URDU 401 Beginning Urdu-Hindi, Part I
This introductory course core proficiency in Hindi-Urdu up to the intermediate level. It is designed for students with little or no prior exposure to Hindi or Urdu. The course covers all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and all three models of communication (interpersonal, presentational, interpretive). Students will develop literacy skills in the primary script of their choice (Hindi or Urdu script). All written materials will be provided in both scripts. All meetings are interactive and students acquire the language by using it in realistic contexts. Culture is embedded in the activities and is also introduced through various authentic materials.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Pien
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: HIND 400, NELC 401
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

URDU 402 Beginning Hindi-Urdu Part II
This introductory course core proficiency in Hindi-Urdu up to the intermediate level. It is designed for students with little or no prior exposure to Hindi or Urdu. The course covers all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and all three models of communication (interpersonal, presentational, interpretive). Students will develop literacy skills in the primary script of their choice (Hindi or Urdu script). All written materials will be provided in both scripts. All meetings are interactive and students acquire the language by using it in realistic contexts. Culture is embedded in the activities and is also introduced through various authentic materials.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Pien
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: HIND 400, NELC 401
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

URDU 421 Intermediate Urdu Part I
This course allows students to continue improving their Urdu proficiency while also gaining a broad foundational understanding of Urdu society and culture throughout South Asia. The course provides students the tools needed to handle a variety of authentic written and spoken Urdu sources including film, music, media reports, folk tales, and simple literature. Student will also continue to increase their speaking and writing proficiency to be able to discuss a broad range of concrete, real-world topics. The course is designed for students with one year previous Urdu or Hindi study or the equivalent proficiency.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Menai
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: NELC 422
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

URDU 422 Intermediate Urdu Part II
This continuing second-year course allows students to continue improving their Urdu proficiency while also gaining a broad foundational understanding of Urdu society and culture throughout South Asia. The course provides students the tools needed to handle a variety of authentic written and spoken Urdu sources including film, music, media reports, folk tales, and simple literature. Students will also continue to increase their speaking and writing proficiency to be able to discuss a broad range of concrete, real-world topics. The course is designed for students with one year of previous Urdu or Hindi study or the equivalent proficiency.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Menai
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: NELC 422
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

URDU 431 Advanced Urdu: Language and Literature
This course is designed to give in-depth exposure to some of the finest works of classical and modern Urdu prose and poetry along with the historical and socio-political trends they represent. Figures covered range from Ghalib (b.1797) to Faiz, Fehmida Riaz, and post 9/11 Urdu prose and poetry. The course is open to both undergraduates and graduate students, subject to having intermediate level proficiency. The course is repeatable, and the content changes every semester. Multi-media content such as music, videos, blogs etc. will be actively incorporated. Every effort will be made to accommodate individual interests. Students are encouraged to contact the instructor with any questions, or if they are unsure about eligibility.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Menai
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: NELC 431
Prerequisite: Intermediate Urdu or equivalent ascertained through placement test or permission of instructor
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Intermediate reading, writing and speaking skills in Urdu are recommended but please contact the instructor if you are unsure of your eligibility and want to discuss further. Topic changes each semester
URDU 452 Urdu Literature in Translation
This course will look at Urdu-Hindi expressions of resistance to militant fundamentalism trends, as well as literature resisting the influence of liberal progressive thought. Through comparisons of these divergent trends, we will explore the real inersections, comfortable comprises and contradictions that are internalized by people on the ground in developing societies. The historical and linguistic roots of resistance poetry will be studied, contrasting South Asian Urdu-Hindi poetry and prose (original and translated) with resistance movements from other parts of the world. This course provides students with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Urdu culture, literature, and society while expanding and refining their Urdu language skills. We will explore various social, political, and cultural issues through authentic sources such as journalism and media, prose literature and poetry, and film and music. The course is designed to be flexible to address students’ needs and interests. It targets students with two years of Urdu study or the equivalent proficiency.
Taught by: Menai
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Intermediate reading, writing and speaking skills in Urdu are recommended but please contact the instructor if you are unsure of your eligibility and want to discuss further.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

URDU 462 Urdu Topics Course
Topics vary by semester in advanced level Urdu.
Taught by: Menai
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Advanced proficiency in Urdu either through successful completion of URDU 431, Advanced URDU, or proficiency exam, or approval of instructor
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit