another university. For details of the course requirements, see the
Department webpages.

Before beginning work on the doctoral dissertation, Ph.D. students must also fulfill the following
requirements:

- Meet general language requirements
- Complete the three required departmental seminars
- Receive a passing grade on the two qualifying papers
- Formulate two reading lists and pass an oral examination based on them
- Write and defend a dissertation proposal

The languages in which the department offers concentrations are Bangla, Hindi, Indo-Persian, Marathi,
Sanskrit, Tamil, Tibetan, and Urdu. Persian and Arabic are also available through the Department of Near
Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Students must meet specified standards in three languages:

- The South Asian language of concentration (the major language)
- A second South Asian language relevant to the student's program of study (the minor language)
- A third language of scholarship (e.g. French, German, Hindi, Japanese)

Requirements for proficiency levels and coursework are explained in detail on the Department webpages.

Competence in South Asian languages and civilizations is demonstrated as much by close familiarity with
South Asian texts as by a broad knowledge of the plurality of South Asian practices and traditions. To this end,
the Ph.D. program includes three required departmental seminars, which are offered over a two-year cycle and
must be completed in the first two years. The seminars include two on research themes and one on South Asia as
a unit of study.

In each of the first two years of their programs, students are required to submit a qualifying paper on a
subject agreed upon with a faculty member. The papers are designed to demonstrate, in addition to general
scholarly competence, the ability to deal with secondary sources in the first year, and with primary sources in the
second year.

Following the completion of the two qualifying papers, students compose, under the supervision of faculty
members, two reading lists, and prepare for an oral examination on each of the lists, one of which one will deal
with a major area of study and the other with a substantially different area.

Upon successful completion of the oral examinations, students write and defend a detailed dissertation
proposal, prepared under the supervision of the chair of the proposed dissertation committee. Dissertation
proposals are defended orally before the entire department.

The completed dissertation is defended before the dissertation committee, which ordinarily consists of
three faculty members, with a member of the SALC faculty as chair, in an oral defense presided over by the
departmental chair. At the discretion of the dissertation chairperson, a fourth member may be added to the
dissertation committee. Further details about the composition of the dissertation committee are available on the
departmental website.

Time to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree, marked by the successful defense of the dissertation proposal, is
expected to be within four years. The Ph.D degree in SALC should be completed within eight years.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Completed applications for admission and aid, along with all supporting materials, are due in mid-
December for the academic year that starts in the following autumn.

Students whose first language is not English must submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign
Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Information about these tests
may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540.
The application process for admission and financial aid for all graduate programs in Humanities is administered through the divisional Office of the Dean of Students. The Application for Admission and Financial Aid, with instructions, deadlines and department specific information is available online at: http://humanities.uchicago.edu/prospective/#admissions.

Questions pertaining to admissions and aid should be directed to humanitiesadmissions@uchicago.edu or (773) 702-1552.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The SALC Department webpages at http://salc.uchicago.edu (http://salc.uchicago.edu/) provide detailed information on language programs, faculty specialties, degree requirements, teaching opportunities, sources of funding, fellowships for language study and for pre-dissertation research and overseas dissertation research, and many other resources.

MALAYAMAN COURSES

TELEGU COURSES
TLGU 30300. Third-Year Telugu III. 100 Units.
Instructor(s): V. Narayana Rao
Prerequisite(s): TLGU 20300 or comparable level of language skills

TLGU 30600. Classical Telugu III. 100 Units.
Instructor(s): V. Narayana Rao
Prerequisite(s): At least two years of Sanskrit and knowledge of Telugu script

PANJABI COURSES

BANGLA COURSES

BANG 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Bangla (Bengali) I-II-III.
When joining this course the student is expected to demonstrate the ability to narrate in all time frames of the language. The student should be able to provide a simple though articulate discourse on familiar topics and subjects directly related to the his/her interests. He/She will learn to provide a full account of events and to use appropriately complex sentences in Bangla. We will also focus on some aspects of the technical language pertaining to various domains. The student will be invited to discuss orally on written material studied in class and at home, and he/she will have to produce two to three pages long essays on a given topic. Systematic introductions to a variety of registers and literary idioms (19th century Sadhu Bhasha, dialects, etc.) will also be provided. By the end of the spring quarter the student will have the necessary tools to expand significantly his/her abilities in order to reach the superior level.
Instructor(s): M. Bhaduri Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Second year Bangla or comparable level of language skills

BANG 30200. Third-Year Bangla (Bengali) II. 100 Units.
When joining this course the student is expected to demonstrate the ability to narrate in all time frames of the language. The student should be able to provide a simple though articulate discourse on familiar topics and subjects directly related to the his/her interests. He/She will learn to provide a full account of events and to use appropriately complex sentences in Bangla. We will also focus on some aspects of the technical language pertaining to various domains. The student will be invited to discuss orally on written material studied in class and at home, and he/she will have to produce two to three pages long essays on a given topic. Systematic introductions to a variety of registers and literary idioms (19th century Sadhu Bhasha, dialects, etc.) will also be provided. By the end of the spring quarter the student will have the necessary tools to expand significantly his/her abilities in order to reach the superior level.
Instructor(s): M. Bhaduri Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): BANG 30100 or comparable level of language skills
BANG 30300. Third-Year Bangla (Bengali) III. 100 Units.
When joining this course the student is expected to demonstrate the ability to narrate in all time frames of
the language. The student should be able to provide a simple though articulate discourse on familiar topics
and subjects directly related to the his/her interests. He/She will learn to provide a full account of events
and to use appropriately complex sentences in Bangla. We will also focus on some aspects of the technical
language pertaining to various domains. The student will be invited to discuss orally on written material
studied in class and at home, and he/she will have to produce two to three pages long essays on a given
topic. Systematic introductions to a variety of registers and literary idioms (19th century Sadhu Bhasha,
dialects, etc.) will also be provided. By the end of the spring quarter the student will have the necessary tools
to expand significantly his/her abilities in order to reach the superior level.
Instructor(s): M. Bhaduri Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): BANG 30200 or comparable level of language skills

BANG 39910. Advanced Academic Bangla. 100 Units.
This course develops Advanced Bangla language skills to prepare students for doing research both in India
and Bangladesh. Students will read scholarly texts in their areas of academic interest intensively. Training will
also include improving students' speaking and listening skills so they can participate in academic talks and
discussions and speak fluently and at length across academic topics.

BANG 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Bangla (Bengali) I-II-III.
Students attending this course must be able to produce an articulate discourse on subjects related to history and
literary criticism. They should also have a good command of Bengali grammar. The course is mainly devoted to
the study of selected modern and premodern Bangla texts (narrative literature, devotional and courtly poetry,
treatises) in their historical contexts. We propose various readings in the historiography of Bangla literature,
philology, traditional performance of Bangla poetry, etc... Besides, material from all periods will be studied
according to the student’s scholarly interests.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Third year Bangla or comparable level of language skills

BANG 40100. Fourth-Year Bangla (Bengali) I. 100 Units.
Students attending this course must be able to produce an articulate discourse on subjects related to history
and literary criticism. They should also have a good command of Bengali grammar. The course is mainly
devoted to the study of selected modern and premodern Bangla texts (narrative literature, devotional and
courtly poetry, treatises) in their historical contexts. We propose various readings in the historiography of
Bangla literature, philology, traditional performance of Bangla poetry, etc... Besides, material from all periods
will be studied according to the student’s scholarly interests.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): BANG 40300

BANG 47900-47901-47902. Rdgs: Advanced Bangla (Bengali) I-II-III.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third and fourth year Bangla. It is divided between
classes dealing with the current research themes of the instructor, and the study of material directly related with
the research interests of the students. The focus is on methodology and the use of Bangla as a research language.

