SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

for the Interdisciplinary Minor in South Asian Studies

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The Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (http://www.csames.illinois.edu/) offers an Interdisciplinary Minor in South Asian Studies. The minor is especially suited for students interested in a program of studies with focus on South Asia, as a complement to their disciplinary study. The structure of the minor provides students a great amount of flexibility; possible areas of emphasis include language and literature, as well as history and social sciences.A minimum grade-point average of 2.75 in South Asian Studies courses is required for completion of the minor. The 18-20 hours of courses selected by students for the South Asian Studies Minor should form a coherent program of study and must meet the approval of an advisor in the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. The program must include at least 6 hours of 300- or 400-level courses. A student’s plan of courses for the minor must be approved by the program.

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1 Other area-relevant courses may be substituted as they are offered, with approval of the advisor. These include courses in languages other than Hindi and independent study courses with South Asia teaching faculty and with appropriate topics, such as the following ANTH 390, HIST 490, LING 290, PS 490, REL 390, SOC 390. Students wanting to take such independent study courses need to get permission from the instructor; not more than two independent study courses may be taken to meet the degree requirements.

For a list of approved courses, visit CSAMES Course Archive (http://www.csames.illinois.edu/program/courses/archive/all/).