

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Title:** History of South Asia

**Course Number:** ASIA 220

**Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 13 (Fall, Spring)  
12 (Summer)      **Total Hours:** 39

**Course Level:**     First Year       Second Year  
 New                       Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Humanities    **Department Head:** P. Best

**Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** Minimum of 3 social science and/or arts courses

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** None

**Precluded Courses:** No precluded courses

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course deals with the history of South Asia from the beginning of the Moghul Empire to modern days. The course intends to emphasize the development of South Asian culture and political economy considering the regions imperial and colonial history. In this course, we will explore some of the key characters in the Moghul empire and their connections with other countries. In addition, we will also study the influence of the East India Company in India’s politics and British rule in India, including colonialism, resistance, and the post-colonial policies.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, you will be able to:

- recognize the major events in the history of early South Asia to present
- explain the significance of the major events that occurred in the history of early South Asia to the present
- discuss the political and economic development of India as a nation relating the past to the present
- evaluate the role of major themes like imperialism, colonialism, and decolonization in South Asia
- asses the major historical themes through argumentative essays on various topics in South Asia
- establish a unique thesis related to course content in a final student project
- use primary and secondary sources to support students’ unique thesis

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Grading as applicable according to UT transfer courses at Coquitlam College

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	90 minutes each
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39 hours</b>

**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments:	Lab Work: %	Participation: 5% Participation based on active engagement during class time.	Project: 20% Students will develop an essay based on themes discussed in the course. They will be required to incorporate a discussion of the required readings, other appropriate academic sources, and examples that fit the topic that the students have selected.
Quizzes/Test: 30% Students will complete three quizzes throughout the semester worth 10% each.	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 25%	Other:

**TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS**

Required text:

Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal. *Modern Southeast Asia; History, Culture, Political economy.* (Routledge: 2004.)

Required articles:

G.J. Bryant, "Indigenous Mercenaries at the service of European Imperialists: The case of the Sepoys in the Early British Indian army, 1750-1800" *War in History*, Vol 7, N1 (January 2000) 1-28.

Lisa N. Trivedi, "Visually Mapping the Nation: Swadeshi Politics in Nationalist India, 1920-1930" *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol 62, N1 (February 2003) 11-41.

**COURSE TOPICS**

List topics and sequence covered.

Week 1: Introduction to the course; Syllabus; pre-modern India

Week 2: Mughal India and its collapse

Week 3: Transition to Colonial rule: resistance and collaboration (Quiz 1)

Week 4: British Colonialism

Week 5: 1857 The Sepoys rebellion

Week 6: India between 1858 and 1914 (Midterm Exam 1)

Week 7: The end of Colonialism after 1919

Week 8: Gandhi and nationalism in the 1920s (Quiz 2)

Week 9: The 1930s and Jawaharlal Nehru

Week 10: World War II, Nationalism and Colonialism (Midterm Exam 2)

Week 11: The Partition of India and creation of Pakistan (Paper or presentation due)

Week 12: 1947 Decolonization (Bonus Quiz)

Week 13: Post colonial Southeast Asia to the year 2000. (Final Exam)

### NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

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