BANG 47900. Rdgs: Advanced Bangla I. 100 Units.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third and fourth year Bangla. It is divided
between classes dealing with the current research themes of the instructor, and the study of material directly
related with the research interests of the students. The focus is on methodology and the use of Bangla as a
research language.
Instructor(s): M. Bhaduri Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): BANG 40300

BANG 47901. Rdgs: Advanced Bangla (Bengali) II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Bhaduri Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): BANG 47900
BANG 47902. Readings: Advanced Bangla III. 100 Units.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third and fourth year Bangla. It is divided between classes dealing with the current research themes of the instructor, and the study of material directly related to the research interests of the students. The focus is on methodology and the use of Bangla as a research language.
Instructor(s): M. Bhaduri Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): BANG 47901

BANG 47903. Writing, Reading, and Singing in Bengal, 8th to 19th AD. 100 Units.
The course offers an introduction to the literary traditions of Bengal (today’s West Bengal in India, and Bangladesh). We will study the making of Bengal as a region of literary production through a selection of secondary and primary sources in translation. We will look at how literature and literacy have been defined in various contexts up to the colonial period and discuss what constituted the literary identity of Bengal’s various linguistic traditions. We will approach the topics of reading practices and genres from the perspective of both material culture (script and scribal practices, manuscript formats, etc.) and the conceptual categories underlying literary genres and the linguistic economy of Bengal (scholastic and non-scholastic, classical and vernacular languages, individual reading and publicly performed texts, hinduyani and musalmani). Even if Bengali language and literature stand at the center of this course, we will also discuss the literary traditions that predate the formation of Bengali literature and were part of the background of the making of Bengali texts (Sanskrit, Apabhramsha, Arabic, Persian, Maithili, and Awadhi literature). The aim of the course is to introduce students to precolonial Bengali literature in its conceptual, aesthetic, and historical dimensions. The course will address topics of interest for students in comparative literature, religious studies, history, linguistics, medieval studies, book history, musicology or performance studies.
Instructor(s): T. D’Hubert Terms Offered: Autumn
Note(s): Students who want to take the course as an Advanced Bangla (BANG 47903) course must attend the additional reading course in which we will do close readings of texts in Bengali.
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 47903

HINDI COURSES
HIND 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Hindi I-II-III.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.

HIND 30100. Third-Year Hindi I. 100 Units.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.
Instructor(s): U. Stark Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): HIND 20300 or comparable level of language skills

HIND 30200. Third-Year Hindi II. 100 Units.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.
Instructor(s): T. Williams Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): HIND 30100 or comparable level of language skills

HIND 30300. Third-Year Hindi III. 100 Units.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.
Instructor(s): U. Stark Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): HIND 30200 or comparable level of language skills

HIND 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Hindi I-II-III.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.

HIND 40100. Fourth-Year Hindi I. 100 Units.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.
Instructor(s): U. Stark Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): HIND 30300 or comparable level of language skills

HIND 40200. Fourth-Year Hindi II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): T. Williams Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): HIND 40100 or comparable level of language skills
HIND 40300. Fourth-Year Hindi III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): U. Stark Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): HIND 40200 or comparable level of language skills

HIND 47900-47901-47902. Rds: Advanced Hindi I-II-III.
Readings from Hindi literary and journalistic texts and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in listening comprehension, composition and speech.

HIND 47900. Readings: Advanced Hindi I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): U. Stark Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): HIND 40300

HIND 47901. Readings: Advanced Hindi II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): T. Williams Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): HIND 47900

HIND 47902. Readings: Advanced Hindi III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): U. Stark Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): HIND 47901

MARATHI COURSES

MARA 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Marathi I-II-III.
MARA 30100-30200-30300 is offered based on demand. Interested students should consult with the director of undergraduate studies. Students in this course read from An Advanced Marathi Reader and a wide array of other sources depending on their interests. This course also includes continuing grammar review and practice in composition and speech. This course typically is offered in alternate years.

MARA 30100. Third-Year Marathi I. 100 Units.
Readings from An Advanced Marathi Reader and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in composition and speech.
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): MARA 20300 or equivalent

MARA 30200. Third-Year Marathi II. 100 Units.
Readings from An Advanced Marathi Reader and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in composition and speech.
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): MARA 20300 or equivalent

MARA 30300. Third-Year Marathi III. 100 Units.
Readings from An Advanced Marathi Reader and a wide array of other sources depending on student interests, with continuing grammar review and practice in composition and speech.
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): MARA 20300 or equivalent

MARA 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Marathi I-II-III.
MARA 40100-40200-40300 is offered based on demand. Interested students should consult with the director of undergraduate studies. Directed readings are selected (based on student interests and research needs) from the entire range of genres (verse and prose) and periods, excluding Old Marathi (thirteenth and fourteenth centuries), with continuing grammar review and practice in composition and speech.

MARA 40100. Fourth-Year Marathi I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): MARA 30300 or equivalent

MARA 40200. Fourth-year Marathi-2. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): MARA 30300 or equivalent

MARA 40300. Fourth-Year Marathi-3. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan
Prerequisite(s): MARA 30300 or equivalent
MARA 47900. Readings: Advanced Marathi. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan

MARA 47901. Advanced Readings in Marathi-2. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): S. Mahajan Terms Offered: Winter

COURSES

SANSKRIT COURSES

SANS 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Sanskrit I-II-III.
Reading selections introduce major Sanskrit genres, including verse and prose narrative, lyric poetry, drama, and the intellectual discourse of religion, philosophy, and the sciences. Analysis of the language and style employed in commentarial texts and practice in reading such texts is also emphasized.

SANS 30100. Third-Year Sanskrit I. 100 Units.
Reading selections introduce major Sanskrit genres, including verse and prose narrative, lyric poetry, drama, and the intellectual discourse of religion, philosophy, and the sciences. Analysis of the language and style employed in commentarial texts and practice in reading such texts is also emphasized.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): SANS 20300 or approval of instructor

SANS 30200. Third-Year Sanskrit II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): SANS 30100 or approval of instructor

SANS 30300. Third-Year Sanskrit III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): SANS 30200 or approval of instructor

SANS 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Sanskrit I-II-III.
The goal of this sequence is to provide students with strong reading expertise in a wide range of Sanskrit texts in literature (poems and plays, verse and prose) and the scientific and philosophical discourses (e.g., grammar, logic, poetic theory, Buddhist thought), and commentarial literature on both.

SANS 40100. Fourth-Year Sanskrit I. 100 Units.
The goal of this sequence is to provide students with strong reading expertise in a wide range of Sanskrit texts in literature (poems and plays, verse and prose) and the scientific and philosophical discourses (e.g., grammar, logic, poetic theory, Buddhist thought), and commentarial literature on both.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): PQ: Third year Sanskrit or comparable level of language skills. SANS 30300 or approval of instructor.

SANS 40200. Fourth-Year Sanskrit II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): SANS 40100 or approval of instructor

SANS 40300. Fourth-Year Sanskrit III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): SANS 40200 or approval of instructor

SANS 47900-47901-47902. Rdgs: Advanced Sanskrit I-II-III.
Readings drawn from texts at an advanced level of difficulty in any of the relevant genres of Sanskrit, including literature, philosophy, literary theory, and religion, for students who have already completed fourth-year Sanskrit. Continuing attention is given to matters of grammar, style, scholastic techniques, and intellectual and cultural content.

SANS 47900. Readings: Advanced Sanskrit I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): SANS 40300
SANS 47901. Rdgs: Advanced Sanskrit II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): SANS 47900

SANS 47902. Readings: Advanced Sanskrit-III. 100 Units.
An advanced Sanskrit reading course focusing on the development of skills in either classical belles lettres (kāvya) or scholastic, commentarial prose (śāstra). In the former, emphasis is on the ability to re-arrange complex poetic forms into digestible prose word order. In the latter, students learn both the stylistic conventions of scholastic Sanskrit and the technical vocabulary of the relevant intellectual discipline.
Instructor(s): Staff
Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): DVPR 41500

SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS COURSES

SALC 30011. Inequalities. 100 Units.
This course analyzes inequality and the overt and covert violence that results from it. These inequalities are often grounded in gender and sex but also result from a complex intersection of sex gender systems with other historical factors such as city life, environment, media and so on. Inequality is what produces the experience of differential citizenship, a topic that exercises scholars the world over. In particular, those interested in issues of feminism, community, and ethnicity have studied why women (some women more than others) or particular social groups such as gay or trans groups, experience disenfranchisement more than their counterparts, even when, officially, many cultures/ nation states grant their members/citizens formal legal equality. Many of the examples around which this course is framed emerge out of South Asia, but our analyses will be structured through an engagement with theoretical texts that address issues of gendered oppression and discrimination in other parts of the world. Readings will include historical, anthropological, literary texts.
Instructor(s): Rochona Majumdar
Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Students who have previously completed “Problems in the Study of Gender and Sexuality: Inequality” are not eligible to receive credit for this class.
Note(s): This course counts as a Problems course for GNSE majors.
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 20113, GNSE 20113, GNSE 30111

SALC 30100. Introduction to the Civilizations of South Asia I. 100 Units.
The first quarter focuses on Islam in South Asia, Hindu-Muslim interaction, Mughal political and literary traditions, and South Asia's early encounters with Europe.
Instructor(s): M. Alam
Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 10800, SOSC 23000, MDVL 20100, SALC 20100, ANTH 24101

