



**PRESIDENCY
UNIVERSITY**
KOLKATA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
I
THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

Undergraduate Year I, Semester I

(Two taught courses + three GenEd courses. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each)

- HIST0101, Ancient India From Prehistory to c. 1200 AD: Archaeology, Material Cultures and Contexts
- HIST0102, Ancient India: Intellectual Histories, Political and Religious Cultures, Social Contexts, the historical period to the seventh century CE

Undergraduate Year I, Semester II

(Two taught courses + three GenEd courses. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each)

- HIST0201, Early Medieval South Asian Political Cultures, the seventh to the fifteenth centuries
- HIST0202, Asian Interactions, c. 700 to 1500

Undergraduate Year II, Semester III

(Three taught courses + two GenEd courses. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each)

- HIST0301A, Art and Architecture in Ancient India
- **OR**
- HIST0301B, Art and Architecture in Medieval India
- HIST0302, The Mughals, Safavids and Ottomans: Economy, Religion and Society, 1600-1750
- HIST0303, Imperial Crises and Early Modern Colonialism

Undergraduate Year II, Semester IV

(Three taught courses + two GenEd courses. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each)

- HIST0401, Scientific and Medical Traditions in India and the World, from early medieval times to the eighteenth century
- HIST0402, Early Modern Europe in a Global Age
- HIST0403A, History of Modern Bengal: Perspectives and Issues
- OR**
- HIST0403B, The Jews: A Global History, from the earliest times to the present

Undergraduate Year III, Semester V

(Three taught and two sessional courses. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each)

- HIST0501, Modern India: Political, Social and Cultural History, 1700 to 1947
- HIST0502A, Economic History of Modern India, 1757 to 1947
- OR**
- HIST0502B, Asian Interactions, c.1500-1960s
- HIST0503, World History, 1789 to 1945

Sessional Courses

- HIST0591A, The Indian Ocean World, 1500 to the Present
- OR**
- HIST0591B, Socio-Religious Reform Movements in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century South Asia
- OR**
- HIST0591C, Reading Interfaith Relations in World History Part I
- HIST0592A, Comparing Colonialisms
- OR**
- HIST0592B, Ecology and Environment in South Asian History
- OR**
- HIST0592C, Reading Interfaith Relations in World History Part II

Undergraduate Year III, Semester VI

(Three taught and two sessional courses. The dissertation is the mandatory second sessional this term. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each)

- HIST0601, Making States and Societies Postcolonial? South Asia Since 1947
- HIST0602, The Contemporary World, 1945 to 2000
- HIST0603, History of Science, Technology and Medicine in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Sessional Courses

- HIST0691A, Epigraphy and Numismatics in Ancient India
- OR**
- HIST0691B, Everyday Life in History
- OR**
- HIST0691C, Social Identities and Movements in Colonial and Postcolonial South Asia
- HIST0692, Dissertation (Mandatory second sessional course): This is a semester-long exercise resulting in an 8000-word long piece of original research based principally but not exclusively on primary sources.

II THE POSTGRADUATE CURRICULUM

Postgraduate Year I, Semester I

(Four taught courses and one sessional course. Eventually the taught courses will include one language class. The research methodology course is the compulsory sessional course this term. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each.)

- HIST0701, Ancient Indian History and Its Archaeological Foundations
- HIST0702A, State and Economy in Medieval India
- OR**
- HIST0702B, Art and Politics: the Mughal, British and Nationalist Eras
- HIST0703A, Global Intellectual History I: Intersections of South Asia and Europe in the Long Nineteenth Century
- OR**
- HIST0703B, Facets of Cultural Nationalism in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
- HIST0704A, Economic History and Economic Nationalism in Modern India
- OR**
- HIST0704B, Language: Persian or Sanskrit, Level One
- HIST0791, Research Methodology: Approaches to the Practice of History. (Mandatory sessional course)

Postgraduate Year I, Semester II

(Four taught courses + one sessional course. Eventually the taught courses will include one language class. The research methodology course is the compulsory sessional. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each.)

- HIST0801, Ancient Societies: Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, Greece and Rome
- HIST0802A, Culture and Society in Medieval and Early Modern India and the World
- OR**
- HIST0802B, The History of Historical Writing in Medieval India
- HIST0803A, Global Intellectual History II: Intersections of Early Modern South Asia and Europe
- OR**
- HIST0803B, Religious Nationalism and the Idea of India; Colonial and Postcolonial Times
- HIST0804A, Religion and Society in Early Modern South Asia
- OR**
- HIST0804B, Language: Persian or Sanskrit, Level Two

- HIST0891, Research Methodology: Reading Texts in History (Mandatory sessional course)

Postgraduate Year II, Semester III

(Four taught courses + one sessional which is part one of the year-long dissertation. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each.)

- HIST0901, The Eighteenth Century in Indian History
- HIST0902A, A History of Mass Violence, the twentieth century to the present
OR
- HIST0902B, The History and Philosophy of Science
- HIST0903, Socio-Religious and Intellectual History of Islam and Muslim Societies in Colonial and Post-colonial South Asia
- HIST0904A, Fiction and History
OR
- HIST0904B, Aspects of Literature and Literary History in Modern South Asia
- HIST0991, Dissertation Part I (Mandatory sessional course)

Postgraduate Year II, Semester IV

(Four taught courses + one sessional which is part two of the year-long dissertation. All courses are worth 4 credits and 50 marks each.)

- HIST1001A, A History of Communication in Medieval India
OR
- HIST1001B, Modern Indian Intellectual History: Ideas, Methods, and Practices in the Twentieth Century
- HIST1002A, The Historiography of Resistance
OR
- HIST1002B, An Environmental History of India
- HIST1003, A History of 'Small' Communities of Foreign Origin in Colonial India
- HIST1004A, Making Colonial Subjects: Power and Culture in Imperial India
OR
- HIST1004B, Capitalism, Industrialization and Transformations of the Modern World
- HIST1091, Dissertation Part II (Mandatory sessional course)

HISTORY GENED COURSES**ODD SEMESTER:**

- HIST131: Understanding Early South Asian Cultures (UG, Sem 1)
- HIST331: Early Modern South Asian Cultures (UG, Sem 3)

EVEN SEMESTER

- HIST231/271: The Twentieth Century World (UG, Sem 2)
- HIST431: South Asian Cultures in the Age of Nationalism (UG, Sem 4)