

# India Studies Minor

**NOTE: Administration of the India Studies Minor has been moved to the Asian and Asian American Studies Institute in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more information, contact either Betty Hanson [betty.hanson@uconn.edu](mailto:betty.hanson@uconn.edu) / (860) 486-2534 or Cathy Schlund-Vials [cathy.schlund-vials@uconn.edu](mailto:cathy.schlund-vials@uconn.edu) / (860) 486-9412.**

## Overview

India has an ancient culture and an enormous body of literature that goes back 3000 years. Today India is the world's tenth largest economy and an emerging information technology superpower. Six major religions are practiced in India and there are fifteen official languages. India is a patchwork of ethnicities. It is the second most populous country in the world and the largest democracy. India provides an excellent case study for all the global issues that confront the world today. Both traditional and contemporary aspects are covered.

## Plan of Study

Completion of a minimum of (15) fifteen credits at the 2000-level or above is required, including at least 3 courses from Group A. Any remaining credits can be completed in Group B courses, INDS courses, or any independent study that focuses on India (approved by coordinator of India Studies).

The India Studies minor requires one of the following:

1. The completion of INDS 4296 Thesis (or)
2. The completion of any thesis focusing on India and approved by the Coordinator of India Studies (or)
3. Participation in an approved, credit-bearing Study Abroad program in India (or)
4. An approved independent study which is completed in India

Also recommended are appropriate 1000-level and above courses that provide an introduction to the advanced courses, such as PHIL 1106. Students are strongly encouraged (although not required) to take an Indian language course in the Critical Languages program.

NOTE: Completion of a minor requires that a student earn a C (2.0) or better in each of the required courses for that minor. A maximum of 3 credits towards the minor may be transfer credits of courses equivalent to University of Connecticut courses. Substitutions are not possible for required courses in a minor.

## Group A: Core Courses (3 required)

\_\_\_\_\_ HIST 3812 (also AASI 3812)

Modern India

\_\_\_\_\_ POLS 3472/3472W

South Asia in World Politics

\_\_\_\_\_ SOCI 3222 (also AASI 3222)

Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change in India and the United States

\_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 3263

Oriental Philosophy and religion

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 3320

Literature and Culture of India

\_\_\_\_\_ INDS 3210

Ancient and Classical Indian literature in Translation

\_\_\_\_\_ ART 3375

Contemporary Indian Art and Popular Culture

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 4301 (when offered as South Asia topic and approved by India Studies Advisor)

**Group B: Electives**

\_\_\_\_\_ SOCI 3701/3701W

The Developing World

\_\_\_\_\_ POLS 3216/3216W

Women and Development

\_\_\_\_\_ ECON 3473/3473W

Economic Development

\_\_\_\_\_ ARE 3255

Role of Agriculture in Development

\_\_\_\_\_ ENG 2301/2301W

World Literature in English

\_\_\_\_\_ INDS 3298

Variable Topics

\_\_\_\_\_ INDS 3295

Special Topics

\_\_\_\_\_ INDS 3299

Independent Study

\_\_\_\_\_ Independent Study in another Department

\*India Studies Coordinator Approval Required

**Additional Requirement: choose one**

\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis: INDS 4296 (or)

\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis supervised in another department

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\_\_\_\_\_ Study Abroad: INDS 3293 or completion of (at least 3 credits) study abroad program in India (or)

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of an independent study in India (at least 3 credits)

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**Consent and Approvals**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature / Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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