SALC 30513. Theater of Premodern South Asia. 100 Units.
This course will cover the history and poetics of the stage play in premodern South Asia, which was, according to the eighth-century theorist Vāmana, "the best among the types of literature." The play, according to many premodern critics, was uniquely capable of bringing about a profound aesthetic experience because of its integration of diverse forms of art - plot-driven narrative, poetry, acting, and music. We will read a variety of plays in translation, including works by Bhāsa, Kālidāsa, Bhavabhūti, and Murāri, as well as selections from technical literature such as the Treatise on Theater (Nā̄yaśāstram). We will also watch a number of modern performances. Besides discussing individual plays, we will cover the following topics in detail: the different genres of the stage play; the theory of plot construction; the theory of aesthetic experience (rasa); the languages of the theater; the role of music, dance, and gesture; theater and ritual; and the performance tradition of Kū̄iyā̄̄am.
Instructor(s): Andrew Ollett
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): No prior knowledge of South Asian languages is required. Students who can read Sanskrit, however, are strongly encouraged to take an accompanying reading course.
Equivalent Course(s): TAPS 20513, TAPS 30513, SALC 20513

SALC 30800. Music of South Asia. 100 Units.
The course explores some of the music traditions that hail from South Asia—a region defined by the countries of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Maldives, and their diasporas. The course will study music and some of its inextricably linked forms of dance and theatre through the lens of ethnomusicology, where music is considered in its social and cultural contexts. Students will develop tools to listen, analyze, watch, and participate in South Asian forms of music-making, using case-study based inquiries as guides along the way.
Instructor(s): Ameera Nimjee
Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 27700, SALC 20800, MUSI 23706, MUSI 33706
SALC 30901-30902. Indian Philosophy I-II.

SALC 30901. Indian Philosophy I: Origins and Orientations. 100 Units.
This course introduces some of the early themes and textual traditions that set much of the agenda for the later development of Indian philosophy. Particular attention will be paid to the rivalry that was perhaps most generative throughout the history of Indian philosophy: that between the Hindu schools of thought rooted in the Vedas, and the Buddhists who so powerfully challenged them.
Instructor(s): Dan Arnold Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): DVPR 30201, HREL 30200, RLST 24201, SALC 20901

SALC 30902. Indian Philosophy II: The Classical Traditions. 100 Units.
This course follows the first module on Indian philosophy by exploring the debates between several classical "schools" or "viewpoints" (darśanas) of Indian philosophy. In addition to expanding upon the methods of systematized reasoning inaugurated by the Nyāya and Buddhist epistemological traditions, particular attention will be given to systems of scriptural hermeneutics -- Mimāṃśā and Vedānta -- and their consequences for the philosophy of language, theories of cognitive error, and even poetics.
Instructor(s): Anand Venkatkrishnan, Andrew Ollett Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): MDVL 24202, SALC 20902, HREL 30300, RLST 24202, DVPR 30302

SALC 30927. Knowledge as a Platter: Comparative Perspectives on Knowledge Texts in the Ancient World. 100 Units.
In various ancient cultures, sages created the new ways of systematizing what was known in fields as diverse as medicine, politics, sex, dreams, and mathematics. These texts did more than present what was known; they exemplified what it means to know - and also why reflective, systematic knowledge should be valued more highly than the knowledge gained from common sense or experience. Drawing on texts from Ancient India, Greece, Rome, and the Near East, this course will explore these early templates for the highest form of knowledge and compare their ways of creating fields of inquiry: the first disciplines. Texts include the Arthashastra, the Hippocratic corpus, Deuteronomy, the Kama Sutra, and Aristotle's Parva naturalia.
Equivalent Course(s): KNOW 31415, SCTH 30927, HREL 30927, CHSS 30927

SALC 32202. Anthropology of Caste in Asia. 100 Units.
This seminar course explores anthropological approaches to caste. We will survey colonial ethnological accounts to structuralist, transactionalist, historical anthropological, and contemporary ethnographic accounts of forms of caste difference, identity, and violence in South and East Asia, with an eye to comparison to other forms of invidious social difference in other times and cultures.
Instructor(s): Constantine Nakassis Terms Offered: Winter. Winter 2021
Prerequisite(s): This course qualifies as a Discovering Anthropology selection for Anthropology Majors.
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 22202, ANTH 32202, ANTH 22202

SALC 32605. A Poem in Every House’: Persian, Arabic, and Vernacular Poetry in North India and the Deccan. 100 Units.
gehe gehe kalau kāvyā… In the Kali age, there is a poem in every house … Vidyāpati (ca. 1370-1460, Mithila), Kirtīlātā The Indian subcontinent is home to some of the most vibrant literary traditions in world history. The aim of this course is to introduce students to the main trends in the premodern (/pre-nineteenth century) literature of South Asia through a selection of poetic and theoretical texts translated from a variety of languages (Arabic, Bengali, Dakani, Hindi, Maithili, Marathi, Persian, Panjabi, Sanskrit, Urdu, etc.). We will discuss issues of literary historiography, the relations between orality and writing, and the shared aesthetic world of poetry, music, and visual arts. Over two quarters, we will review the basic principles of Perso-Arabic and vernacular poetics through a selection of representative theoretical treatises and poems. We will also explore the linguistic ecology of the Subcontinent, the formation of vernacular literary traditions, multilingual literacy, and the role of literature in social interactions and community building in premodern South Asia. Every week the first half of the class will be devoted to the historical context and conceptual background of the texts we will read in the second half. Attention will be given to the original languages in which those texts were composed as well as the modes of performance of the poems and songs we will read together.
Instructor(s): T. D’Hubert Terms Offered: Autumn
Note(s): No prior knowledge of South Asian languages is required. The course is the perfect complement to the Introduction to South Asian Civilizations sequence (SALC 20100-20200). Beyond its focus on South Asia, students interested in classics, poetics, rhetoric, musicology, theater studies, and comparative literature will find plenty of food for thought in the readings, lectures, and class discussions. For students interested in languages, it is an ideal way to have a lively introduction to the linguistic variety of South Asia.
Equivalent Course(s): SÁLC 22604, MDVL 22604
SALC 32606. Classical Literature of South Asia: Part One. 100 Units.
This is a broadly chronological survey of South Asia's literary traditions. In the first part of this two-part sequence, our focus will be on the first millennium CE, and we will read a wide variety of literary works in translation: lyric poetry, stage plays, courtly epics, romances and satires. We will read these texts as representing both evolving traditions of literary art and a diverse constellation of social imaginaries. Our conversations will thus range over: questions of language, genre, form and style; subcontinental traditions of poetics, which elaborated the themes and techniques of literary art; issues of sexuality and gender; the intellectual and religious traditions with which works of literature were in conversation; contexts of performance; and issues of literary history. We will sometimes read short texts in the original languages (Prakrit, Tamil and Sanskrit) to gain a better understanding of their texture and technique, but no prior knowledge of South Asian languages is required. The second part of this two-part sequence will cover South Asian literature from about 1000 to 1750. The courses may be taken in any order.
Instructor(s): Andrew Ollett Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 22605

SALC 33101. Love, Conjugalitv, and Capital: Intimacy in the Modern World. 100 Units.
A look at societies in other parts of the world demonstrates that modernity in the realm of love, intimacy, and family often had a different trajectory from the European one. This course surveys ideas and practices surrounding love, marriage, and capital in the modern world. Using a range of theoretical, historical, and anthropological readings, as well as films, the course explores such topics as the emergence of companionate marriage in Europe and the connections between arranged marriage, dowry, love, and money. Case studies are drawn primarily from Europe, India, and Africa.
Instructor(s): J. Cole, R. Majumdar Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Any 10000-level music course or consent of instructor
Note(s): This course typically is offered in alternate years.
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 43101, HIST 36903, CRES 33101, CHDV 22212, ANTH 32220, ANTH 21525, CHDV 33212, GNSE 31700, HIST 26903, GNSE 23102, CRES 23101

SALC 33700. How to do Things with South Asian Texts? Literary Theories and South Asian Literatures. 100 Units.
This course provides an overview of different methods, approaches and themes currently prevalent in the study of South Asian texts from various periods. Topics covered will include translation (theory and practice), book history, literary history, textual criticism, genre theory (the novel in South Asia), literature and colonialism, cultural mobility studies (Greenblatt) and comparative literature/new philologies (Spivak, Ette). Readings will include work by George Steiner, Sheldon Pollock, Meenakshi Mukherjee, Terry Eagleton, Stephen Greenblatt, Gayatri Spivak, Ottmar Ette, and others. We will discuss these different approaches with particular reference to the texts with which participating students are working for their various projects. Students interested in both pre-modern and modern texts are welcome. While the course is organized primarily from a literary studies perspective, it will also be of interest to students of history, anthropology and other disciplines dealing with “texts”. The course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students (no prior knowledge of literary theory or South Asian writing is assumed).
Instructor(s): Sascha Ebeling Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 33700

SALC 34300. Buddhist Poetry in India. 100 Units.
The substantial Buddhist contribution to Indian poetry is of interest for what it teaches us of both Buddhism and the broad development of Indian literature. The present course will focus upon three phases in this history, with attention to what changes of language and literary genre tell us of the transformations of Indian religious culture from the last centuries B.C.E. to about the year 1000. Readings (all in translation) will include the Therīgāthā, a collection of verses written in Pali and the most ancient Indian example of womens’ literature, selections from the work of the great Sanskrit poets Aśvaghoṣa, Āryaśūra, and Māt̄ceta, and the mystical songs, in the Apabhraśa language, of the Buddhist tantric saints.
Instructor(s): Matthew Kapstein Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): General knowledge of Buddhism is desirable.
Equivalent Course(s): MDVL 26250, DVPR 34300, RLVC 34300, RLST 26250, HREL 34300
SALC 35025. Environmental Histories of the Global South. 100 Units.
Drawing on cases from Africa, Latin America, and especially Asia, this course explores key themes in the modern environmental history of the world beyond the rich industrialized North. Our investigations will focus on the ecological impacts of colonialism, war, and development, and how environmental management has helped to construct modern states and capitalist practices in turn. Ranging from the malarial plantations of the Caribbean to the forests of southeast Asia, we will analyze not-so-natural disasters like floods and chemical spills as well as the slow violence of deforestation and droughts. Combining primary sources with classic scholarship, we will encounter pioneering green activists like the original "tree huggers" of the Himalayas and environmental advocates for brutal population control. The course will conclude by examining the emergence of a newly assertive Global South in international climate negotiations, and its implications for the environmental history of our planet at large. The course is open to all, but may be of particular interest to students who have taken "Introduction to Environmental History."
Instructor(s): L. Chatterjee Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 35024, CHSS 35525, HIPS 25525, HIST 25025, SALC 25025

SALC 36260. Buddhism in Early Theravada Literature. 100 Units.
A critical examination of important canonical (Buddhavacana--attributed to the Buddha) and non-canonical Pali literature central to the religious "imaginaire" of Theravada Buddhists in Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia. Literary texts include Vinayapitaka (Book of Monastic Discipline), Dhammapada (didactic verses attributed to the Buddha), Mahaparinibbana Sutta (sermon recounting the final 3 months of the Buddha’s career), Vessantara Jataka (epic narrative of the Buddha’s next-to-last rebirth as a king), the Edicts of Asoka (proclamations of the 3rd c. BCE Indian emperor), Anagatavamsa Desana (prophecy of the future Buddha Metteyya), Mahavamsa (the monastic "Great Chronicle" recounting the history of Buddhism) and royal inscriptions and paintings from the late-medieval period.
Instructor(s): John Holt Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 36260, RLST 26260, HIST 36703, SALC 26260

SALC 36611. Empires, Imperialism, and Islam. 100 Units.
This seminar course will survey interactions between empires and Islam from the early nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. It will consider the varied responses of Islamic polities to the expansion of European empires, their role in proliferating networks of travel and communication, as well as the place of religion in anti-imperial and anticolonial movements. Geographically we will cover Asia very broadly defined: from the Ottoman Empire in the west, through the Middle East and Central and South Asia, to Indonesia and Malaysia to the east. Individual classes will focus, for instance, on imperial connections, the emergence of pan-Islamism, Sufi networks, oceanic travel, subaltern social and political movements, and Cold War-era Muslim ideologues. The course will conclude with a look at the rise of more militant Islamic ideologies in recent years. Investigating this two-century long history will help students understand the complex role that Islam has played in the making of the modern world. Course readings will be on the whole recent scholarship on these subjects, with key primary texts introduced in class.
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 26611, HIST 36611, SALC 26611

SALC 36614. Making the Monsoon: The Ancient Indian Ocean. 100 Units.
The course will explore the human adaptation to a climatic phenomenon and its transformative impacts on the littoral societies of the Indian Ocean, circa 1000 BCE-1000 CE. Monsoon means season, a time and space in which favorable winds made possible the efficient, rapid crossing of thousands of miles of ocean. Its discovery-at different times in different places-resulted in communication and commerce across vast distances at speeds more commonly associated with the industrial than the preindustrial era, as merchants, sailors, religious specialists, and scholars made monsoon crossings. The course will consider the participation of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and East African actors in the making of monsoon worlds and their relations to the Indian Ocean societies they encountered; the course is based on literary and archaeological sources, with attention to recent comparative historiography on oceanic, climatic, and global histories.
Instructor(s): R. Payne Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 26614, CLCV 26620, CLAS 36620, NEHC 26614, NEHC 36614, HIST 26614, HIST 36614, MDVL 26614

SALC 36702. Why comment? Early modern commentarial literature. 100 Units.
What is the purpose of a commentary? What do commentaries in different languages, and on different types of texts, ‘do’? This course will take the example of commentarial literature from early modern South Asia--primarily but not exclusively northern India--to explore the different contexts, projects, and intellectual milieus in which commentaries were composed, circulated, and performed. Primary readings will be in English, Sanskrit, and Hindi, and include commentaries (and their accompanying root texts); we will also read a selection of modern scholarly writings on commentarial literature to survey different approaches to working with commentarial works.
Instructor(s): Tyler Williams Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 26702
SALC 37002. Indo-Islamic Literature and Culture. 100 Units.
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Instructor(s): Timsal Masud Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 27002

SALC 37440. Buddha Then and Now: Transformations from Amaravati to Anuradhapura. 100 Units.
The Buddhist sculptures in Amaravati are arguably the earliest to influence the early Buddhist art of the other parts of the sub-continent as well as south and southeast Asia. The course begins with the discussion of the context in which the Buddha images were made in Amaravati and the factors including Buddhist doctrinal developments that contributed to the spread of these images to various parts of Sri Lanka. Then it traces the course and function of Buddhist iconography in Sri Lanka until into the 21st century to assess the role of geopolitical factors. The positionality and portrayals of the images of Buddha are also considered and analyzed. The course traces the trajectories that transformed the image of the Buddha from a symbol of peace to jingoist assertiveness. Through the study of the images of the Buddha, the aim is to comprehend the ways Buddhism has changed over centuries from an inclusive posture which helped it sustain and spread to different parts of the world only later to become exclusionary.
Instructor(s): Sree Padma Holt Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 37440, SALC 27440, RLVC 37440, ARTH 37440, HIST 36704, ARTH 27440, RLST 27440

SALC 37701. Mughal India: Tradition & Transition. 100 Units.
The focus of this course is on the period of Mughal rule during the late sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, especially on selected issues that have been at the center of historiographical debate in the past decades.
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Advanced standing or consent of instructor. Prior knowledge of appropriate history and secondary literature required.
Equivalent Course(s): NEHC 20570, HIST 26602, HIST 36602, NEHC 30570, SALC 27701

SALC 38000. Introduction to Prakrit. 100 Units.

SALC 38002. Can Women Think? The Female Intellectual in South Asia. 100 Units.
How have South Asian women crafted lives for themselves as intellectuals, regardless of their social worlds? This introductory class will examine the figure of the woman-scholar in South Asia from antiquity to the twentieth century. How have South Asian women been seen, or have seen themselves, as intellectuals? We will study how women have provided critical reflections on society, identified normative problems, and argued for their rightful place in public life. This course will think of the specificity of South Asia and the global South in order to understand the relationship between women, authority and authorship, gender and cultural production, the problems of historical memory, and will challenge the notion of a unified collective of women intellectuals by considering caste, class and religious differences. We will study more than just feminist thought and scholarship. By reflecting on the active process and performance of thinking, we will question the historical and cultural conditions in South Asia which make thinking possible for women.
Instructor(s): Ahona Panda Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 28003, SALC 28002, GNSE 38003

SALC 39001. Tibetan Buddhism. 100 Units.
This course is designed to serve as an introductory survey of the history, doctrines, institutions, and practices of Buddhism in Tibet from its origins in the mid-first-millennium through the present. Readings will be drawn both from primary sources (in translation) and secondary and tertiary scholarly research.
Instructor(s): Christian Wedmeyer Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 35200

