

SYLLABUS

History of Modern India
History 291
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will introduce students to some of the main themes of modern India. Emphasis will be placed on political developments, but attention will be paid to religious, social, and economic matters. Major topics to be covered include: Mughal Empire; British conquest and rule; 1857 Mutiny; emergence and evolution of Indian nationalism; Hindu and Muslim revival; Gandhi; Jinnah and Muslim League; Nehru; Partition; and post-independence India and Pakistan. It is intended that students will leave the class with a solid grasp of the major political, religious, and social developments that have shaped modern South Asia.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be expected to attend lectures regularly and to participate fully in class discussions. They must complete all assigned readings on time, and to be prepared to discuss the readings at those sessions. Group discussion of the assigned readings is an important part of the learning process in this course; hence class participation will be graded and those unable or unwilling to participate in class discussions in an informed and active manner may submit summaries of the assigned readings, which will help compensate for poor performance in group discussions. There will be two examinations, each largely essay in nature. There will also be a research paper (8-12 pages, minimum of four sources) due near the end of the semester. Late research papers will be automatically reduced by one letter grade. Final grades will be determined as follows: mid-term examination - 25%; final examination - 25%; research paper - 25%; class participation/written summaries - 25%.

BOOKS TO PURCHASE

J. Richards, The Mughal Empire
C. A. Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire
S. Wolpert, A New History of India, 3rd ed.
S. Hay, ed., Sources of Indian Tradition, 2nd ed. (vol. II)
J. S. Hawley, ed., Sati
L. Rudolph and S. Rudolph, Gandhi: The Traditional Roots of Charisma
S. Gopal, ed., Nehru: An Anthology
M. J. Akbar, India: The Siege Within

COURSE OUTLINE

Week I: Introduction and Origins of Mughal Empire

January 13 Introduction
January 15 Muslim Conquests and Indian Resistance

Week II: Golden Age of the Mughals

January 18 M. L. King, Jr. Holiday
January 20 Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan
January 22 **Discussion:** (Richards, pp. 19-25, 29-93, 96-107, 121-27, 138-50)

Week III: Aurangzeb's India

January 25 Aurangzeb
January 27 Sikh and Rajput resistance
January 29 **Discussion:** (Richards, pp. 171-204, 250-52; Akbar, pp. 96-117)

Week IV: Deccan Wars and Mughal Decline

February 1 Marathas and Deccan Wars
February 3 Mughal Decline (Wolpert, Chpt. 12)
February 5 **Discussion** (Richards, pp. 205-24, 242-46, 253-97; Shivaji handout)

Week V: Eighteenth Century Political Crisis and Origins of British Rule

February 8 Indian crisis and European penetration (Wolpert, Chpt. 10)
February 10 Origins of British Raj (Wolpert, Chpt. 13)
February 12 **Discussion** (Bayly, Chpts. 1-3; Hay, pp. 3-35)

Week VI: Expansion, Revolt and Aftermath

February 15 British expansion and 1857 revolt (Wolpert, Chpts. 14-15)
February 17 1857 and aftermath of revolt (Wolpert, Chpt. 16)
February 19 **Discussion** (Bayly, Chpts. 4-6, Conclusion; Hawley, pp. 3-6, 11-15, 27-53, 72-78)

Week VII: Emergence of Indian Nationalism

February 22 Origins of Nationalism (Wolpert, Chpts. 17-18)
February 24 Religious Revival
February 26 **Discussion** (Hay, Chpts. 2-3; Meera Kosambi, "The Meeting of

Week VIII: Nationalism Turns Radical

March 1 Extremists (Wolpert, Chpt. 19; Hay, Chpt. 4)
March 3 Mid-Term Examination
March 5 Indian Food (lunch at India Palace Restaurant)
SPRING BREAK MARCH 8-12

Week IX: Emergence of Gandhi

March 15 Gandhi in South Africa
March 17 Gandhi and Non-cooperation
March 19 **Discussion** (Hay, Chpt. 6; Rudolphs [all])

Week X: Rise of Muslim Nationalism

March 22 Origins of Muslim Political Identity
March 24 Jinnah and the Muslim League
March 26 **Discussion** (Hay, Chpts. 5, 7 [pp. 289-295])

Week XI: World War II and End of Empire

March 29 1930s (Wolpert, Chpt. 21)
March 31 End of Empire (Wolpert, Chpt. 22)
April 2 Easter recess

Week XII: Independent India

April 5 Nehru's India: I
April 7 Nehru's India: II (Wolpert, Chpt. 23)
April 9 **Discussion**: (Gopal, Parts 1, 5, 7-9; Akbar, Part I, Chpt. 6-

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Week XIII: Independent Pakistan

April 12 Pakistan: I
April 14 Pakistan: II
April 16 **Discussion** (Hay, Chpt. 9; Akbar, Part I, Chpt. 2-5)

Week XIV: Indira Gandhi's India

April 19 Kashmir
April 21 Indira Gandhi
April 23 **Discussion**: (Akbar, Part II, Chpt. 1, 5-12)

RESEARCH PAPERS DUE APRIL 19

Week XV: Contemporary Problems and Issues

April 26 Religion and Politics (**Discussion**: Akbar, pp. 291-316)
April 28 **Discussion** (Hawley, Chpts. 3-4, 5 [pp. 159-72])
April 30 Review