

October 1, 2023

Dear Vice Provost Smith,

The Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures (NESA) is proposing to make these changes to the South Asia Studies Minor:

- 1) The South Asia Studies Minor currently requires 15 credit hours. We would like to reduce this to 12 credit hours. This reduction will put us in line with our peers: Asian American Studies, Classical Humanities, History, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies all of which have minor programs consisting of 12 credit hours.
- 2) We would like to add new courses developed for the GEN to the minor sheet. When this minor was proposed, the prefix SASIA (South Asia) did not exist and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (department name till 2022) had one South Asia specific class.
- 3) We would like to remove the requirement that students take at least one course out of the Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures. We are requesting this change because at the time this minor was proposed, we did not have enough courses to offer students within the department. We also did not have a faculty member in South Asia Studies.
- 4) We would like to remove several classes from the minor program that are offered irregularly or not offered at all.

Included is the current minor program form with the requested changes made in tracked changes in margins and a clean version of the South Asia minor program without track changes. We would like to implement the proposed changes in Spring 2024. We hope that current students in the minor would be grandfathered into the new program requirements at the time of implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ila Nagar
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Required Course: (3 Credit Hours)

NELC 2220 or Comp Stds Introduction to South Asia

Courses: (Complete 12 credit hours, including at least 6 hours at the 3000-level or above)

History 2390 Ancient India (3)
History 2391 Islamic India (3)
History 2392 Colonial India (3)
History 2393 Contemporary India and South Asia (3)
History 3365 History of Afghanistan (3)
History 4390 Readings in South Asian History (3)
History 4395 Research Seminar in South Asian History (3)
History of Art 2003 The Art and Visual Culture of East Asia (3)
History of Art 5711 Art of India I (3)
History of Art 5712 Art of India II (3)
History of Art 5724 The Buddhist Art of Gandhara and Kashmir (3)
NELC or Comp Stds 3620 Everyday Life in South Asia (3)
NELC 5241 Interdisciplinary Approaches to South Asian Studies (3)
Rel Stds 2370 Introduction to Comparative Religion (3)
Rel Stds 3671 Religions of India (3)
Rel Stds 3673 The Buddhist Tradition (3)
Political Science 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia (3)
Sanskrit 5902 Elementary Sanskrit (3)
Sanskrit 5903 Intermediate Sanskrit (1-3)
Sanskrit 5904 Vedic Sanskrit (1-3)

Special Topics Courses:

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Comp Stds 2105 Literature and Ethnicity (3)
Comp Stds 2321 Intro to Asian American Studies (3)
Comp Stds or Int Stds 3661 The City and Culture (3)
Comp Stds 5691 Topics in Comp Studies (3)

English 4564.04 Major Author in 20th-Century Literature in English (3)
English 4581 Special Topics in U.S. Ethnic Literatures (3)
English 4583 Special Topics in World Literature in English (3)
English 4587 or Comp Stds 4803 Studies in Asian American Literature and Culture (3)
Philosophy 2120 Asian Philosophies (3)
Rel Stds 2102.01 Literature and Religion (3)
WGSST 2296H Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (3)

South Asia Studies minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the minimum. At least 6 credit hours must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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<p>Courses: (Complete <u>9</u> credit hours) <u>NELC or SASIA 3025 Citizenship and Diaspora: Living in between Countries and Cultures (4)</u> <u>SASIA 2230 Living Everyday Lives: Systems of Discrimination in the United States and South Asia (3)</u> <u>SASIA 3625 Understanding Bollywood, Knowing India (3)</u> <u>SASIA 3630S South Asian Identities in the United States: Assimilation and Enculturation (3)</u> <u>SASIA 5241 Interdisciplinary Approaches to South Asian Studies</u> <u>RELSTDS 2370(H) Introduction to Comparative Religion (3)</u> <u>RELSTDS or SASIA 3671 Religions of India (3)</u> <u>RELSTDS 3673 or EALL 3223 The Buddhist Tradition (3)</u> <u>HISTORY 2392 Colonial India (3)</u> <u>HISTORY 2393 Contemporary India and South Asia (3)</u> <u>History 2675 The Indian Ocean Communities and Commodities in Motion (3)</u> <u>HISTORY 3365 History of Afghanistan (3)</u> <u>PHILOS 2120 Asian Philosophy (3)</u> <u>SANSKRIT 5902 Elementary Sanskrit (3)</u> <u>SANSKRIT 5903 Intermediate Sanskrit (1-3)</u></p>	<p>X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.</p> <p>Approval required The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.</p> <p>Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school <u>advisor</u>.</p> <p>Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.</p>
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