SALC 39002. Tibet: Culture, Art, and History. 100 Units.
This class will introduce students to Tibetan civilization from pre-modernity to the present with an emphasis on literature, society, visual arts, and history. Attention will be paid to Tibet’s relations with neighboring polities in South, East, and Central Asia, as well as distinctive indigenous practices. The course will cover a range of Tibetan cultural forms, highlighting pre-modern sciences of medicine, logic, and meditation, as well as contemporary developments in Tibetan modernity and the diaspora communities. Course materials will include primary sources in translation (e.g., Dunhuang manuscripts and other literature), contemporary scholarship, as well as audio-visual materials. In addition to informed participation in course meetings/discussions, including regular, timely completion of reading assignments, students are expected to write two short (5-7pg) papers. Students will have the opportunity to work on any topics of Tibetan culture, art and history of their choosing for the final assignment.
Instructor(s): K. Ngodup Terms Offered: Autumn
Note(s): All course readings will be available on electronic reserve via Canvas.
Equivalent Course(s): SALC 29002
SALC 39900. Informal Reading Course. 100 Units.
This is a specially designed course not normally offered as part of the curriculum that is arranged between a student and a faculty member.
Instructor(s): Student chooses instructor Terms Offered: Autumn,Spring,Winter
Note(s): Requires consent of instructor

SALC 39910. Readings in Middle Bengali literature. 100 Units.
This informal reading course focuses on the methods of textual criticism in the domain of Middle Bengali. We will read various texts from manuscripts, transcribe them, analyze their content at the linguistic and stylistic levels, and translate them into English. Although the primary aim of the course is to familiarize students with the close reading of Middle Bengali poetry, we will also discuss questions of literary historiography and poetics.
Instructor(s): Thibaut d’Hubert Terms Offered: Autumn

SALC 39911. Readings in Middle Bengali Literature II. 100 Units.
This informal reading course focuses on the methods of textual criticism in the domain of Middle Bengali. We will read various texts from manuscripts, transcribe them, analyze their content at the linguistic and stylistic levels, and translate them into English. Although the primary aim of the course is to familiarize students with the close reading of Middle Bengali poetry, we will also discuss questions of literary historiography and poetics.
Instructor(s): Thibaut d’Hubert Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): SALC 39910

SALC 39912. Readings in Middle Bengali Literature III. 100 Units.
This is the third course in the series of informal reading courses that focus on the methods of textual criticism in the domain of Middle Bengali. We will read various texts from manuscripts, transcribe them, analyze their content at the linguistic and stylistic levels, and translate them into English. Although the primary aim of the course is to familiarize students with the close reading of Middle Bengali poetry, we will also discuss questions of literary historiography and poetics.
Instructor(s): Thibaut d’Hubert Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): SALC 39911

SALC 39920. Readings in Indo-Persian Literature. 100 Units.
In this course we will read Persian texts produced in South Asia between the 12th and 19th centuries. The texts under scrutiny will be lyric and narrative poems, treatises on grammar and poetics, and biographical dictionaries of poets.
Instructor(s): Thibaut d’Hubert Terms Offered: Autumn

SALC 39921. Readings in Indo-Persian Literature II. 100 Units.
In this course we will read Persian texts produced in South Asia between the 12th and 19th centuries. The texts under scrutiny will be lyric and narrative poems, treatises on grammar and poetics, and biographical dictionaries of poets.
Instructor(s): Thibaut d’Hubert Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): SALC 39920

SALC 39922. Readings in Indo-Persian Literature III. 100 Units.
In this third course we will continue to read Persian texts produced in South Asia between the 12th and 19th centuries. The texts under scrutiny will be lyric and narrative poems, treatises on grammar and poetics, and biographical dictionaries of poets.
Instructor(s): Thibaut d’Hubert Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): SALC 39921

SALC 39923. Readings in Indo-Persian Literature IV. 100 Units.
In this graduate seminar course, we will read and discuss selections from two sets of Mughal and early modern south Asian texts: 1) some passages from the Persian translations of early Indian Sanskrit texts; 2) commentaries and observations on the classical Persian poetry and prose by south Asian scholars.
Instructor(s): Muzaffar Alam Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Must have the consent of the instructor.

SALC 40002. Sem: Postcolonial Theory. 100 Units.

SALC 40010. Contemporary Topics in the Study of South Asian Religion. 100 Units.
This course takes up theoretical problems in religious studies, issues specific to the study of South Asia, and the intersections between the two. It foregrounds history, that is, the historical lives of religion in the subcontinent. Theory, in both the sense of conceptualizing religion and the concepts of religious actors themselves, is treated as an historical object, as emerging from and participating in history. Topics covered in the course range between: religious encounter and shared practices; sexuality and spirit-possession; epics and everyday ethics; poverty and plentitude; hospitality and healing; colonial systems of classification; caste and regimes of unfree labor.
Instructor(s): Anand Venkatkrishnan Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 40010
SALC 40020. Contemporary Topics in the Study of South Asian Religion: Imagining South Asian Islam. 100 Units.
This course is a continuation of the annual seminar on contemporary topics in the Study of South Asian Religion, which takes up theoretical problems in religious studies, issues specific to the study of South Asia, and the intersections between the two. The focus for this year is "Imagining South Asian Islam." We will read classic debates about the expansion of Islam into the subcontinent, its geographical distribution, and cultural and religious syncretism (while, at the same time, problematizing the syncretic model). We will also take up more recent scholarship that turns to broader conceptual questions about how to describe, name, and understand different moments in the history of South Asian Islam from the "Persianate Cosmopolis" to "Islamic" versus "Islamicate." The readings assigned in the course bring together diverse scholarship on history, art history, material culture, and literary analysis. By the end of the course, students will be familiar with the longue durée arc of the history of Islam in South Asia as well as the variety of different scholarly approaches that have sought to understand and interpret the specificity of Islam in the context of the subcontinent.
Instructor(s): Sarah Pierce Taylor Terms Offered: Autumn
Note(s): By permission only. Please email Professor Pierce Taylor with a description of your background and relevant interests in this course. This course is open to undergrads ONLY by Petition.
Equivalent Course(s): ISLM 40020, RLVC 40025, HREL 40020

SALC 40100. Research Themes in South Asian Studies: Textual Transformations - From Manuscript to Print. 100 Units.
This graduate course offers an introduction to the theory and practice of book history and print culture studies, a relatively recent and vibrant field of inquiry within South Asian Studies. The course will explore some of the main theoretical approaches, themes, and methodologies of the history of the book in comparative perspective, and discuss the specific conditions and challenges facing scholars of South Asian book history. Topics include orality and literacy, technologies of scribal and print production, the sociology of texts, authorship and authority, the print "revolution" and knowledge formation under British colonial rule, the legal existence of books, the economy of the book trade, popular print, readership and consumption. We will also engage with the text as material artifact and look at the changing contexts, techniques, and practices of book production in the transition from manuscript to print.
Instructor(s): T. Williams Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 61802, CMLT 40101

SALC 40401. Pedagogy and Methods. 100 Units.
This class is a seminar designed to help students with pedagogical issues that arise in teaching South Asia. We will address the major milestones of a graduate student career in South Asian studies. This class is also designed to help you teach successfully in the College classroom. You will have opportunities to practice both lecturing and discussion-leading, to observe and reflect on others' teaching, and to design syllabi and assignments. Your assignments in this course will together constitute an initial draft of your teaching portfolio, including a statement of teaching philosophy, sample syllabi, assignments, and other materials.
Instructor(s): R. Majumdar Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Open only to Ph.D. students.

SALC 42117. A Global Sonic History in 30 Objects. 100 Units.
Students will draw upon the wide range of disciplinary perspectives that contribute to sound studies. Collectively they will use these to understand the historical meaning present in the materiality of what we call the "audio moment." Critical to the audio moment is the transformation from object to subject, from the material to the sonic. These transformations unleash meaning and generate the multiple subjectivities from which history emerges. Basic ontologies will be challenged in our consideration of each object. The objects we consider are largely not primarily associated with music alone, but through their transformation into audio moments we are often able to understand just where music situates them in the human subjectivities of different societies. In addition to its interdisciplinarity this CDI seminar will be broadly comparative and will draw upon diverse sources and collections for its objects (e.g., with visits to urban and architectural spaces on campus, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Digital Media Archive). The goal of such comparative investigation is not to undo ontological assumptions about the dialectics of music/sound, but rather to use the collective thought that grows from the seminar participants to generate new approaches to the aesthetics and epistemology of sound and history globally.
Equivalent Course(s): CMES 42117, MUSI 42117, CDIN 42117
SALC 42910. Gender and Sexuality in South Asian Religions. 100 Units.

From Vātsyāyana’s Kāmasūtra to debates around widow remarriage in the colonial period, the nexus of gender and sexuality fundamentally shapes religious practices and beliefs as well as the lives of women and gender non-conforming people. The central questions guiding this course are: How do South Asian religious traditions incorporate sexual practice and/or restraint into a vision of ethical life? When does one’s gender become dangerous or unethical? How do histories of imperialism interfere with and transform the study of gender and sexuality in South Asian religions? In pursuing these questions through a range of methodological approaches to the field, students will gain a deep familiarity with practices of religious asceticism, the place of erotics within religious discourse, new perspectives on queer and trans theory, emic feminisms, and sexual ethics.

