

SOUTH ASIA STUDIES, BA

South Asia Studies is an interdisciplinary field focusing on the history, languages, society, literature, and art from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Bhutan. We are America's oldest and arguably most distinguished South Asia regional studies program dealing with the past and contemporary life of one-fifth of the world's population and teaching more languages than any other South Asian studies program in the US. Having a deep knowledge of the country set to outpace the US as the second largest economy in the world in an increasingly competitive global job market gives graduates a competitive edge over others with more generic skills. Make your home in a department where you get to know your Faculty and they know you as an individual, whether as a major or double major. You don't have to know anything about India or be South Asian to find a home with us; just be curious!

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major>) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <http://www.southasia.upenn.edu/undergraduate>

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum>) page.

| Code | Title | Course Units |
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| College General Education Requirements and Free Electives | | |
| Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives | | 20 |
| Major Requirements | | |
| <i>Language Requirement</i> | | |
| Select 2 course units in South Asian language ² | | 2 |
| <i>Foundational Requirements</i> | | |
| Select 2 course units from the following: | | 2 |
| SAST 001 | Introduction to Modern India | |
| SAST 002 | The City in South Asia | |
| SAST 003 | History, Culture, and Religion in Early India | |
| SAST 004 | India's Literature: Love, War, Wisdom and Humor | |
| SAST 005 | Performing Arts in South Asia | |
| SAST 006 | Hindu Mythology | |
| SAST 007 | Introduction to Modern South Asian Literatures | |
| SAST 008 | India: Culture and Society | |
| SAST 009 | Introduction to Hinduism | |
| SAST Freshman Seminar | | |
| <i>Major Courses</i> | | |
| Select 8 course units | | 8 |
| Total Course Units | | 32 |

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy>).

² A South Asian language with a grade of "B" or higher. Students may be exempted from this requirement by passing a language proficiency test administered by the department. Students who pass the proficiency test are required to fulfill the necessary credits with a distribution of other courses. While only 2 course units in a South Asian language are required, 4 course units are encouraged.

Honors

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.

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| SAST 300 | Directed Study (or Research Paper) | 1 |

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2018 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.