



Department Faculty Meeting
Friday, November 12, 2021, 3:30-5:00pm
Location: Zoom, <https://washington.zoom.us/j/95752507859>

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Vote:** Approval of Minutes (October) (*standing item*; Jesty) 3:30-3:35
- III. **Update:** Brief Announcements (*standing item*; Handel) 3:35-3:45
 1. Office staffing and hours
 2. Faculty awards
 3. Nazry Bahrawi's arrival
 4. Telugu Lecturer for Winter and Spring (Uma Attota)
 5. Teaching Professor reappointment periods in the College of Arts & Sciences:
<https://admin.artsci.washington.edu/personnel/reappointments-summary-table#teaching>
- IV. **Update:** COVID situation and next quarter (Handel; Zoom poll on in-person teaching) 3:45-3:50
- V. **Update:** Korean search (Cho) 3:50-4:00
- VI. **Discussion:** South Asia Major, proposed revision (Dubrow; Appendix 3) 4:00-4:20
- VII. **Discussion:** Five-year hiring plan (Handel; Appendices 1-2 & B-F) 4:20-5:00
We will describe proposals and discuss our views; then do polling via Catalyst over the next month; approve a plan at the December meeting for submission to College on December 17.
All materials are in [this Google Drive folder](#). *Please review before the meeting if you can.*
- VIII. **Adjournment**

Appendix 3

Proposed revision to the South Asia Major

Handout for Revised South Asia Major Proposal, AL&L Faculty Meeting, Nov. 12, 2021

Background: After many years, the South Asia program proposes to revise its major. The major in South Asian Languages has not been revised for over 10 years. During that time, our faculty composition and research and teaching areas have changed. The needs and interests of potential student majors have diversified. The revised major is designed to afford the greatest possible flexibility and feasibility for our majors. It allows for a variety of tracks (studying 1 or 2 languages; taking more advanced language courses), ensuring that students receive a rigorous and extensive education in South Asian languages and cultures while giving them the flexibility to tailor their studies. The proposed revisions build on unique strengths of our program's multiple language offerings (we currently offer 4 South Asian languages within the program), and allow students to achieve both breadth and depth in their study. These revisions also bring our major requirements more in line with recent changes to the other department majors.

Text of the Revised Major:

The South Asian Languages and Literatures major has a requirement of **65 credits**.

I. Language

40 credits, consisting of 30 credits of 1 language + 10 additional credits of the same language or a second South Asian language. These credits may be filled with any level of South Asian language. For example, a student may fulfill this requirement with 40 credits of Hindi courses, or 30 credits of Hindi + 10 credits of a second South Asian language offered in the department (Urdu, Sanskrit, Bengali, etc.). Graduate (500 level and above)-level language courses in the program can also count toward this requirement.

HINDI 101, 102, 103 Elementary Hindi
HINDI 201, 202, 203 Intermediate Hindi
HINDI 311, 313, 315 Advanced Hindi
HINDI 411, 413, 415 Advanced Hindi

URDU 101, 102, 103 Elementary Urdu
URDU 201, 202, 203 Intermediate Urdu
URDU 311, 313, 315, 317 Advanced Urdu
URDU 411, 413, 415, 417 Advanced Urdu

SNKRT 101, 102, 103 Elementary Sanskrit
SNKRT 201, 202, 203 Intermediate Sanskrit
SNKRT 311, 312, 313 Advanced Sanskrit

BENG 101, 102, 103 Elementary Bengali
BENG 201, 202, 203 Intermediate Bengali
BENG 301, 302, 303 Advanced Bengali

II. Introductory South Asian Literature

5 credits: must be from 200-level S ASIA courses, or ASIAN courses with significant content related to South Asia, including:

S ASIA 203 Love and War in Classical Indian Literature
S ASIA 206 Modern South Asian Literature
S ASIA 207 Fairies, Genies, and Monsters: The Romance in India
S ASIA 225 Indian Philosophical Literature
ASIAN 210 Asian War Epics: Working through Many *Mahabharatas*
ASIAN 223 Buddhist Literature

III. Area-Related Humanities & Social Sciences Courses, and/or Advanced South Asian Language Courses

20 credits. Suggested courses include:

S ASIA 316 Postcolonial Literature of South Asia
ASIAN 494 Ramayana in Comparative Perspective
ANTH 352A Buddhism and Society: The Theravada Buddhist Tradition in South and Southeast Asia
RELIG 120 Yoga Past and Present
RELIG 352A Hinduism
RELIG 456 Gender and the Hindu Goddess
JSIS A 202 Introduction to South Asian History, 1500-Present
JSIS C 202 Introduction to World Religions: Eastern Traditions
JSIS 203 Rise of Asia
JSIS A 206 Contemporary India and Pakistan
JSIS 210/NEAR E 230A Islamic Civilization
JSIS 316/ANTH 316 Modern South Asia

JSIS A 340 Government and Politics of South Asia
JSIS C 354 Buddhism
JSIS 406 Political Islam
JSIS A 417 Political Economy of India
CMS 320 South Asian Cinemas
HSTAS 202 Introduction to Modern South Asia
HSTAS 403 History of Modern India to 1900
HSTAS 404 History of Twentieth-Century India

All S ASIA courses in the department count for this requirement. Consult the South Asia Center's list of courses for other courses that could potentially count for the major. All 300-level and above South Asian language courses also count for this requirement.