Instructor(s): Sarah Pierce Taylor
Terms Offered: Winter
Note(s): This course is open to undergraduates with the permission of the instructor.
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 42910, RLVC 42910, GNSE 42911

SALC 43101. Love, Conjugality, and Capital: Intimacy in the Modern World. 100 Units.

A look at societies in other parts of the world demonstrates that modernity in the realm of love, intimacy, and family often had a different trajectory from the European one. This course surveys ideas and practices surrounding love, marriage, and capital in the modern world. Using a range of theoretical, historical, and anthropological readings, as well as films, the course explores such topics as the emergence of companionate marriage in Europe and the connections between arranged marriage, dowry, love, and money. Case studies are drawn primarily from Europe, India, and Africa.

Instructor(s): J. Cole, R. Majumdar
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Any 10000-level music course or consent of instructor
Note(s): This course typically is offered in alternate years.
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 36903, CRES 33101, CHDV 22212, ANTH 32220, ANTH 21525, CHDV 33212, GNSE 31700, HIST 26903, GNSE 23102, SALC 33101, CRES 23101

SALC 43105. Women’s Rights, Cultural Nationalisms, and Moral Panics. 100 Units.

The discourse on women’s rights, and more gradually the rights of transgender and intersex communities, has gained tremendous momentum globally in the last few decades. At the same time, in many parts of the world, these changes have been accompanied by moral panics over what such empowerment means for national “cultures.” They have sometimes also resulted in violence against women and sexual minorities. In South Africa, for example, marriage rates have reached new lows and single mothers have become a highly visible social category, eligible for state relief through a newly-instated Child Support Grant. Their access to these new state privileges has been accompanied by increased social surveillance; South African men and elders accuse young mothers of abusing their rights, upending the moral order. Both Uganda and Kenya, where national constitutions guarantee gender quotas for elected politicians, have also recently passed national legislation that seeks to regulate women’s clothing (i.e. the so-called “Miniskirt Bill” passed in Uganda in 2014). In India, women’s increasing participation in the workforce and their visibility in public space, or couples who contract marriages across religious divides, have led to violent disciplining by other members of the community, sometimes in the name of a “love Jihad.” Feminists and queer activists, however, are not mute in the face of such resistance. Instead they have sought new ways to make claims about their right to “public” space.

Equivalent Course(s): ANTH 35218, HIST 40101, CDIN 43105, CHDV 30609

SALC 43800. Wives, Widows, and Prostitutes: Indian Literature and the ‘Women’s Question’ 100 Units.

From the early 19th century onward, the debate on the status of Indian women was an integral part of the discourse on the state of civilization, Hindu tradition, and social reform in colonial India. This course will explore how Indian authors of the late 19th and early 20th centuries engaged with the so-called “women’s question.” Caught between middle-class conservatism and the urge for social reform, Hindi and Urdu writers addressed controversial issues such as female education, child marriage, widow remarriage, and prostitution in their fictional and discursive writings. We will explore the tensions of a literary and social agenda that advocated the ‘uplift’ of women as a necessary precondition for the progress of the nation, while also expressing patriarchal fears about women’s rights and freedom. The course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Basic knowledge of Hindi and/or Urdu is preferable, but not required. We will read works by Nazir Ahmad, Premcand, Jainendra Kumar, Mirza Hadi Ruswa, and Mahadevi Varma in English translation, and also look at texts used in Indian female education at the time.

Instructor(s): U. Stark
Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor based on demonstrated knowledge of Hindi
Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 27902, SALC 27904, GNSE 47900
SALC 44701. Ritual in South Asian Buddhism. 100 Units.
This course will explore some ritual practices and theories of South Asian Buddhists in light of current theorization of ritual. What is it that Buddhists “actually” (physically and verbally) do? And, what do they say about what they do? Does what they do “mean” anything? If so, how? And, what significance might this have for anyone else? What happens when we consider these possibly meaningful forms of expression as “ritual?” Exemplaria will be drawn from India, Nepal, Burma and Tibet, with some comparative perspectives considered along the way.
Instructor(s): Christian Wedemeyer Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Some prior study of South Asian religions
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 44701

SALC 46903. History and Literature of Pakistan: Postcolonial Representations. 100 Units.
No description available.
Instructor(s): C.R. Perkins Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): NEHC 26903, HIST 26608, SALC 26903

SALC 47270. Being Buddhist in Southeast Asia. 100 Units.
A study of the various ways in which lay and monastic Buddhists practice and express their understanding of the Theravada religious path in Sri Lanka and SE Asia (Laos, Thailand, Myanmar and Cambodia). Ethnographic and historical readings will focus on social (ritual) articulations of Buddhist practice and identity in contemporary cultural contexts. A term paper on topic in consultation with instructor is required.
Instructor(s): John Holt Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Previous familiarity with Buddhism in south or southeast Asia.
Note(s): This course is open to undergrads ONLY by Petition.
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 47270

SALC 47302. Transmission of Islamic Knowledge in South Asia since 1800. 100 Units.
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 45904, ISLM 37302, NEHC 37302

SALC 47903. Writing, Reading, and Singing in Bengal, 8th to 19th AD. 100 Units.
The course offers an introduction to the literary traditions of Bengal (today’s West Bengal in India, and Bangladesh). We will study the making of Bengal as a region of literary production through a selection of secondary and primary sources in translation. We will look at how literature and literacy have been defined in various contexts up to the colonial period and discuss what constituted the literary identity of Bengal’s various linguistic traditions. We will approach the topics of reading practices and genres from the perspective of both material culture (script and scribal practices, manuscript formats, etc.) and the conceptual categories underlying literary genres and the linguistic economy of Bengal (scholastic and non-scholastic, classical and vernacular languages, individual reading and publicly performed texts, hinduyani and musalmani). Even if Bengali language and literature stand at the center of this course, we will also discuss the literary traditions that predate the formation of Bengali literature and were part of the background of the making of Bengali texts (Sanskrit, Apabhramsha, Arabic, Persian, Maithili, and Awadhi literature). The aim of the course is to introduce students to precolonial Bengali literature in its conceptual, aesthetic, and historical dimensions. The course will address topics of interest for students in comparative literature, religious studies, history, linguistics, medieval studies, book history, musicology or performance studies.
Instructor(s): T. D’Hubert Terms Offered: Autumn
Note(s): Students who want to take the course as an Advanced Bangla (BANG 47903) course must attend the additional reading course in which we will do close readings of texts in Bengali.
Equivalent Course(s): BANG 47903

SALC 48203. Buddhist Narratives. 100 Units.
This course will read and discuss stories translated mostly from Pali (with some from Sanskrit), on the topics of the Buddha’s (extended) (Auto)biography, and the Past Lives of the Buddha (Jātakas) culminating in an analysis of various versions of the Vessantara (Viśvantara) Jātaka. Such stories will be considered also in light of the theory of the Ten Excellencies (Perfections. pāramī). It will also study some works on Narrative Theory, and on the difference between narrative and systematic thought, asking what different textual form makes to Buddhist ideas, ideals and values.
Instructor(s): S. Collins Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): PQ: Previous knowledge of Buddhism (at least one course)
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 48203

SALC 48306. Indian Buddhism. 100 Units.
This course is designed to serve as an introductory survey of the history, doctrines, institutions, and practices of Buddhism in India from its origins through the present. Readings will be drawn both from primary sources (in translation) and secondary and tertiary scholarly research.
Instructor(s): Christian Wedemeyer Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 35100
SALC 48316. Readings: Advanced Tibetan III and Introduction to Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit. 100 Units.
Complementing the course on Buddhist Poetry in India, we will be reading a celebrated verse scripture, the Prajñā-pāramitā-ratnaguḍa-saṅgha-gaṅgā ("Verses Gathering the Jewel-like Qualities of the Perfection of Wisdom") in both its Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit original and its Tibetan translation. (Students are required to have had at least two years of either Sanskrit or Tibetan - it will not be necessary to do both.) Those wishing to take the course for Sanskrit credit should enroll in SALC.
Instructor(s): Matthew Kapstein Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Students must have had two years of Tibetan OR Sanskrit.
Note(s): This course is open to undergraduates ONLY by petition.
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 52402, TBTN 47902

SALC 48317. Readings in Madhyamaka. 100 Units.
This course will involve close philosophical attention to a representative range of Indian Madhyamaka texts.
Instructor(s): Dan Arnold Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Some Tibetan or Sanskrit is expected. Exceptions with consent of the instructor.
Equivalent Course(s): DVPR 41700

