SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

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The interdepartmental minor in South Asian Studies focuses on developing an understanding of the diverse but related historical and cultural traditions of South Asia (a region that is comprised primarily of, but not necessarily limited to, the nations of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Myanmar), both in their "home" locations and in their global and diasporic situations. The South Asian Studies minor recognizes the diversity of cultural and national traditions that exist across this region, but at the same time helps foster an understanding of the common cultural and historical concerns that make "South Asia" a coherent focus of study. Given the complexity of histories and traditions in this region of the world, the minor requires multidisciplinary study, and the integration of off-campus study in a South Asian country as part of the curriculum.

Minor in South Asian Studies

Consists of six courses:

- Six elective South Asian Studies courses from at least two departments

Special Notes

- **Off-campus Study:** The minor in South Asian Studies requires the completion of an approved off-campus study program in a South Asian country. Acceptable programs can be either Wooster-endorsed semester-long programs in a South Asian country (e.g., India or Nepal), or South Asia-focused "Wooster In" programs led by Wooster faculty members (e.g., *Exploring India at Home and Abroad Through the Arts*; *Global Social Entrepreneurship*, focused on India).
- A maximum of three courses completed for transfer credit during an approved off-campus study program in South Asia may, with the South Asian Studies curriculum committee's approval, be counted toward completion of the minor.
- College of Wooster courses not listed below (e.g., new interdepartmental or special topics courses) may also be approved for the minor, if such courses are focused on South Asia. For example, in 2009-2010, the following courses were offered: *Global Social Entrepreneurship Seminar/Internship* (IDPT 40600, 40700), which was focused on India; *History of Indian Politics Since 1948* (IDPT 19902). Though not listed below as part of the regular course offerings, each of these could be applied to the minor.
- Only grades of C- or better are accepted for the minor.

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 23000. EAST/WEST COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY *[W†, C, AH]*
PHIL 23100. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY AND ITS ROOTS *[W†, C, AH]*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELS 21800. HINDUISM *[C, R, AH]*
RELS 22000. BUDDHISM *[C, R, AH]*
RELS 22200. ISLAM *[C, R, AH]*

RELS 23000. THE LIFE AND THOUGHT OF MAHATMA GANDHI *[W, C, R]*

RELS 26700-26722. TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND HISTORIES (approved when topic is South Asia-related) *[R]*

RELS 26900-26929. TOPICS IN THEORIES AND ISSUES IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION (approved when topic is South Asia-related) *[R]*

THEATRE AND DANCE

THTD 24300. EXPLORING INDIA AT HOME AND ABROAD THROUGH THE ARTS *[C, AH]*