South Asian Studies (SASIAN)

S ASIAN 127 Religion in Early India 4 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Summer 2008 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2004 10 Week Session, Fall 1996
This course is an introduction to the religions that have their origin on the India subcontinent--Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, and tribal religions--as well as those that originated in other regions such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism. Organizing this material chronologically rather than teaching it by separate religious traditions facilitates comparisons and promotes an understanding not only of the differences among these religions but also some of their commonalities in philosophy, theology, and praxis.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: South Asian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

S ASIAN 148 Religious Nationalism in South Asia 4 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010
This course seeks to interrogate the highly contentious and controversial issue of Hindu and Muslim religious nationalism (otherwise known as “communalism”) in South Asia. In so doing, we will interrogate the historical trajectory and development of religious nationalism from the colonial period through to the present. We will examine issues relating to the rise of (non-religious) nationalism outside of South Asia; Hindu and Muslim relations in the pre-colonial period; colonial attempts to construct South Asia’s past along religious lines; the dialectical interplay of early Hindu and Muslim religious nationalism; the interplay between secular and religious nationalism; different intellectual attempts to articulate notions of bounded religious communities; the success of religious nationalism in contemporary South Asia; and the implications of religious nationalism for the future of South Asia.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: South Asian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Faruqui
S ASIAN C215 Readings in Indian Buddhist Texts 2 - 4 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018
This graduate seminar focuses on reading a wide spectrum of Indian Buddhist texts in the Sanskrit (or Pali) original introducing the students to different genres, and different aspects of Indian Buddhism. The students taking the course for two units (rather than four) will be expected to prepare thoroughly every week for the reading of Buddhist texts in the original. They will also be expected to read all related secondary literature that is assigned to supplement the study of the primary source material. In contrast to the students taking the course for four units, they will not be expected to write a term paper or to prepare special presentations for class.

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Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for South Asian C215/ Group in Buddhist Studies C215 after completing South Asian C215A, or South Asian C215A/Group in Buddhist Studies C215A.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: South Asian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rospatt

Formerly known as: South Asian C215A/Group in Buddhist Studies C215A

Also listed as: BUDDSTD C215

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