SALC 48400. Second-Year Sanskrit II. 100 Units.
This sequence begins with a rapid review of grammar learned in the introductory course, followed by readings from a variety of Sanskrit texts. The goals are to consolidate grammatical knowledge, expand vocabulary, and gain confidence in reading different styles of Sanskrit independently. The winter quarter will be a reading of the Mahābhārata.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): SANS 20100 or consent of instructor
Equivalent Course(s): SANS 20200, HREL 36000

SALC 48403. Text and World in Medieval India. 100 Units.
SALC 48405. The Theory and Practice of Indic Textual Criticism. 100 Units.
This course will serve as an introduction to the methods of textual criticism, the practice of editorial philology, and the bibliographical nature of the critical edition as they are applicable to premodern South Asia, especially to works in Sanskrit, although other linguistic and textual cultures will also be considered. The titular difference between ‘theory’ and ‘practice’ is not meant as a cliché, and the two weekly sessions will be organized along distinct lines. In the first meeting, we will read, discuss, and present works that variously introduce, discuss, critique, and exemplify these sorts of textual practices. We will begin with some orientating works on philology more generally (e.g. the guidebooks of Paul Maas and Martin West; Housman’s polemical essays; Timpanaro’s study of Lachmann; Turner’s recent popular history) and proceed to move into more South Asia specific materials from there, including classics (Sukthankar, Katre, M.R. Kavi) as well as contemporary discussions (Pollock, Alam, Kinra, Phillips-Rodriguez). Big questions will include: in what ways are the methods developed for the classical Mediterranean and European worlds applicable to other textual cultures? In what ways does this constitute a specifically ‘scientific’ (i.e. transparent, falsifiable) practice of knowledge? What can be said of the institutional motivations for the production of critical editions, in India or elsewhere?
Instructor(s): Whitney Cox Terms Offered: Autumn

SALC 48501. Readings in Tibetan Buddhist Texts. 100 Units.
Readings in selected Buddhist doctrinal writings in Tibetan.
Instructor(s): Matthew Kapstein Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Open to students reading Tibetan at an advanced level.
Equivalent Course(s): DVPR 48910, HREL 48910

SALC 48603. Talking Birds and Cunning Jackals: A Survey of Indo-Persian Prose. 100 Units.
South Asia was a major source of narrative matter for the development of literary prose in the Islamicate world. For instance, literary prose in Arabic, but also in Persian (and Castilian) were fashioned through successive renderings of the Sanskrit Pāñcatantra. Later, in the post-Timurid period, South Asian Persianate literati, and munshis in particular, contributed to elevate the status of Persian prose to that of poetry. This course offers a survey of a variety of Indo-Persian prose texts such as tales, premodern translations of Indian romances and epics (Mahābhārata, Rāmāyaṇa, Panḍatantra, Mādhavānala Kāmakandāla, etc ...), letters, anecdotes from chronicles, tadhkira literature, autobiographical writings, treatises, and encyclopedic works. The readings are organized thematically and by degree of stylistic elaboration. We will first read plain prose texts that will introduce the students to key elements of the Persianate understanding of Indic culture. In this first section of the course, we will mostly read narrative texts (chronicles, translations of Sanskrit and Hindavi works, and dāstāns). We will then turn to epistolography, biographies, and autobiographical writings. Finally, we will read technical and non-technical texts dealing with various aspects of Indo-Persian courtly culture and aesthetics (philosophy, mysticism, grammar, poetry, or musicology). Each text will be introduced and framed by discussions on relevant secondary literature in English and Persian.
Instructor(s): T. D’Hubert Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Intermediate level of Persian
Equivalent Course(s): PERS 48693, NEHC 48603
SALC 49006. Yogacara. 100 Units.
This seminar, which presupposes a basic knowledge of Indian and/or Tibetan Buddhist philosophy, will consider
some of the foundational texts of the Yogacara tradition of thought, with particular reference to the works of
Vasubandhu. In addition to close readings of assorted primary sources, we will consider contemporary scholarly
debates regarding the interpretation of Yogacara (e.g., concerning the question whether this is aptly characterized
as an “idealist” school of thought).
Instructor(s): Dan Arnold Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Some knowledge of Sanskrit or Tibetan is preferred.
Equivalent Course(s): DVPR 51700

SALC 49301. Asceticism and Civilization. 100 Units.
This course examines the phenomenon of asceticism (it is better to use the Greek word askēsis) - a disciplined
life-style (usually) involving celibacy, lack of individual wealth, obedience to a rule, etc.- in relation to human
civilization. How is it that this way of life, which in many ways challenges basic elements of normal social
existence, is nonetheless often accorded a central civilizational position and value? In addition to works of
theory, material on both men and women ascetics will be investigated, in the Hindu and Jain traditions in India,
Buddhism in Southeast Asia, Taiwan, and Japan, Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy, and Christianity and
Catharism in Europe.
Instructor(s): S. Collins Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 49301

SALC 49630. Madhyamaka in India and China. 100 Units.
This seminar will consider exemplary texts from the Madhyamaka school(s) of Buddhist philosophy, particularly
focusing on notable points of divergence and/or concord between the Indian schools with which the tradition
originated, and the various Chinese schools that reflect China’s distinctive appropriation of the tradition.
Instructor(s): Brook Ziporyn and Dan Arnold Terms Offered: Spring
Note(s): This course is open to undergrads ONLY by Petition.
Equivalent Course(s): DVPR 49630, EALC 49630

SALC 49900. Thesis Research. 100 Units.
Instructor(s): Student chooses instructor Terms Offered: Autumn, Winter, Spring
Note(s): Requires consent of instructor

SALC 50204. Destruction of Images, Books & Artifacts in Europe and S. Asia. 100 Units.
The course offers a comparative perspective on European and South Asian iconoclasm. In the European tradition,
iconoclasm was predominantly aimed at images, whereas in South Asian traditions it was also enacted upon
books and buildings. The combination of these traditions will allow us to extend the usual understanding of
iconoclasm as the destruction of images to a broader phenomenon of destruction of cultural artifacts and help
question the theories of image as they have been independently developed in Europe and South Asia, and
occasionally in conversation with one another. We will ask how and why, in the context of particular political
imaginaries and material cultures, were certain objects singled out for iconoclasm? Also, who was considered
to be entitled or authorized to commit their destruction? Through a choice of concrete examples of iconoclasm,
we will query how religious and political motivations are defined, redefined, and intertwined in each particular
case. We will approach the iconoclastic events in Europe and South Asia through the lenses of philology, history,
and material culture. Class discussions will incorporate not only textual materials, but also the close collaborative
study of images, objects, and film. Case studies will make use of objects in the Art Institute of Chicago and
Special Collections at the University Library.
Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 50204, RLVC 50204, HREL 50204, CDIN 50204, SCTH 50204, ARTH 40204

SALC 60100. Teaching South Asia. 100 Units.
Teaching South Asia will be a Workshop open to students in their second year of their graduate program or
above, who are now or who expect to be teaching any kinds of course in the area(s) of South Asian Studies in the
future. It is intended for all students in the University, and will not have a specific Humanities focus. In the past
we have discussed actual or draft syllabuses, students have given trial lectures, conference or job talks, we have
run mock job interviews, etc. What happens this year will depend on what students want. Students who have
attended the workshop before will be allowed to take it again.
Instructor(s): S. Collins Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Second year as a graduate student or beyond.

SALC 61805. Colloquium: South Asian Political Thought-A Genealogy. 100 Units.
This course will look at some key texts of the colonial and postcolonial periods of South Asian history to see
how the domain of the political has been understood and debated in the subcontinent since the beginning of the
twentieth century.
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 61805

SALC 61901. Colloquium: Historical Texts of Hindu Nationalism. 100 Units.
This course will discuss and analyze some classic texts of Hindu nationalism, including those by Vivekananda,
Savarkar, Golwalkar, and others.
Instructor(s): D. Chakrabarty and J. Pitts Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 61901, PLSC 61901
SALC 70000. Advanced Study: South Asian Languages & Civilizations. 300.00 Units.
Advanced Study: South Asian Languages & Civilizations

TAMIL COURSES

TAML 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Tamil I-II-III.
On the basis of a variety of readings, such as short stories, poems, excerpts from novels or non-fiction, this course addresses those issues of modern written Tamil grammar which have not been covered during the previous two years. Readings are typically selected with a view to providing important cultural information, and they are supplemented by film clips and other media. Class content may be chosen or adapted based on particular student needs. Further work on listening and speaking proficiency is also part of the course. Based on prior consultation with instructor regarding placement, this course might be an appropriate starting point for speakers of Tamil with previous knowledge (e.g., heritage students).

