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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Fourth-semester course work in an area-relevant language. A course that meets this requirement and is currently offered on a regular basis is HNDI 404 (5 hours). The requirement may also be met by comparable courses in these and other South Asian and South Asia-related languages, taught at UIUC or at other universities, through online courses (where available), and through a proficiency examination.
HIST/ANTH 130 History of South Asia | | 3

Courses on South Asian history, language, literature, culture, and society from the following list: ¹

- ANTH 499 Topics in Anthropology (appropriate sections)
- ASST 398 Colloquium in Asian Studies (appropriate sections)
- CWL 189 Literatures of the Islamic World (appropriate sections)
- or CWL 190 Lit of Asia & Africa II
- ECON 450 Development Economics (appropriate sections)
- HNDI 405 Advanced Hindi I
- & HNDI 406 and Advanced Hindi II
- HNDI 408 Intro to South Asian Lit
- HIST 430 India from Colony to Nation
- LA/ASST 218 S Asian Cultural Landscapes
- PS/ASST 346 Gov & Pol of South Asia
- REL 104 Asian Mythology
- REL 213

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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/).