

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The South Asian Studies named option offers a multidisciplinary range of courses that explore the diverse and vibrant cultures, arts, histories, political systems, and literatures of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. Students in the South Asian option can study Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tibetan, or Urdu language; and probe the roots of Yoga; methods of Buddhist philosophy and meditation; South Asian religion and politics in the past and present of the Indian subcontinent; and medical history in South Asia.

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

This major is interdisciplinary and offers a wealth of options. Careful planning and consultation with the Asian Languages and Cultures advisor is especially important.

REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES OPTION

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

GATEWAY COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
ASIAN 100	Gateway to Asia: Special Topics	3-4

REQUIRED LANGUAGE COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete Second Year South Asian Language Courses:		
ASIALANG 233 & ASIALANG 234	Third Semester Hindi and Fourth Semester Hindi	8
ASIALANG 237 & ASIALANG 238	Third Semester Persian and Fourth Semester Persian	8
ASIALANG 235 & ASIALANG 236	Third Semester Modern Tibetan and Fourth Semester Modern Tibetan	8

ASIALANG 239 & ASIALANG 240	Third Semester Urdu and Fourth Semester Urdu	8
ASIALANG 241 & ASIALANG 242	Third Semester Sanskrit and Fourth Semester Sanskrit	8

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete 6 classes from the following course options (at least 16 credits):		
ASIAN/ART HIST 179	Passage Through India: South Asia's Global Architectural Histories	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	3
ASIAN/LITTRANS 212	Classical South Asian Literatures	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 218	Health and Healing in South Asia	3-4
ASIAN/RELIG ST 236	Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters	3
ASIAN 252	Contemporary Indian Society	3
ASIAN 268	Tibetan Cultures and Traditions	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 274	Religion in South Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 303	Jainism: Religion and Culture of Nonviolence	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 306	Hinduism	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 307	A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	3-4
ASIAN 311	Modern Indian Literatures	3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
ASIAN/ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 405	Gods and Goddesses of South Asia	3
ASIAN/ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3
ASIAN/COM ARTS 443	Indian Cinema in the U.S. and Beyond	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 460	The History of Yoga	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 463	Topics in South Asian History	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 466	Buddhist Thought	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism	3
ASIAN/ENGL 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3
ASIALANG 333	Fifth Semester Hindi	3-4
ASIALANG 334	Sixth Semester Hindi	3-4

ASIALANG 335	Fifth Semester Tibetan	4
ASIALANG 336	Sixth Semester Tibetan	4
ASIALANG 337	Fifth Semester Persian	3-4
ASIALANG 338	Sixth Semester Persian	3-4
ASIALANG 339	Fifth Semester Urdu	3-4
ASIALANG 340	Sixth Semester Urdu	3-4
ASIALANG 675	Advanced Readings in Sanskrit	3
ART HIST 305	History of Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 373	Mecca, Cairo, Istanbul, Delhi: Great Cities of Islam	3
ENGL/ASIAN 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3
ENGL/ THEATRE 577	Postcolonial Theatre: Drama, Theory and Performance in the Global South	3
HISTORY 142	History of South Asia to the Present	3-4
HISTORY/GNS 265	An Introduction to Central Asia: From the Silk Route to Afghanistan	3
HISTORY 450	Making of Modern South Asia	3-4
POLI SCI 370	Islam and Politics	3-4

CAPSTONE COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3
ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis (must be enrolled in Honors in the Major)	3
ASIAN 692	Senior Thesis (must have permission from faculty)	3
ASIAN 699	Directed Study (must have permission from faculty)	2-3

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic

advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Communication A	4 Intermediate/Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	4
South Asian Language Course	4 Science Breadth	4
ASIAN 100 (Required Introductory Course)	3 Ethnic Studies Course	3
INTER-LS 145	1 South Asian Language Course	4
South Asian Studies Elective	3	
15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Intermediate/Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	4 Science Breadth	4
Science Breadth	3 South Asian Language Course	4
South Asian Language Course	4 Communication B	3
ASIAN 252 (South Asian Studies Elective)	3 ASIAN/RELIG ST 306 (South Asian Studies Course)	3
INTER-LS 210	1 INTL ST 275	1
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Science Breadth	3 INTER-LS 215	3
Social Science Breadth	3 Elective (Intermediate/Advanced level)	4
Literature Breadth	3 South Asian Studies Elective	3
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Elective (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3 ASIAN 699 (Optional, may be required for Honors in the Major)	3
15		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
South Asian Advanced Language (optional)	3 ASIAN 682 or 692 (Optional, or may be required for Honors in the Major)	3
South Asian Studies Elective	3 Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	8

Electives (Intermediate/ Advanced level)	6 South Asian Studies Elective	3
ASIAN 681 or 691 (Optional, may be required for Honors in the Major)	3	
	15	14
Total Credits 120		