TAML 30100. Third-Year Tamil I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): TAML 20300 or comparable level of language skills. Prior consent of instructor required.

TAML 30200. Third-Year Tamil II. 100 Units.
tbd
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): TAML 30100 or comparable level of language skills. Prior consent of instructor required.

TAML 30300. Third-Year Tamil III. 100 Units.
tbd
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): TAML 30200 or comparable level of language skills. Prior consent of instructor required.

TAML 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Tamil I-II-III.
This course typically includes an introduction to Classical Tamil grammar and literature, with sample readings reaching from the oldest known Tamil literature (Sangam poetry) via bhakti poems to the magnificent courtly compositions of the high and late medieval periods. Various other types of linguistic variation may also be studied, e.g. inscriptive Tamil or dialects/regional language registers. Depending on the students’ needs, an overview of Tamil literary history is also given. Native or heritage speakers of Tamil are required to have a solid knowledge of modern Tamil grammar.

TAML 40100. Fourth-Year Tamil I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): TAML 30300 or comparable level of language skills. Prior consent of instructor required.

TAML 40200. Fourth-Year Tamil II. 100 Units.
tbd
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): TAML 40100 or comparable level of language skills. Prior consent of instructor required.

TAML 40300. Fourth-Year Tamil III. 100 Units.
tbd
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): TAML 40200 or comparable level of language skills. Prior consent of instructor required.

TAML 47900-47901-47902. Rdgs: Advanced Tamil; Rdgs: Advanced Tamil II-III.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third- and fourth-year Tamil. It is typically tailored to student needs in terms of the selection of texts to be addressed and discussed. Depending on their interest, students may choose to read Tamil texts from any time period, country or genre. Prior consent of instructor is required.

TAML 47900. Rdgs: Advanced Tamil. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): TAML 40300

TAML 47901. Rdgs: Advanced Tamil II. 100 Units.
tbd
Instructor(s): S. Ebeling Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): TAML 47900

TAML 47902. Rdgs: Advanced Tamil III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): TAML 47901
TAML 47904. The Metrical Language of Tamil Poetry. 100 Units.
This will be a lecture cum workshop. It will trace the history of the prosody used in Tamil literary works from the beginning to the modern from the points of its grammar, development and the demands on it from the emergence of new genres, literary themes and audience. The workshop part will consist of doing prosodic analysis of selected literary works.
Instructor(s): E. Annamalai Terms Offered: Winter

TIBETAN COURSES

TBTN 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Tibetan I-II-III.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.

TBTN 30100. Third-Year Tibetan I. 100 Units.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 20300 or consent of instructor

TBTN 30200. Third-Year Tibetan II. 100 Units.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): K. Ngodup Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 30100 or consent of instructor

TBTN 30300. Third-Year Tibetan III. 100 Units.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 30200 or consent of instructor

TBTN 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Tibetan I-II-III.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.

TBTN 40100. Fourth-Year Tibetan I. 100 Units.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 30300 or consent of instructor

TBTN 40200. Fourth-Year Tibetan II. 100 Units.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): K. Ngodup Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 40100 or consent of instructor

TBTN 40300. Fourth-Year Tibetan III. 100 Units.
The third- and fourth-year sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction consists in guided readings, with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 40200 or consent of instructor

TBTN 47900-47901-47902. Rdgs: Advanced Tibetan I-II-III.
Readings: Advanced Tibetan is for students who have successfully completed third year and fourth year or equivalent with placement test. The sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction includes guided readings with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
TBTN 47900. Readings: Advanced Tibetan I. 100 Units.
Readings: Advanced Tibetan is for students who have successfully completed third year and fourth year or equivalent with placement test. The sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction includes guided readings with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): Staff Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 40300

TBTN 47901. Readings: Advanced Tibetan II. 100 Units.
Readings: Advanced Tibetan is for students who have successfully completed third year and fourth year or equivalent with placement test. The sequence is meant to expose students to a range of genres in Tibetan literature, including religious, historical, philosophical, scientific, and literary works. Instruction includes guided readings with continuing grammar review, practice in speaking, and application of philological methods.
Instructor(s): K. Ngodup Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): TBTN 47900

TBTN 47902. Readings: Advanced Tibetan III and Introduction to Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit. 100 Units.
Complementing the course on Buddhist Poetry in India, we will be reading a celebrated verse scripture, the Prajñā-pāramitā-ratnagūpa-sañcaya-gāthā (“Verses Gathering the Jewel-like Qualities of the Perfection of Wisdom”) in both its Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit original and its Tibetan translation. (Students are required to have had at least two years of either Sanskrit or Tibetan - it will not be necessary to do both.) Those wishing to take the course for Sanskrit credit should enroll in SALC.
Instructor(s): Matthew Kapstein Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Students must have had two years of Tibetan OR Sanskrit.
Note(s): This course is open to undergrads ONLY by petition.
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 52402, SALC 48316

URDU COURSES

URDU 30100-30200-30300. Third-Year Urdu I-II-III.
This third- and fourth-year sequence consists of courses primarily in Urdu prose, meant for students who have already mastered the grammar and control vocabulary past the basic level. The two-year cycle includes passages/selections from noted Urdu writers from the late eighteenth through the twentieth century. The sequence has two major goals. The first goal is to emphasize training in comprehension, reading, writing, philology, and discussion (in Urdu). A second goal is to encourage analysis of the widely acknowledged masters of Urdu style by locating them within the larger context of early modern and modern South Asian social and intellectual history.

URDU 30100. Third-Year Urdu I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): URDU 20300 or consent of instructor

URDU 30200. Third-Year Urdu II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): URDU 30100 or consent of instructor

URDU 30300. Third-Year Urdu III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): URDU 30200 or consent of instructor

URDU 37100. Urdu in the 21st Century. 100 Units.
This course is intended to provide continued language teaching beyond the second-year course through reading and analysis of authentic contemporary materials. It differs from the regular third-year class/sequence in that it will focus on contemporary issues and texts (both print and electronic) rather than the literary canon. Readings will be selected by students and the instructor in consultation and will include a variety of genres and subject matter – to be determined by the fields of interest/research of the students enrolled.
Instructor(s): E. Bashir Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): Second year Urdu sequence or its equivalent, and permission of the instructor.
URDU 37200. Urdu in the 21st Century-2. 100 Units.
URDU 37300. URDU in the 21st Century. 100 Units.
URDU 40100-40200-40300. Fourth-Year Urdu I-II-III.
This third- and fourth-year sequence consists of courses primarily in Urdu prose, meant for students who have already mastered the grammar and control vocabulary past the basic level. The two-year cycle includes passages/selections from noted Urdu writers from the late eighteenth through the twentieth century. The sequence has two major goals. The first goal is to emphasize training in comprehension, reading, writing, philology, and discussion (in Urdu). A second goal is to encourage analysis of the widely acknowledged masters of Urdu style by locating them within the larger context of early modern and modern South Asian social and intellectual history.

URDU 40100. Fourth-Year Urdu I. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Alam
Prerequisite(s): URDU 30300 or consent of instructor

URDU 40200. Fourth-Year Urdu II. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): URDU 40100 or consent of instructor

URDU 40300. Fourth-Year Urdu III. 100 Units.
TBD
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): URDU 40200 or consent of instructor

URDU 47900-47901-47902. Rdgs: Advanced Urdu I-II-III.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third- and fourth-year Urdu. It is typically tailored to student needs in terms of the selection of texts to be addressed and discussed. Depending on their interest, students may choose to read Urdu texts from any time period, country or genre. Prior consent of instructor is required.

URDU 47900. Readings: Advanced Urdu I. 100 Units.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third- and fourth-year Urdu. It is typically tailored to student needs in terms of the selection of texts to be addressed and discussed. Depending on their interest, students may choose to read Urdu texts from any time period, country or genre. Prior consent of instructor is required.
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): URDU 40300

URDU 47901. Readings: Advanced Urdu II. 100 Units.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third- and fourth-year Urdu. It is typically tailored to student needs in terms of the selection of texts to be addressed and discussed. Depending on their interest, students may choose to read Urdu texts from any time period, country or genre. Prior consent of instructor is required.
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): URDU 47900

URDU 47902. Readings: Advanced Urdu III. 100 Units.
This course is for students who have successfully completed third- and fourth-year Urdu. It is typically tailored to student needs in terms of the selection of texts to be addressed and discussed. Depending on their interest, students may choose to read Urdu texts from any time period, country or genre. Prior consent of instructor is required.
Instructor(s): M. Alam Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): URDU 47901