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Intermediate Hindi I Fall 2016

Course information and office hours:

- 5 credits
- LSH 291
- Fulfills the General Education language requirement
- Room no : Social Science 340 M-F : 10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
- Taught by Miss Surbhi Jain
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- Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (Monday and Thursday)

There will also be a two-hour conversation session every week, attendance at which is voluntary but encouraged.

Textbook (required):

- **Rupert Snell and Simon Weightman, *Complete Hindi with two Audio CDs* (McGraw-Hill, 2011).** ISBN-13: 978-0071766081 ISBN-10: 0071766081

Introduction and Course Objectives:

Intermediate Hindi is designed for people who have an elementary knowledge of the language or who have taken Elementary Hindi 1 and 2 last year. This course will help them to build further speaking, reading and writing skills.

South & South-East Asian Studies (housed in Liberal Studies) offers various courses on

India, including Introduction to India, Hinduism, Gandhi, Love in Bombay Cinema, and The Bhagavad Gita. These courses are taught in English and have no prerequisites or language requirement. Our SSEAS minor consists of 18 credits, and can be combined with any major. Please contact Jana O'Connor (jana.oconnor@umontana.edu) for further information.

There are opportunities to continue your study of Hindi in India, in New Delhi, Varanasi, Jaipur and Landour. Most programs will admit you at any stage of your learning experience and most offer summer and short-term courses as well as their regular year-long programs.

Goals:

We will continue to learn Modern Standard Hindi (Khari Boli), written in the Devanagari script. This is a five-credit course, with five fifty-minute classes per week. You are also required to spend time listening to and working with the CDs which are part of the textbook.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will develop intermediate proficiency in speaking and understanding Hindi, will deepen their familiarity with the alphabet and script, and will make further progress with reading and writing the language.

By the end of the semester students will be able to carry on longer conversations related to daily life and some ideas. They will also be able to write a short essay.

Students will be introduced to more elements of traditional and contemporary Indian society through the language. This will be done informally and will not be part of the evaluation process.

Requirements:

Students are required to

1. Attend all classes. Anyone absent eight times (including excused absences) will receive a failing grade for the course. More than three unexcused absences will affect your grade negatively. Unexcused late arrivals will be counted as absences. Except in cases of emergency, please inform me in advance if you have to miss a class, or come late or leave early
2. Bring the textbook to class.
3. Take all tests and the mid-term and final exam. Tests are held at the end of each textbook lesson and all test scores except your lowest one count toward your final grade. Each test covers not only the most recent lesson but earlier material as well. There will be a final examination. Note that the final exam is on the entire

semester's work. **Makeups** are not permitted unless you have a note from Student Health Services or your physician; to protect your privacy, the note does not have to state the nature of your illness.

4. Complete all assigned **homework** and give it to your instructor by the specified deadline. Late work is only accepted in special circumstances and when permission has been granted in advance.

Oral work:

Spend at least two hours a week on working with the CDs

Grades:

- Grades will be calculated in the following manner:
- Tests 20%
- Class attendance 20% Class Participation 10%
- Homework 25%
- Mid-term 10% Final 15%
- Extra Credit
- You can earn up to 3 points extra credit by attendance at the conversation sessions.

Further Important Information:

1. If you are a student with a disability and wish to be granted reasonable accommodations for this course, please contact your instructor privately within the first two weeks of the semester, in order to discuss the specific accommodations you request. Please provide a letter from Disability Services (located in Lommasson 154) verifying your disability. For more information visit the DSS website at www.umt.edu/dss
2. University regulations strictly forbid giving exams prior to finals week, and no early exams will be given under any circumstances. Please remember this when making travel plans.
3. You need to select the traditional grading option (a letter grade), not Credit/No Credit if you are planning to have this course count toward fulfillment of General Education requirements.
4. Plagiarism of any kind is strictly forbidden by university regulations and may result in penalties outlined in the student conduct code.
5. The best way to communicate with me is by email. Please check your university email every day as I may send you important changes or updates by email. I am not allowed to write to you at any other email address apart from your university email address.

Class Schedule:

This schedule is tentative. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with any changes and to obtain any hand-outs given in class in her/his absence.

We start by revising the last two chapters studied in Elementary Hindi Part 2 last year, and by reviewing the alphabet and elementary skills. We then begin the individual numbered lessons in the textbook (see below), covering each lesson in roughly a week and a half to two weeks, including one or two tests on each lesson.

1. Week of Monday, August 29:

- Review of Lessons 11 and 12 that were covered in Elementary Hindi II.

2. Week of Monday, September 5: (Monday is Labor Day, no class)

- Continued review
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3. Week of Monday, September 12:

- Begin Lesson 13 .
- Test Friday.

4. Week of Monday, September 19:

- Lesson 13 continued

5. Week of Monday, September 26:

- Continue Lesson 13
- Test Wednesday

6. Week of Monday, October 3:

- Begin Lesson 14
- Test Friday

7. Week of Monday, October 10:

- Lesson 14 continued

8. Week of Monday, October 17:

- Continue Lesson 14
- **Mid-term exam** Wednesday
- Start Lesson 15

9. Week of Monday, October 24:

- Continue Lesson 15
- Test Friday

10. Week of Monday, October 31:

- Continue Lesson 15
- Start Lesson 16

12. Week of Monday, November 7: (Tuesday is Election Day, no class; Friday Veterans Day, no class)

- Continue Lesson 16
- Test Wednesday

13. Week of Monday, November 14:

- Lesson 17
- Test Friday

14. Week of Monday, November 21: (Wednesday Students' Travel Day, no class; Thurs-Fri Thanksgiving, no class)

- Continue Lesson 17

15. Week of Monday, November 28:

- Continue Lesson 17
- Test Friday

16. Week of Monday, December 5:

- Continue Lesson 17
- **(Wednesday and Friday, Prof. Vanita will meet the class; no class on Thursday)**

17. Last class December 12

- Review

Final Exam Tuesday, December 20, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.