
Indic Studies Minor

Indic Studies Committee

The Indic Studies Minor is designed for students who are interested in learning languages, civilization, science, art, culture, traditions, and philosophy—as originated and practiced in the Indian Sub-Continent—and many other contemporary subjects from Gandhi to Indian democracy. This program encompasses and seeks to integrate knowledge from a wide range of subject areas and uses a multi-disciplinary approach. Students will learn in a multi-faceted way, in classroom, seminar, and experiential settings.

The goals of the Indic Studies Minor are:

- to disseminate understanding of issues relating to Indian arts, philosophy, culture, societal values, customs, etc.;
- to promote international harmony through the mix of ancient and modern values; promote awareness among Americans and world at large on contemporary India and its demographic diversity in the 21st century.

The academic minor is enhanced by the existence of the Center for Indic Studies. It shares, in general, the goals of the Center: to highlight India's time-tested eternal values for world's progress, peace, and harmony; and to cultivate the relevance of ancient Indic human values through scholarly understanding and academic pursuit.

Bal-Ram Singh (program director)

Chemistry

Sankha Bhowmick Mechanical Engineering

Avijit Gangopadhyay Physics and Marine Science and Technology

Angappa Asare Gunasekaran Management

Krishan Gupta Accounting and Finance

Madhusudan Jhaveri Civil and Environmental Engineering

Trib Puri Accounting and Finance

Tridib Kumar Roy Mechanical Engineering

Sukalyan Sengupta Civil and Environmental Engineering

K Srinagesh Mechanical Engineering

Amit Tandon Physics and Marine Science and Technology

Requirements

The Minor in Indic Studies requires a minimum of 18 credits, of which 12 are core courses and 6 are electives.

Required Core Courses

	credits
IST 111 Science of Kriyayoga	3
IST 121 Introduction to Hindi	3
IST 151 Indian Civilization	3
IST 444 Topic in Indic Studies	3

Approved Electives

HST 180 Asian Civilization I	3
HST 380 Asian Civilization II	3
MUS 103 Intro. to World Music	3
PSC 161 Intro. to International Relations	3

Additional elective courses are under development and will be announced when approved.

Admission to the Minor

The general criteria for admission to academic minor programs apply to the minor in Indic Studies. Contact the Program Director for assistance in signing up for this minor.

Indic Studies Courses

IST 111 three credits

Science of Kriyayoga

Introduction to the scientific nature of Kriyayoga, a concept of yoga encompassing actions and increasingly used to the advantage of human health. In addition, topics of integrated modern science related to human life and action will be covered at the fundamental level. The course will introduce basic Kriyayoga techniques to be practiced at the individual or group level.

IST 121 three credits

Introduction to Hindi

Introduction to the Hindi language. The course will introduce Devanagari (Hindi) script and help build skills in speaking, reading, and writing in Hindi at an elementary level, emphasizing development of communication skill. Students will learn common vocabulary and some grammar and gain the ability to form simple sentences. This course does not count towards the UMass Dartmouth bachelor's degree language requirement.

IST 151 three credits

Indian Civilization

Introductory historical survey of the Indian subcontinent. The course deals with broad themes that relate to the history of India rather than taking a chronological approach.

IST 298 variable credits

Experiential Learning

Prerequisites: At least sophomore standing; permission of the instructor, department chairperson, and college dean
Work experience at an elective level supervised for academic credit by a faculty member in an appropriate academic field. Conditions and hours to be arranged. Graded CR/NC. For specific procedures and regulations, see selection of catalogue on Other Learning Experiences.

IST 444 three credits

Topic in Indic Studies

Advanced topic related to Indic philosophy, art, culture, science, religion, music, history, and/or culture and traditions. Topics that may be offered include Epics of India, Women of India, Vedic Astrology, Gita, Social Customs, religions of India, Mahatma Gandhi and nonviolence. The goal of each course will be to introduce special topics and discuss their relevance to the modern global society. May be repeated with change of content.

IST 495 three credits

Independent Study

Prerequisites: Upper-division standing; permission of instructor, department chairperson, and college dean
Study under the supervision of a faculty member in an area not otherwise part of the discipline's course offerings, interdisciplinary seminar or other integrating topic. Conditions and hours to be arranged.

IST 196, 296, 396, 496 three credits each

Directed Study

Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, department chairperson, and college dean
Study under the supervision of a faculty member in an area covered in a regular course not currently being offered. Conditions and hours to be arranged.